



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

**City of Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Carl Canales, Rosie Hunter (6:34), Korree Johnson, Bill Morgan (6:35), Cyndi Reed, Peter Savage

Absent:

Others Present: Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager
Tony McGhee (Abonmarche), Steve Czadzeck (Abonmarche)

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Peter, supported by Paula, to approve the minutes from March 8, 2023.
Motion carried 7-0.

4. Public Comment

Bridget Waanders, joined by Becky Weaver, spoke about their intentions to form a group with the desire to improve the Mahan Park gazebo with a new gazebo structure with publicly raised funds to be donated to the City of Allegan.

5. Parks & Recreation

a. Rossman Park Grant Improvements

- i. Steve Czadzeck, of Abonmarche, shared the proposed improvements to be made to Rossman Park as part of the DNR Spark grant. The group wanted to ensure that tree removal is to be minimal. General discussion was had.

b. Other Comments

6. Oakwood Cemetery

a. Other Comments

- i. Peter shared updates from the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery activity including the upcoming Living History Cemetery Tour and the cemetery fountain restoration vision.
- ii. Carl again expressed interest in allowing for natural burials in Oakwood Cemetery, as well as potential future cemetery expansion to surrounding property currently owned by Allegan Public Schools.

7. Trees

- a. Other Comments
 - i. Rosie discussed an “adopt-a-tree” concept presented to City Staff by Becky Burnett.
 - ii. Rosie wanted to see more done to replace the four trees that were cut down along the boardwalk due to disease. Korree offered the suggestion of grasses or other vegetation in the empty woodchip beds if trees were not possible.

8. Downtown Improvement Project

- a. Project Updates
 - i. P. Johnson gave an update regarding the Downtown Improvement Project. The update included review of the weekly updates from the contractor. General discussion was had.
- b. Street Furniture
 - i. P. Johnson provided a review of the current selection of street furniture. Board members expressed interested in visiting Landscape Forms for a second time.
- c. Other Comments
 - i. Board members expressed interest in having Kathy Burczak, Senior Landscape Architect of Abonmarche, attend an upcoming meeting to walk the group through landscaping selections.

9. Other Discussion Items

- a. Arbor Day Celebration – April 28
 - i. P. Johnson invited board members to the annual Arbor Day Celebration, this year on Friday, April 28 at 10am on the Riverfront. DPW staff will be planting a 4” Marmo Maple tree near the Riverfront Plaza.

10. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

- a. Korree Johnson
 - i. Korree shared his desire to see the oval Downtown Allegan sign currently placed where Park Drive meets Delano Street resurfaced to match the other oval signs and relocated to the intersection of Marshall and Second Street.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager