



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Carl Canales, Bill Morgan, Korree Johnson, Cyndi Reed, Peter Savage, Eddie Quiñones-Walker

Absent:

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager

Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager

Jeff Morrie, Assistant Director of the Department of Public Works

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Peter, supported by Carl, to approve the minutes from June 14, 2023. Motion carried 7-0. Cyndi abstained.

4. Public Comment

5. Parks & Recreation

a. Water Street Boardwalk Community Clean-Up

- i. The condition of the Water Street Boardwalk is overgrown and in need of maintenance before the winter season. A community clean-up effort was proposed, and a formal recommendation was made by Paula, supported by Eddie, to set the date for Friday, September 22, 2023. Motion passed 8-0.

b. Other Comment

- i. City staff will present an initial draft of the City of Allegan Parks Master Plan at the August Public Spaces Commission meeting.

6. Oakwood Cemetery

a. Other Comments

- i. Peter gave an update on the Friends of the Oakwood Cemetery.
- ii. Peter also inquired about the repairs to the brick pillars at the Arbor Street entrance.

b. Other Comments

7. Trees

a. Riverfront Park

- i. Jeff Morrie shared plans to plant four new Marmo Maple trees along the Riverfront Park where four trees were removed in recent years.

b. Other Comments

- i. Carl reported the dead tree in the public right-of-way in front of 108 Chestnut Street, also known as Beach Paradise Tanning and Tiki Kut Hair Salon.

8. Downtown Allegan Improvement Project

a. Street Furniture

- i. P. Johnson shared furniture color selections.

b. Tree Donor Programs

- i. Dye shared plans to start a tree donor program at the request of two residents.

c. Other Comment

- i. The board discussed recycling as part of the improvement project.

9. Other Discussion Items

a. Wayfinding Signage

i. P. Johnson gave an update regarding the wayfinding signage project including dates for upcoming site visits and follow up meetings. Korree continues to serve as a representative of the Public Spaces Commission on the Wayfinding Signage Steering Committee.

b. Girl Scout Property – August Tour

i. The Public Spaces Commission will meet at the Girl Scout Property for a site visit at their August meeting.

c. Other Comment

i. Eddie shared his desire to see more representation of Native American history reflected in City of Allegan Parks.

10. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Parker Johnson
Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager**