

Alamo Township Parks Board
7901 North 6th Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009
269.382.3366

Minutes

April 29, 2014 – 5:30 PM

Present: Dave Cramer, Tim Britain, Jim Endres, Richard Bennett, Stephen E. Podewell, Rachel Piper

Absent: Dan Knight Excused

- I. Call to Order
 - A. At 5:30
- II. Citizens' Comments – Agenda Items
 - A. None
- III. Adoption of March 2014 Minutes
 - A. Correct Title of document to Meeting Minutes (originally published as “Agenda”)
 - B. Dick motions, Dave second, motion passes
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
 - A. Rachel motion, Jim 2nd motion passed
- V. Supervisors' Report
 - A. Absent
- VI. Ranger Report
 - A. Dick
 - i. 10 patrols = 3 Gallons donated
 - ii. 2 hrs trail maintenance
 - iii. Cleaned out all wildlife boxes – 20 boxes
 - iv. Met with little league Board
 - v. Reset trees that were planted by supervisor
 - vi. Repositioned 2 perimeter signs and added one on 5th street
 - vii. Problems noted
 - a) 2 military stars missing from pavilion
 - b) 2 couches dumped close to creek
 - c) 1 citizen with dog not on leash
 - d) Found blue bird house pulled out of the ground – reset it
 - e) 2 big cherry trees down over trail in NW quadrant
 - f) Responded to backup call from Ranger Stoneburner
 - B. Lee
 - i. Explore installation of cameras to identify people breaking park rules.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Committees
 - i. Funding – Dick
 - a) Alamo Parks Endowment Fund – \$92K
 - b) Budget cycle ended 3/31/14 = unspent funds – \$3708.15
 - c) 2 grills - arrived

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- ii. Programming/Activities – Stephen
 - a) BBQ/pot luck in the park for the community
 - September 13th was proposed
 - Remembrance of 9/11 and Patriot day
 - Asking if we can put some money in for the potluck
 - Nothing was budgeted for this event.
 - iii. Planning - Tim
 - a) Sidewalk Improvements – Update
 - Met with Monarch: will provide work as quoted
 - Prepare for swing set relocation
 - Monarch will pour curbing for new swing area
 - Start construction in Mid-July
 - iv. Projects – Jim
 - a) Now in charge of the sidewalk
 - b) Will begin working on 5th St. improvements
 - c) Grill installations this week
 - d) Swing relocation and curb improvements
 - e) Alamo foundation would like to finance more items for the children's play area
 - f) Waiting for one property owner to sign the agreement.
 - g) Hold off on improvements until we get ownership of the road
- B. Classics in the Park
 - i. June 28th
 - ii. Come in at 7:30 AM
 - iii. Prep the night before At 6pm
- C. Heronwood Field Station
 - i. Additional ideas?
 - ii. Collaborate with the students sometime in the fall
- D. Kohl's Grant – Update
 - i. Asked to participate in opening day - already committed for Saturday
 - ii. Trout unlimited
 - iii. Playground addition
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Brad Baker – Softball Camp
 - i. Center Point Church
 - ii. Not over 20 kids for each session
 - iii. They will bus them in and out
 - iv. June 16 - June 19 9:30-12

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- v. Need one field
- IX. Citizens' Comments - Non Agenda Items
 - A. Brian Ekema – Requested training for fire department
 - i. Wants to use C ave park for training
 - ii. Small fires would be used in the training
 - iii. They would clean up everything after they used it
 - iv. The firemen would be covered under their insurance
 - v. No structures would be built
 - vi. The request will be added to the agenda for consideration next month.
- X. Board Member Comments
 - A. Thank you Dave and Jim for help on opening day
- XI. Adjourn
 - A. Dave motioned, Jim 2nd, motion passed at 6:43.