

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

Minutes

January 27th, 2015 – 6:00 PM

Present: Dave Cramer, Jim Endres, Richard Bennett, Stephen E. Podewell, Dan Knight, Rachel Piper
Absent: None

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting was called to order by Jim at 6PM
- II. Citizens' Comments – Agenda Items
 - A. None
- III. Adoption of November Minutes
 - A. Made a motion to pass the November minutes as is
 - B. it was seconded
 - C. Motion passed Unanimously
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
 - A. Jim made a motion to passed the agenda as is
 - B. Dick seconded the motion
 - C. Motion was passed unanimously
- V. Supervisors' Report
 - A. Absent
- VI. Ranger Report
 - A. Dick
 - i. 12 Patrols = 6 hours and 4 gallons of gas donated
 - ii. Snow in outside parking lots a problem
 - iii. Local resident inside gates putting trash in dumpsters.
 - iv. Both rangers paid a visit to the home owner that dumped the trash
 - v. Not many users since heavy snow
 - vi. One snowmobile inside the park but left before Dick could confront him
 - vii. Car did sneak into the closed gates and did donuts in the parking lot
 - viii. 5th st parking is plowed by a volunteer
 - B. Lee
 - i. There were 2 snow mobiles in the park not one
 - ii. Again the person was not identified
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Committees
 - i. Funding – Dick
 - a) Budget - \$11,600
 - b) Spent - \$8,043.29
 - c) Balance - \$3,556.71

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- d) Alamo park endowment fund - \$107,464.83
- e) Grant funds available - \$8,698.52
- B. Programming/Activities – Stephen
 - i. Nothing for this month
 - ii. June for the car show
 - iii. March for the recycling
 - iv. historical barns of Alamo township Project underway
 - v. Florence Snow is a good contact for history of the township
- C. Projects – Jim
 - i. 5th St Improvements – Project Committee
 - a) We need to get a railing on the bridge
 - b) 1st priority
 - c) Since we have a surplus we should get the supplies for the railing now
 - d) Materials list attached
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Elect new chair person
 - i. Stephen motions for Jim to be the new chair person
 - ii. Dave 2nd the motion
 - iii. Vote passes unanimously
 - iv. We will bring Jim to the township board to be the new chair person for the parks board
 - B. Create new budget for township board to approve
 - i. Do we want to see if we can get the boy scouts to help with the park improvements
 - ii. Proposed budget to the township is attached
 - iii. Stephen motioned to past the budget as is
 - iv. Rachel 2nd the motion
 - v. Motion passed unanimously
 - C. Relocating recycle dumpsters
 - i. Moving the dumpsters to the c ave park
 - ii. Moving them back into the woods
 - iii. Make a horseshoe drive into the woods
 - iv. We really don't have the man power or budget to do anything
 - v. We have no way of our residents to get to the dumpsters in the winter
 - vi. Talk to the church next door to put a dumpster in their parking lot
 - vii. Many people use our parking lot from the church
 - viii. Research the townships around us to see what they do for their recycling
 - ix. Come back to this in February
 - x. Push it back into the woods about 15 ft
- IX. Citizens' Comments - Non Agenda Items

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- A. President of the farmers market Aloh
 - i. Landscaping the park
 - a) Plant list to be used in the park - Attached
 - b) Supplies need for landscaping
 - c) Pricing depends on the green houses
 - d) See if it tax deductible
 - e) Mostly natural
 - f) Not many ornamental
 - g) Please make a list of prices
 - ii. Farmers market
 - a) Dates have been official submitted - Attached
 - b) 2nd Saturday of every month
 - c) Adding the 4th Saturday for the last few
 - d) Alamo day on the last Saturday in July
 - e) Have businesses come and have many different types of booths
 - f) Trout unlimited
 - g) Live music
 - h) Andy Wedel
 - i) Kids help the planting of the flowers
 - j) Bee keepers come out for an information
 - k) Get a land use plan for the farmers market
 - l) They need a treasurer for the market
 - m) VP of the market is coming back
- B. Don Porter
 - i. Were the trails extended for the cross country team?
 - ii. Has to be 3 miles for varsity
 - iii. JV was using it for their meets
 - iv. Only needs about ½ mile more for the Varsity to use it
 - v. What would we do for a wind storm
 - vi. Lee and Dick go on to the trail and clean it out
- X. Board Member Comments
 - A. Permission from the board to contact Ed Hoover President of Trout unlimited
 - B. Ask to see if he has a plan for the park this year
 - C. Jim motions for dick to call Ed Hoover
 - D. Stephen 2nd the motion
 - E. motioned passed unanimously
- XI. Adjourn
 - A. meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

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Materials list starting point

1. 16 ea. - 8'x6"x6" - Treated – (Post with 3.5" to be buried) this may not be possible on intermediate posts because of bridge deck
2. 56Ea. - 8'x2"x10" - Treated – Top and Side Rails
3. 96 Ea. 5/16"x8 1/2" Carriage Bolts w/ double washers – zinc galv. Side rail to post connection
4. 32 Ea. - 3/8"x4" lag screw with washer – zinc galv. top rail to top of post
5. 20 Ea. 60Lb bags of concrete – this is one bag per intermittent post and 2 bags for each end post

Proposed Budget

| 751 Parks | 2010/2011 | 2011/2012 | 2012/2013 | 2013/2014 | Proposed 2014/2015 | Proposed 2015/2015 |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Grounds | \$2,207.60 | \$1,822.18 | \$2,209.15 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| Electric | \$903.42 | \$1,012.26 | \$975.15 | \$1,400.00 | \$1,250.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| Parks Improvements | | | | \$4,000.00 | \$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | \$21.68 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| Dust Control | | | | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| Maintenance | | | | \$1,000.00 | \$1,650.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Restricted Funds | \$10,511.50 | \$1,200.66 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Total | \$13,622.52 | \$4,035.10 | \$3,205.98 | \$8,100.00 | \$11,600.00 | \$11,500.00 |

Plant List

1. Columbine: Flower, Perennial, Butterfly/humming bird food
2. Hardy Gladiolus: Bulb Flower, Perennial
3. Ajuga
4. Purple Cone flower: native
5. Black Eyed Susan: Native

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6. Lavender: Herb
7. Flame Grass: Perennial
8. Orange Glory Butterfly: Native
9. Golden Sun Drops: Native
10. Shasta Daisies: Native
11. Silver Fountain Grass
12. Liatris: native
13. torch Lilies
14. Annual: Marigolds, Dianthus, Asters, coleus, and others

Supplies

1. Landscape blocks/stones
2. Mulch
3. Solar lights
4. Flower Pots (decorative)
5. Hanging Baskets
6. Hooks for baskets

Farmer's Market dates

1. May 9th
2. June 13th
3. July 11th & 25th
4. August 8th & 29th
5. September 12th & 26th
6. October 10th

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