

Alamo Township Parks Board

7901 North 6th Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009
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January 31, 2017 Minutes

Present: Jim Endres, Richard Bennett, Dan Knight, Aloh Blanchard, Elizabeth Barker

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm
2. Adoption of the October meeting minutes were unanimously approved
3. Adoption of the October agenda with the addition to discuss a possible swap meet to New Business was approved unanimously
4. Ranger Report
 - a. Dick
 - i. Did 10 patrols totaling 6 hours by walking, four wheeler, and truck
 - ii. Did 4 hours of trail maintenance and clean up after end of year wind events
 - iii. Reported that there is standing water present in the Northwest section of the park
 - iv. Patrols were routine and there was evidence of snowmobiles in the park
 - b. Jim
 - i. Did patrols by truck
5. Old Business
 - a. Committees
 - i. Funding – Foundation was having technical issues so all amounts are estimated
 1. Park Endowment Fund – \$135,000 as of January 31, 2017
 2. Budget - \$9,050
 - a. Spent - \$4,235.41
 - b. Remaining - \$ 4,814.59
 3. Payment for the new swing set is not showing up yet
 - ii. Projects – Jim
 1. The next work day will be schedule once the weather has warmed up
6. New Business
 - a. Bunny Trail will be on April 8, 2017 from 11 am to 3 pm. Non-permanent decorations will be used to decorate portions of the trail in a way similar to the Halloween Trail done in the autumn. An Easter Egg hunt will incorporated into the trail. A budget of \$200 was set for candy, plastic eggs, and advertising.
 - b. The Farmers Market will be run by the Historical Society with proceeds from booth fees to go to the Alamo Township Museum via the Alamo Foundation
 - c. There was a discussion of lowering the Parks budget to cover annual expenses and a major project. The remainder of what had been the Parks budget would then be suggested to add to the Museum's budget.
 - d. The Little League needs to submit an update parks use plan preferably with an income/budget statement. Little League will be invited to the next meeting.
 - e. Dick will get estimates on new gates from Farm Home and Garden
 - f. Discussion was held on the need for some woodland management
7. Museum
 - a. Discussion was held on how much gravel should be ordered for the circle driveway at the museum. A decision was made to wait to get gravel until a better mix could be afforded.
 - b. A budget of \$5,000 to \$6000 will be proposed for FYE 2018.

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- c. Museum Fundraisers
 - i. The established fundraisers, Alamo Day and Fall Day of Fun, with the Farmers Market will continue.
 - ii. All vender fees from the Farmers Market will go towards the museum's endowment.
 - iii. A small animal swap meet during the August 12th Farmers market will be tested as a fundraiser this year. If successful, then it may be held a couple times a year.
- d. Activities
 - i. About 60 people came to the Halloween event and about 35 people came to the Christmas.
 - ii. There was about a dozen people who attended the Weavers Guild spin in January.
8. Board Member Comments
 - a. Aloha reported that the Eagle Scout Bridge seemed to have some soft boards on it. Dick will check it out.
 - b. All Board members were reminded that everyone is expected to show up to meetings and work sessions.
 - c. Jim thanked Gayle Blanchard for her help.
9. Meeting for February was set
10. Adjourned at 6:54 pm.