

Alamo Township Parks Board

7901 North 6th Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009
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March 28, 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 February meeting minutes were unanimously approved
3. Adoption of the March agenda was approved with the addition of the Bunny Trail to Old Business and brush removal to Museum
4. Ranger Report
 - a. Dick did eight patrols taking eight hours total
 - b. Cleaned up after the recent storms taking six hours
 - i. Little League to take care of tree on the fence
 - c. Normal patrols. Lots of people took advantage of the park during the warm weather in February.
 - d. All wildlife boxes have been cleaned. A wood duck box was floating in the creek, but has been reset taking two hours
5. Old Business
 - a. Committees
 - i. Funding –
 1. Endowment Fund - \$139,126.76
 2. Grant Money Available - \$16,073.40
 3. 2016 budget has been spent and \$4,000 of the 2017 budget has been committed to the payment for the new entry gate
 - ii. Programming/Activities
 1. Bunny Trail
 - a. Advertising will be done with Facebook Ads and flyers
 - b. Donation of plastic eggs by Ilse Gebhard
 - c. Looking for volunteers to help decorate the trails
 - iii. Projects
 1. Swing set to be installed during the first workday
 2. Workday to be scheduled at the April Parks Board meeting
6. New Business
 - a. Little League use plan has not been received for 2017.
 - i. A meeting needs to be set up with Little League, Jim Endres, and Supervisor Hyet to get everyone on the same page and understanding
 - b. The new entrance gates are in place
 - c. Discussion on the rental of the ball fields
 - i. Motion was made Jim and seconded by Dan – The Alamo Parks Board recommends rental of the baseball fields to other groups after Alamo Little League is given the first option to use the fields.
7. Museum
 - a. Fundraisers
 - i. Vendor fees will go towards operations of the museum. Money to be deposited with the Alamo Township Foundation for the Museum

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- ii. Block grants are available for the Township to apply for to offset the costs of repairs to the North wall and handicap accessibility. They can be found online at https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs
 - b. The Museum's five year plan was presented to the Parks Board
 - c. Aloh will be talking with Espers Electric about smoke detectors, exit signs, and other electrical updates.
 - d. The west wall of the museum is in need of repair. The wood siding will be replaced with vinyl siding.
 - e. It has been difficult to get a hold of the company that replaced the well to come and fix it. Jim and Supervisor Hyet are talking with them.
8. Adjourned at 7:04 pm.