

**ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

*July 17th, 2025 @ 7:00 a.m.
Allendale Township Large Meeting Room*

1. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:00am
2. Roll Call: occurred at 7am
Present: Shepard, Haveman, Tolkkinen, Schuitema & Zuniga
Absent: Hoekstra
Staff and Guests Present: No public
3. Received for Information: None
4. Approval of the May 15, 2025, Parks & Recreation Minutes: Motion by Zuniga seconded by Tolkkinen.
Approved 5-0
5. Public Comment – None
6. Approval of the Agenda – Motion by Schuitema, second by Zuniga. Approved 5-0
7. New Business: Open Discussion.

Larry presented the group with information he received from the Engineering group that is working with the Parks & rec to layout the park and also work on a timeline.

(Larry can provide all the packets)

The group discussed removal of the Softball field near the water tower and placing the Skatepark and possibly a Ninja course in that area. This would remove us tearing any Little League fields down and not interfere with their schedule. The two new equipment ideas would also be lined with trees to dampen sound to the neighbors to the East.

Larry was going to get us solid numbers on moving the two other Softball field's fences inward for the distance Baseball requires. Thus making two more fields that can be used for games. We also discussed the removal of the garage nearest the proposed skate park. We only mentioned this, it was not decided either way.

Larry also showed the numbers for sun sails vs wood/Steel structures for the band shell. The group agreed that the sun sails provide more cover and are lower in price; however the issue is life of the fabric and the install/removal every year. Not to mention the storage. Larry is going to ask the Engineer to spend a little more time with laying out the sun sails and getting us sq footage of coverage and also doing the same for a solid structure. The group talked about it not being a flat faced building but maybe curved to match the band shell curve. We will review the concepts and compare the costs vs benefits a little closer.

We will set the next meeting to follow the updated information from the Engineer.

8. Old Business: None
9. Public Comments: None

10. Township Board Reports: None

11. Commissioner and Staff Comments: None

12. Adjourn: 8:05am

Next meeting TBD at 7:00 a.m.