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**MEETING OF
DECEMBER 6, 2012**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT
6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012.**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheets at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jerry Swift, Mike Sheean, Marie Sheets and Bill Kuhn

Absent: Gail Van Horn and Heath Meeder

MOTION

Sheean moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to excuse VanHorn as she had a previous commitment.

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski,
Recording Secretary Barb Brooks

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

Public Present: Two

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
MOTION**

Sheean moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to approve the November 1, 2012 meeting minutes as corrected (misspelled name on page 3).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Avalanche is all ready to go, just waiting for colder temperatures
- Friends of the Boyne River "Boardwalk project" near the industrial park is moving along great according to an update from Nancy Cunningham.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email received from Joe Decker regarding support for a dog park.
Received and filed.

**REPORTS OF
OFFICERS, BOARDS
AND STANDING
COMMITTEES**

Park Inspections

- Report of rotted boards in the steps leading to the top of Avalanche.
- Some extra attention should be given to the disc golf hole near

the trash can as there is additional trash being left and the grounds in that area are a general mess.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Avalanche Trail Signage update

The committee is continuing to work with the Woodshop and is close to firming up final designs, quantities and language. They will be meeting in January to discuss the Rules and Regulations verbiage that will be posted. It was also proposed and discussed that a historical sign on the cement pillar that is at the top might be appropriate with the history of the ski hill. Aaron from the Woodshop stated that he will look into that and work with the signage committee.

Tree Removals at Avalanche

Kovolski stated that the tree removals on the face of the hill are going to be postponed until spring due to the availability of the contractor. Other tree removals were discussed and Kovolski stated that it would only be the trees dead or dying near the trail. There was no time given as to when this would take place.

Dog Park

Kovolski presented an aerial of the proposed area for the board to review. He stated that he is working with water/wastewater superintendant Dan Meads on this as that area is part of the waterworks and not designated as part of Avalanche or park use. There was also more discussion regarding the details of the proposed dog park as far as amenities, cost, how to pay for it and how it will be maintained. It was also discussed that the dog park interest seems to come from residents county wide, not just city residents and should the county take a more active, lead role in this idea.

Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. Trail Update

County Commissioners approved the grant agreement. Phase 2 is still being discussed and worked on. There is a group working on fund-raising efforts.

Boyne City to Boyne Falls Trail Update

Nothing new to report; the group is continuing to work with the property owner to securing the last piece of property needed to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Triathlon Event Proposal

Rob Swartz brought forward a proposal to hold a triathlon event on the Sunday morning of Labor Day weekend to be headquartered at Peninsula Beach. The event would include swimming, bicycling and running. He has done a lot of research regarding other triathlon events around the state and boat and traffic vehicle activity and patterns on Sunday mornings. He believes that the date and time he is proposing is the best option for the events success and safety. He will bring in a company who has experience statewide at this type of function to run

and certify the event. He will donate net proceeds from the participation fee to a charity research organization. The event will have liability insurance and Rob stated that he will continue to work with staff and local authorities on the details of the event. The general consensus of the board was that it is a great concept and would like to see the event come to Boyne City and be successful.

MOTION

Sheean moved, Kuhn seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to support the event concept of a triathlon based in Peninsula Beach Park and to work with city staff on the details.

Board Member
Recruitment

There are two openings on the board due to the resignations of Carl Wehner and Lou Awodey. Board member Sheean stated that he has spoken with a couple people with one good prospect. Brooks stated that she has spoken to one person who has expressed interest but has not filled out an application. There is one completed application on file. The general consensus of the board was to see if there was any additional serious interest and then review all applications at one time.

Joint Boards and
Commissions Report

Chair Sheets attended the meeting on the board's behalf and filled them in on the projects that have been undertaken and proposed projects that either have been or are being discussed.

**GOOD OF THE
ORDER**

- Concern was expressed about loaning the skates from Avalanche to be taken off premises and used at the downtown skating rink. Kovolski will work with the staff at Avalanche to come up with some type of check out/in procedure. It is not anticipated that this will be a regular occurrence.
- Kuhn inquired about the icepole and why the decision was made to not erect it at Sunset Park. It was the board desire that staff should find a way for the icepole and the skating rink to coexist in the park. It was disappointing to find out it isn't going to be erected for the second year in a row, no alternative location was found and that nobody reported the status of this to the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

The November 1 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary