



Approved:

**MEETING OF
AUGUST 6, 2015**

**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, AUGUST 6, 2015.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Sheean, Heath Meeder, Jo Bowman, Patrick Patoka,
Marie Sheets, Darryl Parish and Jerry Swift

Absent: Gail VanHorn

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Six

****MOTION**

Bowman moved, Patoka seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to
excuse the absence of Gail VanHorn

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES **MOTION**

Sheets moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a
motion approving the June 4, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected
(grammatical errors).

**CITIZENS COMMENTS
(on non-agenda items)**

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kovolski reported that it's been a busy summer with lots of events and
more to come. There was some irrigation issues in some of the parks but
are fixed now. The concrete pad at the dog park pavilion was installed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email received from John and Connie Dhaseleer requesting
consideration to paint additional lines on the tennis court to
accommodate Pickle Ball play. The board discussed the growing
popularity of pickle ball and some pros and cons of trying it on our
tennis courts. Kovolski will gather more information and report back.
This subject will be placed on the September agenda.

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

Park Inspection Reports -

- Sheets reported that Lower Lake St. road end looks good since
the work has been completed. Old City Park and Riverside Parks
looking good as well. Parish reported the path at Riverside Park
is still being mowed to wide and there are signs of vehicles
driving on it. He added that the trail could still be extended, the
area cleaned up a bit more with park benches added so more

people might use it as a nature area. Bowman reported that the showers are not working. Patoka stated the dog park looks good and is definitely being used. He did receive a couple of concerns about an aggressive dog and recommended to the individuals they should call the police if they have future complaints. Meeder reported that there are still downed trees along the walking path at Avalanche. There are a couple that could be dangerous; while it is ongoing maintenance, it seems like it just isn't getting done. Swift visited each of the road ends on the north side of town; Charlevoix St. had a lot of dirt on the steps, Bay St. had broken steps and a pump house on City property and Shady Lane has no signs that would indicate a public access is there - it looks like it belongs to the adjacent property owner.

- **Disc Golf Update** - Club members indicated that the Wednesday night league is going well. The mowing has been kept up decently this summer and the sport is growing in popularity. Chair Sheean mentioned that he had visited another disc golf course and was impressed by the practice area they had.
- **Trail(s) Updates** (Board Chair Sheean) - Nothing new to report.
- **Sunset Park Event** - Under the Main Street program a Tuesday night Sunset celebration event was formed. There was some activity, not on the same level as Stroll the Streets but still garnered some activity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tree Removals - Avalanche face of hill

The City is currently requesting bids for this project. Bids are due by August 20th and Kovolski plans to take a recommendation to the City Commission at their August 25th meeting.

PlacePlans Project / Boyne on the Water Update

Quite a few people showed up to view the concepts on July 21 and gave a good amount of feedback. The concepts presented that day have been posted on the City's website for people to view and give additional input.

Veterans Park Pavilion Project Update

Recording secretary Brooks updated the board on the fund-raising efforts by the pavilion committee and grant opportunities and funding commitments to date. Due to timing, the project will most likely not start this fall.

Disc Golf - Trial Tee Pad Proposal

The Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club is requesting permission to install a concrete tee pad on one hole of the course. They have tried other options and nothing seems to be viable at this point. They stated that many other courses have these concrete pads and much of their feedback from users of the course is to improve the tee pads. The general consensus of the board is that the club has tried other less invasive, more natural options first to no avail. They are in favor of allowing the club to install one tee pad as a trial, leave it up for a few

months and get feedback from players and park users. Recording secretary Brooks asked if the board would consider requesting the club to stain the concrete so it looked more like slate or something natural. The board and club members thought it was a good idea. **Patoka moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to allow the Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club to install one trial concrete tee pad for evaluation and to coordinate with City staff regarding the installation. The club also asked if anything had been done with the old baskets yet and if the board would consider the installation of 6 additional holes if they were located within the current course area. Kovolski suggested they work on the tee pad solution first.

****MOTION**

NEW BUSINESS

Veterans Park Play Structure

Kovolski reported that testing has been done on the play structure, wood chips and ground. The City would like to see a committee formed similar to the committee that was behind the construction of it. Board member Jo Bowman volunteered to serve on the committee.

Archery Tournament Event Proposal

Former board member Bill Kuhn has requested permission to hold an archery shoot tournament at the Avalanche archery range. A Michigan bow making company "G5" has committed to sponsoring the event. Kovolski stated that it may be small this year but can see it growing and Bill will do a great job managing the event. The board thought it was a great idea to bring attention to another outdoor recreation opportunity. **Swift moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to support the concept of an archery event at Avalanche.

****MOTION**

Riverside Park Improvements

Parish made some improvement suggestions that he and Kovolski discussed after meeting at the site: narrowing the mowed area, extending the path, adding signage to address motorized vehicles, and create a defined parking lot. The general consensus of the board was the park has great potential for a nature area. Kovolski suggested that the process be taken a step further and lay out the suggestions on a map and put dollar amounts associated with each item for further discussion.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 6 pm at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The August 6, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary