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**MEETING OF
DECEMBER 5, 2013**

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 5, 2013.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Sheean, Jo Bowman, Bill Kuhn, Gail VanHorn,
Heath Meeder and Marie Sheets

Absent: Darryl Parish and Jerry Swift

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Two

Excused Absence(s): The board will consider the absences of Swift and
Parish at the January meeting

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES **MOTION**

Sheets moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a
motion approving the November 7, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kovolski was absent from the meeting. Recording Secretary Brooks
stated that the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving was well attended, the
pavilion was used and the bathrooms were opened up at City Hall for
use. She added that as long as the weather cooperated, the Avalanche
warming house and ice skating rink would be open for the Christmas
vacation.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Avalanche - Meeder reported that there are trees down on the trails that
could be hazardous with a little bit of snow fall to anyone using the trail.
The board would like to see these taken care of as soon as possible.

Disc Golf

Disc Golf – Club president Jason McCary stated they had a successful event in October and heard a lot of good feedback. Leagues and other people are still playing the course and hope to through the winter. There was discussion over litter and how much the situation has improved with the golf league working with City staff. The board expressed their gratitude toward the group for their efforts and improvements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tree Removal Maintenance

Face of the hill – There was no update due to Kovolski’s absence. Brooks stated that she hadn’t heard of any progress regarding this and with the snow coming already, she didn’t anticipate any work being done. The general consensus of the board was they were disappointed in the lack of progress and that they feel they have been talking about it for over a year with no improvement.

Trail Town Update

Trail Town Committee Chair Sheean stated that committee members met prior to the Parks meeting to discuss Trail Town and bring all committee members up to speed on the process and goals. They will meet again on December 10 with Planner Harry Burkholder to get started.

Dog Park Update

VanHorn reported the committee has met three times. They are still exploring location options that will accommodate immediate and future needs. They are researching dog parks in other communities for recommended rules & regulations, safety measures and whether there should be fees for use. They hope to have a location recommendation for the board to consider by the end of January. The board expressed a concern regarding charging fees. VanHorn explained that is just one option they are exploring as a way to regulate (licensing, vaccinations, etc.) and address a maintenance fund.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Triathlon Report and Future Request

Triathlon event organizer Rob Swartz reported that they had 188 participants and most of them were from southern Michigan. He was pleased with the turn out for the first year and received many positive comments making for a successful event and participants are already inquiring to sign up for next year. He would like to hold the event again in 2014, make it an annual event and hopefully increase the number of participants. The board was pleased to hear that it was a success and did not hear any negative comments regarding the event. Kuhn stated that he was down at the park to watch some of the event and said everything was organized and run well. **Kuhn moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to support the 2014 Triathlon event.

****MOTION**

2014 Meeting Schedule

The board discussed the 2014 meeting schedule and the general consensus was to continue with the first Thursday of each month at 6 pm with the exception of July (due to the 4th of July and Boyne Thunder) moving it to the third Thursday, July 17. May – September meetings will be held in various parks and the remaining will be held at City Hall. **Bowman moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to adopt the 2014 meeting schedule as discussed.

Good of the Order

Kuhn informed the board of a generous donation of approximately 400 pairs of soccer shoes to the MSU Ext. 4-H Soccer program from Mark Fruge and the company he is partners in. He also reported that the archery targets were removed for the winter and are being stored at Mark Fruge’s. Fruge is going to try to restore/repair some of the damaged ones so they can be used in the spring.

Sheean reported that there is a bicycle ride planned for the first Saturday in February. The riders hope to ride from Charlevoix to Boyne City across the ice on Lake Charlevoix.

Reminder about the upcoming Pavilion Planning Session. All of the board members are encouraged to attend and give input. Bowman offered to go on behalf of the board as the representative.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 6 pm at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

The December 5, 2013 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. **Moved by Sheets, seconded by VanHorn, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary