



Approved:

**Meeting of
March 8, 2018**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Sheean at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Sheean, Hugh Conklin, Diane Sterling, Jo Bowman, Tom Smith and Gow Litzenburger

Absent: Lisa Alexander

Meeting Attendance

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

Public Present: four

****MOTION**

Bowman moved, Litzenburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse the absence of Lisa Alexander

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Conklin moved, Smith seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion approving the February 6, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

**Citizens Comments
(on non-agenda items)**

Members of the Boyne Valley Garden Club asked for permission to renovate the garden in Veterans Park on the southwest side of the playscape. It is a raised bed and the boards are starting to decay. The general consensus of the board was to let the garden club do what they do best and work out the details with staff. The board also expressed gratitude towards all of the volunteerism the garden club does to help beautify Boyne City.

Director's Report

Kovolski reported that the Avalanche activities have been shut down due to the weather including the sledding hill as it has been icy. He is considering opening up the warming house and allowing sledding again as we have had enough fresh snow to cover the hill again. The ice skating rink will not re-open this season.

Correspondence

None

**Reports of Officers,
Boards, and Standing
Committees**

Park Inspection Reports – Michael Cortright has been doing a great job grooming and it seems the trails are getting used.

**Unfinished Business
Parks & Recreation
Brochure**

The board reviewed the draft editorial portion of the proposed brochure. Most of the suggestions were grammatical. Secretary Brooks asked the corrections be emailed so they could be passed on to Harbor House for inclusion. The next step will be to review the final draft that will include

the park amenities matrix, photos and maps.

FY 2018/19 Proposed Budget Review

Kovolski went down through each expenditure line item and explained what is attributing to an increase or decrease from the previous year and what type of expenses fall under each line item. Under “Professional Services” there is money budgeted to continue studying Avalanche improvements and under “Capital Outlay” are funds budgeted for the Rivermouth Restroom project, trail engineering and Open Space Planning.

Board Member Vacancy

The board has had a vacancy since the resignation of Daryl Parish. Greg Vadnais filled out a board member application in December. Greg stated he has lived in Boyne City for approximately 10 years, works in Gaylord in the gas and oil industry, has ties to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board, a passion for Boyne City and an interest in Parks and Recreation. **Conklin moved, Litzenburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend to the City Commission the appointment of Greg Vadnais to the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the vacancy left by Daryl Parish for a term ending 12/31/19

****MOTION**

**New Business
Rivermouth Restroom Project Grant Opportunities**

Brooks indicated that staff has conducted some research and thinks it is worth applying to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MNDR) for a recreational grant to renovate the Rivermouth Restrooms. The only way we are guaranteed to not get the money is to not apply. Char Wehner of the Boyne Valley Garden Club stated she oversees the flower boxes and beds and at the Rivermouth bathrooms and hears a lot of feedback about the condition of them or that they are not operational at times. She added that any improvement would be greatly appreciated as they get a lot of use. Brooks said that staff is looking at the Recreation Passport Grant due to the types of projects that fall under the criteria and the amount of money we are asking to receive. Greg Vadnais asked why we wouldn't apply to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). Brooks will check to see if you can submit multiple applications for the same project as they are different pots of money but all within the MDNR. **Bowman moved, Conklin seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to recommend that the City Commission consider submitting grant applications to the MDNR Recreation Passport Program and the MNRTF if multiple applications can be submitted and we can meet the application requirements.

****MOTION**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 5 pm at City Hall.

Next Meeting

The March 8, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary