



Approved:

**MEETING OF  
MAY 7, 2015**

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT  
6:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski  
and recording secretary Barb Brooks

Public Present: One

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES **\*\*MOTION****

**Parish moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a  
motion approving the April 2, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.**

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

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kovolski reported that parks are all on line for summer use with picnic tables and trash receptacles and gave an update on the new DPW building project and the new City Facilities project. He also gave an update on the Lower Lake Storm Drainage project.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

**Park Inspection Reports -**

- Follow up conversation regarding mowing and extending the trail at Riverside Park. Parish will work with Kovolski on this project.
- VanHorn asked if the willow tree in Veterans Park could be professionally evaluated and possibly removed as it is dying and dangerous. Kovolski stated that he has been directed by the City Manager not to touch any of the trees in Veterans Park at this time.
- The board discussed whether horses should be allowed at Tannery Park. Kovolski reminded the board that area is a park and not a beach. It is actually the Division St. road end and while some people swim there, it is still not a beach.
- The board inquired as to whether the City Commission ever discussed the issue of discouraging smoking in some or all of the

City Parks as was discussed and recommended by the board about a year ago. Kovolski will look into it.

- Meeder reported there is still a tree down on the path at Avalanche but other than that it looks pretty good.

**Disc Golf Update** – Forrest from the Boyne Valley Club gave an update on the condition of the course and would like to continue to work with Andy on acceptable materials for the tee pads and will work with the club to come up with a proposal for board consideration on additional holes.

**Trail(s) Updates** – Boyne Valley Trail moving along. Federal, state and local grants have been submitted. BC/Char Trail is still hoping for trail construction this summer.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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### **Park Inspection Assignments**

The board will review the list and finalize at the June meeting.

### **Tree Removals – Avalanche face of hill**

Kovolski stated he had nothing new to report at the time but he and the City Manager were scheduled to meet on Wednesday to evaluate the hill and trees.

### **PlacePlans Project Update**

Sheets updated the rest of the board on the project and Brooks passed out the postcards that were being distributed throughout town and the schools to solicit input and promote the public input session scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **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. The intent is to start construction in the fall if everything falls into place.

### **Summer Meeting Schedule**

The general consensus of the board is to keep the summer meeting schedule at City Hall and will visit parks on an as needed/requested basis either at the end of a regular meeting or as a special meeting.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Veterans Park Special Event Request - Relay for Life**

Relay for Life is requesting use of Veterans Park for a 24 hour relay event that will include walking the perimeter of the park and some overnight camping. They have done this before at Rotary Park; however, with Rotary Park tucked away there wasn't the public exposure they would like which is part of what makes the event successful. They plan to set up on Friday, run 24 hours Saturday and leave Sunday. VanHorn moved, Bowman seconded, Passed Unanimously to recommend the Relay for Life event put on by the local Cancer Crusaders be allowed to utilize Veterans Park for their event.

**Ridge Run Dog Park  
Special Event**

A request to utilize the one of the fenced areas for a canine event. The event would be for most of the day and would completely shut down one area of the dog park. The board had concerns about shutting down the park for a private event. The board was not opposed to a special event but felt the park should always be open to the public and it was paid for by donations and built by volunteers. It was discussed that if they were only looking to shut down a portion of the fenced area that could be a consideration in the future. **VanHorn moved, Patoka seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to deny the request to shut down the dog park for the private event.

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**\*\*MOTION**

**Election of Officers**

The general consensus of the board was that the current officers were doing a great job and would like them to continue. Meeder moved, **VanHorn seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to re-elect Michael Sheean to serve as board Chair and Jerry Swift to serve as Vice Chair.

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**\*\*MOTION**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 6 pm at City Hall.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The May 7, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary