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**MEETING OF
JANUARY 3, 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, JANUARY 3, 2013.**

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, Gail Van Horn, Heath Meeder and Bill Kuhn

Absent: None

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Two

Meeder informed the board that he had asked to be excused from both the November and December meeting as he was out of town. He had been excused for the November meeting but not December.

MOTION

VanHorn moved, Sheean seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to excuse Meeder from the December 6, 2012 meeting.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
MOTION**

Sheean moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to approve the December 6, 2012 meeting minutes as corrected (adjournment date).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Eric Leaman representing 4-H Soccer inquired about desired improvements at Rotary Park for the soccer program which include; barriers to keep vehicles off the field, an additional field and bleachers. Leaman stated the program is growing but they are limited because of the number of fields. He also stated there are opportunities for tournaments and things if we had the fields and amenities. The board suggested thanked Mr. Leaman for attending the meeting and suggested that he work with city staff to come up with a more formal request/proposal to bring back to the board for review.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Avalanche is up and running. The staff includes Bud Ferris and Bill Kuhn. The hours of the warming house are Monday – Friday from 4 – 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Avalanche also was heavily used over the holiday.
 - Budget item discussions will be placed on the February agenda.
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CORRESPONDENCE

Email received from Karlie Parker regarding Avalanche sledding & skating.

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

- Kuhn reported that Avalanche was as busy as he has ever seen it. “Unbelievably busy”. The Christmas/New Year holiday brought people vacationing in the area from all over the nation and few other countries. He compared it to the 4th of July in Boyne City. He also stated that he witnessed a great deal of users other than the skating rink and sledding hill; including walkers and disc golfers. There was a great deal of positive feedback from the users. Many of the users/guests were sent by Boyne Mountain as they did not have their tubing or skating facilities up and running. Kuhn directed many of these people to downtown establishments for lunch and dinner.
 - Other members of the board reiterated the amount of use they witnessed and positive feedback they received regarding Avalanche over the holiday.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Avalanche Trail Signage update

The committee is meeting later in the month and will have an update at the February meeting.

Dog Park

Sheean reported that he introduced the idea of a dog park at the Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation meeting. It was discussed that the interest seems to come from more than just City residents. Whiting Park was discussed as a possible location. It was also discussed that it still is worth the city considering having one located in town. It would be one more thing Boyne City has that could draw people to Boyne City and businesses located within. The general consensus from the board was to continue to research the prospect, logistics, costs, funding concerns and opportunities, maintenance, etc. and have more board discussion prior to recommending anything formal to the City Commission.

Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. Trail Update

Sheean had no new information to report

Boyne City to Boyne Falls Trail Update

Sheean reported that there isn't anything new on the forefront. The committee continues to remain optimistic and still anticipates moving forward one step at a time.

Board Member Recruitment

No new board applications have come in at this time. It was suggested to put out some type of notice that we are looking for members.

MOTION

Brooks brought to the board's attention with the resignation of Carl Wehner; the board does not have a vice-chair. After board discussion, Kuhn moved, Sheean seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to nominated Jerry Swift as the board vice chair. Swift accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
(VanHorn stated that she would be absent for February and March meetings as she will be out of town)

**ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

The January 3, 2013 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary