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**MEETING OF  
April 12, 2012**

**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, APRIL 12, 2012.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Paul Nicholls, Bill Kuhn, Mike Sheean, Jerry Swift, and Gail VanHorn

Absent: Lou Awodey, Marie Sheets and Carl Wehner

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski and Recording Secretary Pat Haver

**MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**

Public Present: None

**\*\*MOTION**

**Kuhn moved, Nicholls seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence of Awodey and Sheets.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Nicholls moved, Kuhn seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,** a motion to approve the February 2, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

**\*\*MOTION**

None

**CITIZENS  
COMMENTS**

Nicholls requested the board's consideration for an addition to the agenda under 9 D "New Business" board member resignation.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kovolski reported there has been a lot of activity and clean up of the parks. The official opening of the pavilion and boat launch restrooms will be this weekend, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The budget was passed as presented which includes funds to install new windows at the warming house for heating efficiency, the tree view corridor trimming/clearing project that has been discussed, and some additional funds for capital outlay for all parks. Ten new picnic tables have been ordered, and will be assembled and distributed throughout the parks. The City was successful in obtaining grant money for work on S. Park St. from Water St to Pine St. They project is in the design phase as of tonight.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

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**Park Inspections**

- **Avalanche** - It has been reported that rocks have been rolled down the hill from the top. There are continued problems with erosion on the face of the hill; trail signage really needs to be completed. The disc golf course is in terrible shape, and in need of upkeep and repairs. There have been a couple of user groups that have expressed interest in maintaining the course, have been invited to attend a meeting, however, have not done so to date. Kuhn will make contact with Jay's Sporting Goods to gather quotes on archery target replacements.
- **Sunset Park** - The portable ice rink was not been very successful. Unknown if it will be put up next year, or look for alternate locations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. Trail Update**

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Sheean reported that the funding drive for the shortfall is going well and anticipates approximately \$12,000 in pledges with more coming in. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, all are invited to the Red Mesa Grill for fundraising activities. A portion of the proceeds from the daily entrée and casa margarita sales will go towards the trail. There will be a silent auction and volunteers will be on hand to accept donations. Phase II grant applications have begun.

**Boyne City to Boyne Falls Trail Update**

Sheean reported the committee has been successful in working with the State of Michigan on property acquisition, as Boyne Valley Township purchased the available property, leaving only one piece still with a few issues. They will continue to work with the property owner and review and consider all options as they move forward. Grants have been applied for to assist with the preliminary engineering.

**Avalanche Trail Signage update**

Avalanche signs are in need of repair and installation as stated above.

**Sunset Park plan proposal update**

The Main Street Design committee has approached Mark Robinson for a proposal for design services. A copy of the proposal response was handed out at the meeting (received and filed). The board had concerns about the cost of the proposal and wondered if it was for design services only or included the actual work as proposed. Main Street Manager Conklin advised that it is for design work only, and his committee was concerned also about the cost. The consensus was to see if Mark Robinson would be willing to facilitate a public input session. Kovolski did advise that additional picnic tables would be placed in the park. With the addition of the sprinkler system, the possibility of lush green grass may attract more users.

**Peninsula Beach update** Nothing to report at this time. The Mountain Mayhem biking event is scheduled to take place on June 9<sup>th</sup>. the event is in need of many volunteers.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Joint Board and Commission meeting**

Nicholls reported at the Joint Boards and Commission meeting the community goal setting session survey was discussed, and reviewed the top 16 goals recommended from the survey. The placement/location of city facilities was also a topic of discussion.

**Property purchase along the Boyne River**

Kovolski handed out a map of property that is for sale adjacent to city property along the Boyne River (received and filed). The City commission felt that the price for the property could not be passed up, so are taking steps towards acquisition.

**Outside meeting locations for the months of May through September**  
**\*\*MOTION**

Each year during the warmer months, the committee rotates their meeting location through the available parks. **Motion by Nicholls, seconded by Shean, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to rotate the meetings to the following parks and have the meetings begin at 6:00 pm:

- May and September - Veterans Park pavilion
- June - Avalanche Park
- July - Rotary Park
- August - Old City Park

**Nicholls resignation from the board**

Effective immediately, Paul Nicholls has submitted his resignation from the board. With regret, **motion by Kuhn, seconded by Shean, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to recommend to the City Commission the acceptance of Nicholls resignation from the board.

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**Good of the Order**

The ramp at Avalanche is a hazard when wet, and needs to be looked at. Kovolski will see to it.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Veterans Park pavilion.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The April 12, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Pat Haver, Recording Secretary