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MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 6:00 P.M. AT PENINSULA BEACH ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Lou Awodey, Bill Kuhn, Mike Sheean, Marie Sheets, Jerry Swift, Gail Van Horn and Carl Wehner

Absent: Heath Meeder

MEETING ATTENDANCE

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski, Recording Secretary Pat Haver, Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin and Planning & City Commissioner Tom Neidhamer

Public Present: One

MOTION

Sheets moved, Sheean seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse the absence Meeder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MOTION

Sheean moved, Swift seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to approve the August 2, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Parks holding up fairly well considering all of the use they have been getting through Labor Day. No issues have surfaced so far.
- The department will begin shutting down the parks soon.
- Construction has begun on Park St. and Hannah Streets with multiple crews on scene.
- Weather permitting; the fish cleaning station will stay open as long as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Grunch received a letter from 7 year Bushar Fakhoury from Birmingham. His family regularly climbs to the top of Avalanche. He

has proposed a suggestion of adding a couple of slides to the hill, one a water slide, the other a plain slide. Mayor Grunch responded to his letter, and passed the correspondence along to Parks & Rec to consider. The board felt that during the winter, several different activities are available for kids; however, it is something that was an interesting concept as an additional summer activity.

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

Park Inspections

- Kuhn talked about the wood on Peninsula Beach. It has been there for 35 years and will continue to wash up. The only option is to continue to pile and remove. The playground wood will be sealed with the Eagle Scout project performed by Mark Peters.
- Riverside Park is scheduled to be mowed next week. Benches will be placed after it is mowed.
- Van Horn asked about the availability of engraved slates at the playground in Veterans Park. They are still available.
- Wehner inquired about a kayak/canoe launch and retrieval point in Sunset Park.
- The possibility of a pavilion like the new one at Whittings Park was brought up for Avalanche. The number of families and individuals that would use this type of building is large.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

Sheean reported that community funding still going well and Phase I is ready to go financially next year. Phase II is moving forward also. Grant monies may not be available until 2013, depending on how it is dispersed from the State.

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

Sheean stated that the group is still working on acquiring the last piece of property.

**Boyne City to Boyne
Falls Trail Update**

Susan and Hugh Conklin were in attendance to make a proposal for possible signage (received and filed). The memorial fund that was established has some available funds to assist with the cost. Their only request is that the Wood Shop be used. It is time for signage, as the park is heavily used and visitors are discouraged with the lack of signage and maintenance. It was discussed to possibly establish a three sided roofed kiosk with the history of the park, map and trail markers. It has been suggested to have some type of sign on the face of the hill to advise people to stay off, along with a sign to "pack it in and pack it out". After discussion the board felt it was a good idea and a sub committee of Kuhn, Swift, Sheets and Kovolski was formed to proceed. **Motion by Sheean, seconded by Wehner, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, for the subcommittee to proceed with proposed signage for Avalanche, report findings back to the board next month, with completion by Spring of 2013.

**Avalanche Trail
Signage update**

MOTION

Avalanche Archery target replacement

Kuhn reported that targets have not been purchased, and are waiting until the city can get the best bang for their buck. Mark Fruge' is inquiring about used targets that were at a recent expo that are possibly available to purchase. Kuhn has asked that the money be set aside until they can be purchased early next year. There are still targets that are useable for this season.

Tree Removals at Avalanche

Kovolski stated a memo will be sent to the City Commission at the second September meeting, for the recommendation to remove trees at Avalanche that are in close proximity to trailways and that are dead or dying to address the safety issues. Trees in the view corridor will also be scheduled for trimming.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed dog park and location discussion

Tom Neidhamer was present to propose a possible dog park within the city. It began with the goal setting session discussions about having this type of park. Jodie Adams from the Humane Society has put together a rough estimate for the cost of fencing in a 100' x 300' area which was included in the agenda packet. Possible locations were discussed and the board felt the concept was a great idea and that all the possible locations within the city should be explored including Riverside park, behind the 1910 building in the grassy area and Avalanche at the old hockey rink location, which all have pros and cons to their locations. A subcommittee was formed to include VanHorn, Adams, Neidhamer and Kovolski to gather information and bring back to the board. **Motion by Wehner, seconded by Shean, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,** to support the proposal of a dog park and the formation of the subcommittee to come back with recommendations to the board at their October meeting.

MOTION

Discussion regarding location for the ice pole and ice rink for 2012/2013

Main Street Manager, Hugh Conklin is before the board tonight to discuss the ice pole and skating rink for the 2012/2013 season. Because the weather did not cooperate last winter, they would like to give the skating rink another try this season. Several members of the board have heard from citizens that they would like to see the return of the ice pole. Discussion centered on the location of the rink and pole. Due to the land slope in Sunset Park, there is really only one location for the rink to properly fit into. The ice pole location has some flexibility; however, the "overspray" on the trees and kids attempting to climb the ice to get to the pole was a concern. A map of the area was received and filed that showed the possible location of the rink and pole. There was some wiggle room as to the pole location, and some decorative/attractive fencing could be put around the pole. The issue of lighting was also discussed, as last year it looked like the only thing missing were some Christmas trees on a lot for sale and Santa Claus.

****MOTION**

Motion by Sheean, seconded by Awodey, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, to support both the ice rink and ice pole at Sunset Park and maximize separation of both items.

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Neidhamer inquired about the possibility of a kayak rack that could be used to lock them up after launch/retrieval at the small boat launch, or is there a better location within the city. Also spoke about how under utilized Peninsula Beach is, and with the addition of a pavilion, basketball court, horseshoes, and walking trails the park would be as well utilized as Veterans Park is. The board felt both of these items were worth further investigations.

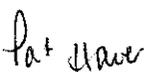
Hugh Conklin presented the board with a proposal from Mark Robinson (received and filed) to do what is necessary to give Sunset Park the personality it needs to be in the forefront of downtown. He would like Parks & Rec and Main Street to work together to make this happen.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Old City Park (alternate location in case of inclement weather is City Hall)

ADJOURNMENT

The September 6, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Pat Haver, Recording Secretary