



Approved:

**Meeting of
January 14, 2021**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT 5:00 P.M. Via ZOOM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021.**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Sheean, Lisa Alexander, Tom Smith, Sterling, Vadnais, Weick, and Hugh Conklin

Absent: None

Meeting Attendance

City Staff: DPW director Tim Faas and executive assistant Barb Brooks

Public Present: 13

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Conklin moved Smith seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the December 10, 2021 meeting minutes

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

Steve Schnell, representing TOMMBA reported that they were successful in Their fund-raising efforts through Patronicity. They reached their goal of \$50,000 and \$50,000 was matched for trail development at the Boyne Forest and City owned property in Evangeline Township.

Pam Price inquired about proposed plans for the Little League field. Faas stated there is a grass roots support group who is working on a concept but there is still some discussions and work to do before any plan is considered. He also stated that there will be an update given later on the agenda under user groups.

Director's Report

A written report was provided to the Commission in the agenda packet. In addition Faas stated that the netting was installed today to delineate how far up the hill to go and where to walk vs. where to sled.

Correspondence

None

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

Park Inspection Reports –

- Avalanche trails are being groomed and the signs are up clarifying the trails direction, crossings and intended use.

User Groups –

- John Bush stated that there are plans to start improving the baseball fields. The initial plan is to start with the Little League field. They

are working on the plans and approval process and then will be searching for volunteers, donations and fund-raising efforts.

Unfinished Business

User Fees for Athletic Fields

After researching fee structures from surrounding communities, Director Faas proposed instituting the fee schedule that was included in the agenda packet.

Several members of the public, including Chuck Vondra and John Bush stated that some type of fees are in order, especially for tournaments that are charging entry fees and making money off the tournament and use of the park.

There was some discussion regarding non-profit and which groups fit into that category. Faas stated that the City's standards would be used to determine non-profit status. There was also discussion if the soccer fields should be included in this fee structure along with the baseball/softball fields. Due to the current conditions of the soccer fields there was some hesitancy.

****MOTION**

Conklin moved, Weick seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend the fee structure be implemented as presented and add the seasonal fee of \$250 to be deployed by City administration/staff for soccer if deemed reasonable for the use.

New Business

None

Adjournment

****MOTION**

The January 14, 2021 regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary