



Approved:

Meeting of
May 4, 2017

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, MAY 4, 2017.**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Mike Sheean, Darryl Parish, Jo Bowman, Hugh Conkin, Mike Doumanian and Tom Smith

Absent: Lisa Alexander

****MOTION**

Parish moved, Conklin seconded, passed unanimously to excuse the absence of Alexander

Meeting Attendance

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

Public Present: Two

Approval of Minutes
****MOTION**

Bowman moved, Parish seconded, passed unanimously, a motion approving the April 6, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

Citizens Comments
(on non-agenda items)

Michelle Cortright approached the board and passed out the newly printed Boyne City Visitors Guide along with a trails map of the area showing biking and hiking trails. She also wanted to advise the board that \$220,000 has been raised for the establishment and maintenance of trails at Avalanche to date with over 3,000 volunteer hours given. There is a total of 9.7 miles of trails with 5 miles done to date. The trail builders will be back at the end of June and the group needs to raise an additional \$20,000 to close out the trails. Wondering if the parks department could budget additional monies for a kiosk to direct users to different areas for activities, improve the entrance and parking areas at Avalanche. Kovolski advised that approximately \$200,000 to 280,000 is the amount that is budget each year for all the parks combined.

Michael Cortright had some concerns about the Latitude 45 Giant bike demo that was held at Avalanche as an "out of town" business holding a business event in town; possibly taking away customers from a brick and mortar establishment. When this board was approached last month they thought they were going to promote the trails more, be a TOMMBA fundraiser for trails and not focus so much as a commercial endeavor for the business. The board felt that exposure to the park from anyone was a first step in bringing people to town and exposing them to all we offer. The board would like this placed on the agenda for further discussion

on how to handle this type of situation if it arises again.

Director's Report

- All of the parks have been opened for the season
- The department is working on getting the benches, picnic tables and trash barrels put out
- Buff Up Boyne will be held this Saturday, so come on out to help
- The DPW is in the process of hiring summer workers
- The kayak rack locations have been scouted out for the donation by Bulmann's and they will be installed shortly
- Story Walk in Old City Park - would like to have it revisited next month and have the library committee come back to discuss a possible location near the playscape in Veterans Park instead.
- Discussion on the 4th of July and the need to clean the restrooms more often. Kovolski advised that they are attended to 4 times a day by our cleaning crew, and the 4th of July committee also rotates through them often. There are several porta potties that are placed around the area; however, people are less inclined to use them. The new city hall facilities will also be open for use

Correspondence

None

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Park Inspection Reports

- There are trees and branches down at Avalanche on the paths; Conklin has offered to walk the trails to show exactly where they are located.
- Board members have chosen the parks to keep an eye on, and are as follows:
 - Rotary Park – Conklin
 - Riverside, Tannery Beach and Boyne River Nature Area – Parish
 - Peninsula Beach and Old City Park – Bowman
 - Marina and Veterans Park – Doumanian
 - Road Ends – Smith
 - Avalanche – Alexander
- The signage for the bird watching activities are almost ready, Parish will have the group contact Andy for exact locations to install

Unfinished Business Parks Brochure / Map

The board discussed the proposal submitted by Harbor House for the parks brochure/map. There was not an example for the board to look at and would like to have Brooks forward a copy to them to review. **Bowman moved, seconded by Parish, passed unanimously,** to move forward with Brooks emailing the brochure to all board members with an opportunity for comments to be given back, and if there are no major concerns, move forward and recommend that the brochure / map be approved by the City Commission.

Board Member Vacancy	Applications were attached in the agenda packet from Jerry Douglas and Gow Litzenburger. Douglas had also indicated he was interested in the Planning Commission; the board tabled this agenda item until after the Planning Commission meeting to see if they appoint Douglas to their board.
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New Business	Although the board felt that this event was a lot of fun, they were distressed with the pictures and amount of pieces and particles that were left in the river after the event from the latex balloons. They felt that it was not good for the environment, and would like to have discussions and place emphasis with a positive spin on how to encourage the use of water guns and squirt guns instead of balloons. Should posters be placed along the river discouraging the use of balloons? Perhaps the Parks & Recreation board, Friends of the Boyne River, 4 th of July committee and the Chamber should pool their volunteers and have a group of 8 to 10 people from the various boards brain storm on the way to come up with different options, and challenge everyone that in 5 years or less, there will not be any more use for balloons. They would like this continue as an agenda item discussion at future meetings.
Latex balloon litter during the 4th of July raft race event	
Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair	Motion by Conklin, seconded by Doumanian, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, to nominate Michael Sheen as Chair and Darryl Parish as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board.
Consideration to schedule a work session at Avalanche	After board discussion and the fact that typically in the summer months meetings are held at various parks, it was determined that the June meeting should be held at Avalanche to discuss trail signage and kiosk locations and how to improve the entry way.
Good of the Order	None
Next Meeting	The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 6 pm at Avalanche Park Warming House.
Adjournment	Motion by Doumanian, seconded by Bowman, passed unanimously, to adjourn the May 4, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board at 7:22 p.m.

Pat Haver, Recording Secretary