



Approved:

**Meeting of
April 5, 2018**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Sheean at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Sheean, Lisa Alexander, Diane Sterling, Jo Bowman, Tom Smith and Greg Vadnais

Absent: Hugh Conklin and Gow Litzenburger

Meeting Attendance

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

Public Present: four

****MOTION**

Smith moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse the absence of Gow Litzenburger and Hugh Conklin

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Bowman moved, Alexander seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion approving the March 8, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

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

Mike Cortright expressed his appreciation for allow him to volunteer his trail grooming services at Avalanche over the winter and was looking for feedback. Board members expressed that they had not heard any negative comments and it seemed to be well received.

Darryl Lawson representing the Leadership Charlevoix County (LCC) Class of 2018 followed up on their request from a previous meeting to consider a class project in Boyne City. Originally discussed was a possible plan to make improvements to Riverside Park or consideration to address invasive plants that negatively impact our area lakes, streams and rivers. The class opted to address the invasive Purple Loosestrife plant. The class has partnered with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council to implement the project. One of the project sites chosen is the Boyne River at Riverside Park. The Purple Loosestrife will be eradicated by releasing beetles that specifically feed on the Loosestrife, inhibiting the growth and spread of the plant. Friends of the Boyne River have also been consulted and are in favor of this project. In order to release the beetles, Tip of the Mitt requires a contract be signed by the property owner allowing permission to for volunteers to access the site and release the beetles. The board was in favor of moving forward with this project. **Alexander moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to recommend that the City Commission enter into the contract with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council to allow the project to move forward.

****MOTION**

Director’s Report

Maintenance personnel will start working on getting park buildings ready for the season with paint, patching, etc. Kovolski also reported that the contractor who did the work on the tennis courts at Rotary Park has hired an engineer to take some core samples to try to figure out the cause of the cracking.

Correspondence

None

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Park Inspection Reports – Alexander reported that the trails on Avalanche were very wet and muddy.

User Group Reports – Missy Casper, representing the dog park reminded the board and staff that there are still dead and dying trees at the park that need to be taken down or trimmed. She also inquired about additional information for the proposed agility area. The group needs to know how much extra fencing the City has that can be used and what types of in-kind services the City will provide. Andy will follow up with Michele Carter to supply the information.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Boyne Valley Lions Club 50th Anniversary Community Project

Larry Taylor, representing the Boyne Valley Lions Club gave an overview of the project they are proposing for the Open Space park property. The Lions Club will fund the project and work with staff on the details. The project would include bench seating, drinking fountain, trash receptacle, landscaping and a commemorative Lions sponsorship plaque. The general consensus of the board was that they liked and appreciated the community gift idea and would like to see some park developments at the site. Their concerns were regarding not having a master plan for site development to work from so they wanted to make sure that nothing too permanent is installed that could hinder future plans. Mr. Taylor expressed that they understood the items may be relocating within the park in the future. Their request is that the items stay together as a group. The board felt the only thing that may be more difficult to move would be any large shade tree(s) that become established. **Sterling moved, Alexander seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to recommend that the City accept the gift from the Boyne Valley Lions Club for a grouping to be placed on the Open Space property and to work with staff on a final design.

****MOTION**

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 5 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

The April 5, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary