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**MEETING OF
June 07, 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, JUNE 07, 2012.**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheets at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Gail VanHorn

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: four (4)

Recording Secretary Brooks reported that she had not heard from VanHorn directly but had heard from a friend of the family that there was a family emergency. **Swift moved, Wehner seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence of VanHorn based on the information given.

****MOTION**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Sheean moved, Wehner seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to approve the May 3, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

****MOTION**

**CITIZENS
COMMENTS**

Barbara Young, representing 4-H swim school gave a presentation to the board about the importance of the program, how many children participate in it each year and to thank the City (Parks & Recreation) for its continued support. The funds go towards scholarships. Young reported that approximately 40% of the students need scholarships.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mushroom Festival was successful with a normal amount of damage to the park

- Weeds have been sprayed along the rip-rap of Veterans Park to the shoppers dock area with an environmentally friendly spray
- Discussion and presentation regarding the removal of dead trees throughout Avalanche will be place on the July agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Chamber Director Jim Baumann regarding the signage (lack of) at Avalanche. This will be discussed further under Old Business - item 8C.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Park Inspections

- Sheets inquired if the drinking fountains were turned on at Old City Park. Kovolski will check on it.
 - Awodey noticed that the beach areas needed some attention. Kovolski stated that beach clean-up had taken place the previous day (6/6/12)
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. Trail Update

Sheean reported the Citizens' fund-raising group has reached their initial goal; however, they are continuing to raise funds for the project. Next event is a fish fry at the Eagles Hall.

Boyne City to Boyne Falls Trail Update

Sheean stated that the group is still working one other piece of property.

Avalanche Trail Signage update

Kovolski reported that he would work with Wehner to GPS the trail sign locations. He stated that Cindy Mom did not return his calls but didn't think it was necessary, that he has some ideas for signage. He will work with staff to come up with something and is working with staff and the Wood Shop to come up with something for the big sign at the bottom.

NEW BUSINESS

Fallen Soldiers Monument at Veterans Memorial site

Ron Crozier representing the Veterans Memorial Committee is requesting to place an additional monument for local fallen soldiers at the site. The monument will be dedicated as a tribute to all fallen soldiers and a plaque/name plate would be placed on it for local soldiers. Mr. Crozier indicated that they are looking at two different locations within the memorial site but the committee would like the flexibility to determine which of the two locations to go with.

After board discussion, the general consensus was that the board thinks the proposed monument would be a nice addition; however questioned how much more should be added to the site and when is it enough so that it maintains its integrity and does not look cluttered. Crozier assured the board that it is their intent to maintain its integrity and they are very particular about how the

memorial looks. This monument was not part of the original plan; however the committee feels they have adequate space for it and that it will be a nice addition and tribute. Crozier also added that they will be accepting donations to defer the over \$6,000 cost and George Lasater has offered to match personal donations that come in. **Kuhn moved, Wehner seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to recommend the City Commission allows the placement of the Fallen Soldiers monument at one of the two proposed location on the Veterans' Memorial site.

Archery Target Replacement

Board member Kuhn introduced local resident and president of the Michigan Archery Association Mark Fruge. Mr. Fruge stated that the sport of archery is huge in Michigan and has wide support. If targets at Avalanche were replaced and the area improved, he believed it would get used and will receive plenty of local support. City resident John Povolo and Barbara Young (4-H swim school) both stated that they would like to see the targets replaced and would use it. Kovolski stated there was approximately \$1,500 that could be used to purchase new targets. Kuhn will continue to work on getting the best deal he can on targets and will work with Kovolski. Brooks will work with Kuhn on a press release to get the word out once the targets are up.

Board Member Vacancy **MOTION

Recording secretary Brooks stated that an application was received by Heath Meeder in February of 2011. She contacted Mr. Meeder to see if he was still interested in serving and he stated he was. Brooks also indicated that there were no other current applications for review and consideration. Mr. Meeder stated that he really enjoys living in Boyne City and would like to be more active in the community. **Kuhn moved, Wehner seconded, Passed UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend the City Commission appoint Heath Meeder to the Parks & Recreation Board with a term expiration of December 31, 2014.

July Meeting Date

Recording Secretary Brooks inquired if everyone was going to be available for the July 5 meeting considering the holiday. Several stated that it would not be a good time for them. After board discussion Sheean moved, Sheets seconded a motion to postpone the July 5 meeting to July 12, 2012 and excuse the absence of Lou Awodey.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Rotary Park

ADJOURNMENT

The June 7, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary