

**Meeting of the
BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Thursday, February 02, 2012

6:00 p.m. at City Hall



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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of the December 20, 2011 meeting minutes
4. CITIZENS COMMENTS (non-agenda items – limit to 5 minutes)
5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. None
7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES
 - A. Park Inspection Reports
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. non-motorized trail update
 - B. Boyne City to Boyne Falls Trail update
 - C. Avalanche Trail Signage update
 - D. Board Member Status Update - Lou Awodey
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Sunset Park – Hugh Conklin, Main Street
 - B. Friends of the Boyne River – Proposal to remove invasives from Riverside Park
 - C. Friends of the Boyne River – Proposal to create a nature area on the riverbank adjacent to the Industrial Park land
10. GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Joint Boards & Commissions Mtg. February 7, 2012
 - B. For those who were not able to attend the City Goal Setting Session, you are encouraged to participate in the online survey. A link is located on the home page of the City's website or go to boynesurvey.com and click on the link.
 - C. Next meeting of the Boyne City Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2012 (1st Thurs. of the month for 2012) at 6 p.m. at City Hall
12. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTENDANCE RECORD
Parks & Recreation Commission
FY 2011 - 2012

Member	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April
Awodey, Lou	P	P	c	P	P	n	E	E	c			
Kuhn, Bill	P	E	a	E	E	o	P	P	a			
Nicholls, Paul	P	P	n	P	P	Q	P	A	n			
Sheean, Mike	P	P	c	P	P	u	P	P	c			
Sheets, Marie	P	P	e	P	P	o	P	P	e			
Wehner, Carl	E	E	l	E	P	r	E	P	l			
Swift, Jerry	--	--	e	--	--	u	--	P	e			
Gail VanHorn	--	--	d	--	--	m	--	--	-- d			

P=Present
A=Absent
E=Excused

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Approved: _____

**MEETING OF
DECEMBER 20, 2011**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wehner at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Paul Nicholls, and Lou Awodey

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski
Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin and Recording
Secretary Barb Brooks

Public Present: None

****MOTION**

Sheean moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to
excuse the absence of Wehner and Awodey.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Kuhn moved, Sheean seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion
to approve the November 10, 2011 meeting minutes as presented.

****MOTION**

**CITIZENS
COMMENTS**

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Family of Five Lakes has requested to hold their Norfolk Festival in Veterans Park again. There were no issues with the event last year. The board is fine with the event and would like to have the event organizers coordinate the details with City staff.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Park Inspections

- Reports of possible Beaver citing near Riverside Park. Superintendent Kovolski will take a look and continue to watch for signs of their presents.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

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

Sheean reported that at the Nov. 19 County Parks Board they announced the grants have been approved for the project. There is still a remaining balance of \$17,412 and it was proposed that instead of the County funding the balance that it be raised by the citizens by way of private donations, possible fundraising and local grants. If funds are raised over and above the \$17,512 it will be used to help fund phase two of the project. Top O Michigan Trails Council will be the agency to write and receive local grants. Phase two of the project will start at US 31 and extend to approximately Camp Seagull.

**Boyne City to Boyne
Falls Trail Update**

Sheean reported the committee is continuing to work and meet regularly. They will be meeting with an engineering firm to come up with a preliminary plan. As they are still moving forward, the committee does not want to take away from the momentum and focus of the Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. project.

**Tree Removal on the
Face of Avalanche**

Kovolski stated that he met with a representative from Al & Jim's Tree Removal service to discuss the best way to handle the tree removals. They gave him an estimate of \$4,000 to flush cut the encroaching trees on the hill. It was discussed that having the logs or brush piled up on the face of the hill would be less than attractive and there are alternative ways to address the erosion issue. The board was adamant about addressing the issue by getting some initial signage at the bottom and top. Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin agreed. He stated there is nothing the states you can't or shouldn't. Many people just do not know; the eroded area looks like a path.

The general consensus of the board was the price from Al & Jims seemed to be a good price and we should move forward with the removals.

NEW BUSINESS

**Farmers Market
Location**

Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin asked on behalf of the Farmers Market for the board to consider making Veterans Park the permanent location for the Farmers Market. He believes some of the bugs and concerns expressed from the prior year have been addressed. The park

lends itself to be a great location for the vendors and for the patrons. The market will continue to work with and coordinate with the other events that take place throughout the summer. As the market has grown they will be experimenting with the configuration a little. They have also had some concerns about pets at the market. They will be monitoring the situation. The general consensus of the board was that as long as there is communication and coordination with the other activities throughout the year that it is a good location for the market and should not have to come back in the future for permission.

****MOTION**

Sheean moved, Swift seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to allow the Farmers Market to continue to be located in Veterans Park.

**Avalanche X-County
Ski Trail Grooming**

Kovolski state there is no money in the budget to fund the position or to buy the equipment to pull the groomer. It would require a dedicated volunteer(s) with their own equipment or find a way to fund a paid person. The board discussed that even if the trail is groomed, you still have walkers and snowshoers utilizing the groomed path which will undo the grooming that has been done. There was a suggestion to speak with the Little Traverse Nature Conservancy and discuss the possibility of future grooming and coordinating a person to groom both places. Sheean commented that it would be nice to be able to promote Boyne City as a x-country ski mecca; naming Avalanche, the Hill Preserve and Young State Park as ski trails.

**Avalanche Trail
Signage**

The Hill Preserve has placed some trail signage that is fairly simple and seems to be affective that could be looked as an example. The board has asked Kovolski to contact Cindy Mom who made the signs for the Hill to see if she would be willing to assist with some signs for Avalanche and report back at the January meeting.

**Board Member Status
Discussion**

****MOTION**

Kuhn moved, Sheean seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to postpone any decision regarding Awodey's position on the board until the January meeting when Chair Nicholls is in attendance with more information.

**Board Member
Expiration/ Renewal**

****MOTION**

The term for Vice Chair Wehner expires December 31, 2011. Wehner expressed an interest in serving a second term on the board. After board discussion, **Sheean moved, Swift seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to recommend Carl Wehner to four year term on the Parks and Recreation Board, expiring December 31, 2015.

**Board Member
Application**

An application was received by Gail VanHorn to serve on the board. The board also reviewed an application that was submitted in February by Heath Meader. The board discussed both applicants and felt that

****MOTION**

VanHorn would make a nice addition and would provide some diversity to the board. **Kuhn moved, Sheean seconded, Passed Unanimously** to recommend the City Commission appoint Gail VanHorn to the Parks & Recreation Board with a term expiration of December 31, 2015.

City-wide goal setting session

Recording secretary Brooks reported there will be a City-wide goal setting session on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6p.m. at St. Matthews Parish Hall. All board members are encouraged to attend and encourage other members of the public to attend.

Joint Boards and Commissions meeting

The joint boards and commissions meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6p.m. The board Chair or other designated person is required to attend and serve as the spokesperson. The meeting is open to the public and all board members are welcome to attend.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The December 20, 2011 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary



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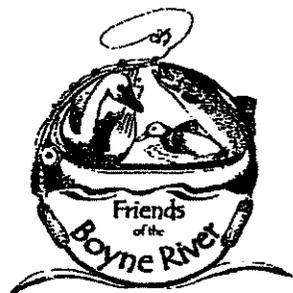
To: The Park and Recreation Board of the City of Boyne City
From: The Friends of the Boyne River
Re: Riverside Park Invasive Plant Removal

The Friends of the Boyne River have been made aware that there are a number of invasive species growing in Riverside Park. As you know, invasive plants spread out of control and crowd out the native plants that are the food supply for the birds and animals that make their home in Riverside Park. Invasive plants can spread easily and their seeds will take over the river banks up and down the river.

We understand that the current plan for Riverside Park is to keep it natural. Natural should include a diversity of plants, animals and birds. To maintain that diversity, the invasive plants should be removed.

We would like to arrange for a group of people who are knowledgeable about invasive plants, to come and identify them. After identifying the invasive plants, the Friends of the Boyne River would mark them and remove as many as possible. Some of the plants might be too large and would have to be removed by the City.

If spraying is the best way to remove any plants, we would do that using environmentally friendly chemicals.



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To: The Park and Recreation Board of the City of Boyne City
From: The Friends of the Boyne River
Re: The Boyne River Nature Area

The Friends of the Boyne River are pleased that plans for a non-motorized trail running from Boyne City to Boyne Falls and Boyne Mountain have been approved by Boyne City's Commission. Because this trail will go through Boyne City's Industrial Park, we would like to revisit the idea of a Nature Area along the Boyne River as it borders the Industrial Park.

This Boyne River Nature Area would be below the flat area of the Industrial Park and would not take up any spaces that are platted for businesses. It would be on property that is already owned by the City of Boyne City.

The Nature Area would take advantage of an already existing ravine that slopes down toward the river and connects to a narrow pathway that parallels the river at the base of the hillside. The whole area is either very steep hillside or wetlands. The pathway starts at the ravine and stops after one-half mile where City property ends. The only access to the area is through the ravine and the pathway.

The Friends of the Boyne River would like to build stairs from the pathway down to boardwalks that would cross the wetlands to the riverbank. We want to have the area as natural as possible so people can enjoy the quiet and peacefulness of the area, see the river and enjoy the trees, plants and animals that live in the wetlands.

We feel that having this Nature Area will be an added feature for people to enjoy while they are using the non-motorized trail. It will add recreational opportunities for our visitors as well as our residents. There is enough space where the ravine is close to the road for a car park, a bike rack and a sign identifying the Nature Area. Depending on the amount of funding we receive, we could add signage that explains the ecological importance of wetlands and identifies the plants and animals that are living in the area.