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**MEETING OF
OCTOBER 3, 2013**

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, OCTOBER 3, 2013.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Jo Bowman, Bill Kuhn, Heath Meeder, Darryl Parish, Marie Sheets, Jerry Swift and Gail Van Horn

Absent: Mike Sheean

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Three

MOTION

Excused Absence(s): **Kuhn moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence of Chair Sheean due to family medical reasons.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
MOTION**

Bowman moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to approve the September 5, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kovolski reported the following:

- Parks buildings/facilities are being closed down and winterized
- Irrigation bids are currently out for Veterans Park between State St. and the river. It will be bid for spring installation.
- Individuals that vandalized the fountain in Old City Park and the bathrooms at the river mouth were caught and are performing community service at the locations vandalized.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Forest Omland regarding disc golf - will be discussed during the disc golf report on the agenda.

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

Park Inspections

Avalanche - Kuhn reported that the new archery targets are in. They were installed by board member Kuhn and volunteer Mark Fruge. Mr. Bernie Hess from Boyne Falls was the first to utilize the new targets and stated he would like to get more involved with forming a club and volunteering to care for range. A few of the old targets are at Mr. Fruge's house; he will be trying to repair/refurbish them for use over the winter.

Other board members commented on how good things at Avalanche were looking in general.

Disc Golf

Due to personal reasons, Forest Omland will be withdrawing from the club and will not be an active member. He informed the board via email that club president Jason McCary will be the lead, attending board meetings and giving updates. Omland also stated that he has enjoyed his involvement with the board and it has been a positive experience.

McCary thanked the board for their support throughout the summer season getting things back in shape. He also showed a sample of the signage that is proposed for the tee boxes on the course. They will be made of pine board, routed to be dimensional and painted. They will be fairly inexpensive to produce and can be replaced when necessary. Wiltjer talked about the tournament scheduled for October 19 and that they are expecting decent participation and are pretty excited about it. The board also inquired about where the club was at with the tee boxes. McCary and Wiltjer stated they were still experimenting with various materials but what they have is working for now.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

Avalanche Signage

Final design of the signage with map, verbiage, cost proposal, etc were submitted by The Wood Shop. The board took a reviewed them and because the nothing had changed, they stood by their motion made on April 11, 2013 to move forward and present it to the City Commission.

**Tree Removal
Maintenance**

Face of the hill - There has been a lack of cooperation from the initial contractor. Andy will be meeting with a new contractor on pricing and hopes to move the project along.

Trail maintenance - City staff has been working on this and will continue as time allows.

Dog Park

Interested parties and City staff met to further discuss the concept of a dog park. They took a look at location options, finances and committee organization. Kovolski presented a map of Avalanche with the proposed location outlined. Kovolski explained how the location was came about, some of the benefits of the location and stated that the next

step is to present the concept to the City Commission for their consent to have a committee explore the opportunity further and present their findings and recommendations. The board discussed the proximity of the proposed fenced area to the sledding hill and walking path leading to the steps and why other locations on City owned property might not be a good fit. Kovolski also informed the board that there are citizens who have committed to raising the necessary funds associated with this project.

MOTION

Swift moved, Parish seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend the City Commission explores the concept of a dog park at the proposed location, allow the formation of a citizens group and seek public input.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail Town Meeting Proposal

Discussion regarding potential upcoming dates to hold a joint "Trail Town" meeting with the Main Street board, City staff and other interested entities. A presenter will talk more about the designation and the benefits of becoming a Tail Town. Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin will contact the Trail Town presenter and work with both boards to come up with a date and time that works for the majority. Information will be provides as it develops.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday November 7, 2013 at 6 pm at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

The October 3, 2013 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. Moved by Sheets, seconded by Bowman, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary