



Approved:

**MEETING OF
February 6, 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 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Sheean, Darryl Parish, Hugh Conklin, Lisa Alexander
Absent: Jo Bowman, Mike Doumanian and Patrick Patoka

Conklin moved, Parish seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to
excuse the absence of Bowman, Doumanian and Patoka

****MOTION**

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

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

Public Present: Three

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES **MOTION**

Conklin moved, Alexander seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a
motion approving the January 6, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS
(on non-agenda items)**

Members of the Ridge Run Dog Park Committee requested some
additional plowing of the parking lot near the small dog park area and
shared some fund-raising ideas that they would like to move forward
with and funds would be used for park improvements. The ideas were
selling treats (dog & human) during Chocolate Covered Boyne, a Euchre
Tournament and plaques. The committee is still working out the details
of the tournament and the plaques but would like to move forward with
the treat sales. The board gave their blessing and thanked them for their
report and efforts. The committee intends to have someone attend the
board meetings on a regular basis in the future.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Avalanche winter activities are going well. It took a while to create decent
ice on the skating rink due to the fluctuating temperatures but is looking
good now. Conklin inquired as to how other winter parks make and keep
their ice without cooling equipment. Kovolski indicated they have full-
time staff that can work on it on a regular basis. Conklin wondered if
there was a better, more efficient way to utilize the staff at Avalanche or
volunteers so it is not completely dependent on the DPW.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Park Inspection Reports -

- The grooming that was suggested at Avalanche for multi-use including “fat tire” bikes did not take place. TOMMBA opted to wait and look at it for next year.
- **Trail(s) Update** - Funding at the federal level for the Boyne Valley Trail is still being considered and is looking favorable.
- **Friends of Avalanche** - Hasn’t met recently. There was general discussion regarding signage and coming up with an overall park sign plan. It was also mentioned that the equipment used for downed tree removal really degraded some of areas of the trails.

UNFINIHSED BUSINESS

Proposed 5 Year Recreation Plan Amendment

A 5 Year Recreation Plan Amendment incorporating language regarding the City’s marina/harbor facilities was drafted using information from the 2005 Marina Master Plan and staff and public input. The draft was made available for public review on January 18, 2017. It was noticed in the local paper, City’s e-news and posted on the home page of the City’s website. A hard copy was made available at City Hall and a digital version could be viewed on the City’s website. Other than some feedback regarding typographical errors, the general consensus was that it was a good plan and covered the elements required by the DNR. **Alexander moved, Conklin seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a resolution supporting the proposed amendment to the City’s 5 Year Recreation Plan and recommendation for adoption by the City Commission.

****MOTION**

Park Inspection Assignments

Assignments will be postponed until we have filled board member vacancies.

FY 2017/18 Budget Discussion

Kovolski distributed some budget worksheets for review and comment. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding some of the larger capital projects/expenses; such as the Open Space acquisition, the pavilion renovation, trails and river mouth bathrooms and following up with what options the City has to fund them. Conklin asked what thoughts other members had regarding smaller projects such upgrades to playground equipment at Rotary Park or Old City Park. Alexander suggested that unless it is unsafe it may not be necessary to replace and just look at enhancing or adding to what is there. The general consensus was that with the large project looming over the City, most everything would be maintenance and status quo.

NEW BUSINESS

Horseback Riding on Avalanche Trails

Concerns have been raised various times regarding the damage that can done to the existing trails at Avalanche from horses utilizing the trail (horseback riding). The concerns that have been expressed in the past is how the horse hooves beat down the trail, riding down the face of the trail creating some erosion issues and droppings left on the trails.

Alexander, who walks the trails almost on a daily basis stated that she has not encountered a horse and has only seen evidence that a horse was on the trail approximately two times. The commercial use permission was on a trial basis and for a specific business, not a blanket approval. That proposal request never got off the ground and nothing ever became of it. The use of horse on the new mountain bike multi-use trail is already prohibited. After board discussion, the majority of the board felt that it seems to be a non-issue at this time and there was no reason to address it unless something changes. No action was required.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 6 pm at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 6, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary