



Approved:

**Meeting of  
May 9, 2019**

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, MAY 9, 2019.

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**Call to Order**

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

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**Roll Call**

Present: Mike Sheean, Diane Sterling, Jo Bowman, Hugh Conklin, Rob Weick and Gow Litzenburger

**Meeting Attendance**

Absent: Lisa Alexander and Greg Vadnais

City Staff: DPW superintendent Tim Faas and recording secretary Barb Brooks

**Excused Absences**

**\*\*MOTION**

Public Present: four (4)

**Conklin moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence(s) of Vadnais and Alexander

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**Approval of Minutes**

**\*\*MOTION**

**Conklin moved, Litzenburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion approving the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes as presented

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**Citizens Comments**

(on non-agenda items)

- James and Jane Hawkins who live in Lakeview Village, inquired as to the status of the Open Space property and what, if any, plans there are for it.
  - Tom Smith expressed interest in serving on the board again now that he is not working out west during the winter months.
  - City Manager Cain announced that the City is the recipient of a \$408,000 grant from the MEDC to finish the pavilion project.
  - Sidney Steib inquired as to whether the board would be discussing the proposed memorial garden in honor of Betty Shaver. (It was not on the agenda and will not be discussed)
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**Director's Report**

Director Faas provided a written report included in the agenda packet and also updated the board the status of the seasonal labor staff and the County Parks Millage projects. Public works staff will also be starting on the shade shelter at the 1910 Waterworks site when finished with the Riverside Park project.

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**Correspondence**

None

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**Reports of Officers,  
Boards, and Standing  
Committees**

**Park Inspection Reports –**

Rotary Park: Facilities were clean but bathroom doors are in poor condition, a dedication sign at the tennis courts needs some care and the sign at the born learning trail is down.

Riverside Park: Bowman offered to investigate what needs to take place to develop and enhance the birding opportunities at the park.

Boyne River Nature Trail: Looks great

Sunset Park: Discussion that it could use some trees for shade and/or a shade structure. Also discussed the fate of the log cabin that housed the Chamber of Commerce.

Veterans Park: Discussion regarding the consideration of tree plantings in the park to replace what was lost in last year's wind storms.

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### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Evangeline Township Property Purchase Update**

Evangeline Township trustee Michelle Cortright updated the board on the property purchase in the township that is adjacent to the City's property and the School Forest Trails. The Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy will close on the sale May 15, 2019 and the Conservancy and TOMMBA will enter into an agreement for the trail development on May 20, 2019.

#### **Memorial Donation Policy**

Litzenburger elaborated on the memorial tree donation program in Harbor Springs. The general consensus of the board was that the policy drafted by Faas was a good start and could be tweaked as needed in the future.

#### **June Parks Tours**

The board discussed which parks they wanted to visit. The general consensus was Rotary, Riverside, Sunset and Peninsula. The tour will begin immediately following the regular meeting

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### **New Business**

#### **Ongoing Project Status Review**

Brooks discussed the table of ongoing projects list on the agenda and the fact that monthly reviews probably don't make sense and suggested quarterly. Faas will be responsible for filling in the progress column.

#### **Marina Improvement / Expansion Update**

Brooks reported that EGLE (formerly known as the MDEQ) has issued an approval on our permit application. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently accepting public comment regarding the project and will generally weigh in after action is taken by EGLE. At this time she does not have any reason to believe the permit will be denied by USACE as they have expressed very few concerns regarding the project.

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The May 9, 2019 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary