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**MEETING OF  
August 2, 2012**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT  
6:00 P.M. AT OLD CITY PARK ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Heath Meeder, Mike Sheean, Marie Sheets, Jerry Swift and Gail VanHorn

Absent: Carl Wehner, Bill Kuhn and Lou Awodey (arrived 6:10)

**MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: one (2)

**\*\*MOTION**

**Sheean moved, Meeder seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence of Wehner and Kuhn.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
\*\*MOTION**

**Sheean moved, VanHorn seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,** a motion to approve the July 12, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Parks holding up fairly well considering all of the use they have been getting.
- New / Refurbished grills placed in Veterans Park and Peninsula Beach
- Several benches have been repaired and placed back out in the parks
- Ride the Charx takes place on August 4<sup>th</sup>

Swift inquired as to whether there were any tables, benches or furnishings that could be placed in Riverside Park to encourage use. Kovolksi stated there were no extras at this time.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Emailed suggestion for a wheelchair accessible swing. Board discussion as to whether it could be added to the play structure in Veterans Park and how much does it cost. The general consensus was that it was something to consider as a future improvement.

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

**Park Inspections**

- Awodey advised there was a pile of wood on the beach that appears to be picked up and stacked by citizens that needs to be picked up. Kovolski said parks' crew picks up wood and other debris at that location weekly.
  - Riverside Park has not been mowed. Kovolski stated that it has not been mowed due to mechanical issues with the mower that is normally used.
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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Sheean reported that community funding still going well and the Governor signed the bill for \$300,000 in funding

**Boyne City to Boyne Falls Trail Update**

Sheean stated that the group is still working on one other piece of property. They are looking at a possible name for the trail "*Boyne Valley Trailway*"

**Avalanche Trail Signage update**

Nothing to report, due to summer activities, this to be placed on the agenda for September.

**Avalanche Archery target replacement**

Kuhn was not present to report on progress; no targets have been purchased at this time.

**Tree Removals at Avalanche**

Kovolski stated the Avalanche Master Plan calls for no tree removals other than to maintain view corridor. The board discussed that are diseased and dying trees near trailways that could pose a hazard.

**\*\*MOTION**

**Sheean moved, Meeder Seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend the removal of trees at Avalanche that are in close proximity to trailways and are dead or dying to address safety issues.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Peninsula Beach Project**

Mark Peters would like to take on projects at Peninsula Beach as an Eagle Scout project. Peters stated that he lives near and uses the beach and notices that sometimes it appears under utilized and could be improved to be more attractive to residents and visitors. He proposes general cleaning up of the area and applying sealer to the play equipment (City will provide the sealer). The general consensus of the board is that it is a great idea and thanked Mark for his interest and willingness to take on the project. **Sheean moved, Sheets seconded,**

**\*\*MOTION**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to support the project as presented by Mark Peters.

**Bicycle Audit**

Jim Harrington from the Michigan Community Health Department was in Boyne for a bike tour and audit. Mr. Harrington, City Manager Michael Cain and Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin came to speak with the Parks & Recreation Board to discuss opportunities and ideas for becoming more bike friendly, which would encourage more use and increase physical activity and good health through non-motorized trail usage. Ideas and opportunities discussed were trails, trailhead locations, signage, informational kiosks, road/lane markings and additional racks. The general consensus of the board was that all of these ideas were worth exploring further and done correctly would enhance the recreation opportunities in Boyne. Mr. Harrington indicated there are grants and programs out there and would be interested in working with the City to further explore some of these ideas and grant opportunities. **Sheean moved, Seconded by Awodey, Passed Unanimously** to recommend the City Manager write a letter of support to pursue the installation of way finding signage, bike racks and explore options for a trail head, bike lanes and kiosk location to encourage increased physical activity and good health through non-motorized trail use.

**\*\*MOTION**

**Good of the Order**

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None

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Peninsula Beach

**ADJOURNMENT**

The August 2, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary