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**MEETING OF  
NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

**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, NOVEMBER 1, 2012.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jerry Swift, Lou Awodey, Mike Sheean, Marie Sheets, Gail Van Horn and Carl Wehner

Absent: Bill Kuhn and Heath Meeder

**MOTION**

**Wehner moved, Swift seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to excuse Meeder due to work related obligations and Kuhn for family obligations.

**MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: None

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
MOTION**

**Wehner moved, Sheean seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,** a motion to approve the October 4, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Seasonal facilities are all closed and have been winterized
- Crack sealing maintenance has been performed on the Avalanche skating rink and warming house improvements have been completed. The facilities will open as weather permits.
- There has been an inquiry and initial conversations regarding additional lighting at the little league field and also the ball fields at Rotary Park.
- There has been a path mowed at Riverside Park.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

**Park Inspections**

- VanHorn informed Kovolski that there was a tree across the walking trail at Avalanche
- Awodey inquired about the status of the storm water outflow at Lower Lake St. Awodey stated there is additional erosion and the problem doesn't seem to be getting better. Kovolski will look at it and is also working with the City's engineering firm to come up with a permanent solution.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

The grant has been awarded and is waiting for the County Commissioners to approve the signing of the grant agreement. There are some commissioners who still have concerns about moving the project forward.

**Boyne City to Boyne Falls Trail Update**

Nothing new to report; the group is continuing to work on securing the last piece of property needed to move forward.

**Avalanche Trail Signage update**

The proposed design for each sign has been completed and was distributed for review and input. The committee is still waiting on a count for trail marker signs before the Wood Shop can give a final cost estimate. The committee will work with staff on the placement of the signage.

**Avalanche Archery target replacement**

The next opportunity to purchase used targets is not until May. The board requested that this item be placed back on the agenda in January.

**Tree Removals at Avalanche**

Kovolski reported that the contractor performing the trimming is detained by another job but is still planning on Avalanche yet this fall. No discussion regarding the removal of dead or dying trees near the trails.

**Dog Park**

VanHorn stated that the board made a recommendation for the location at the October meeting and inquired as to whether she needed to do anything additional to follow up. Kovolski stated that he would take it to the City Commission but wanted to have the exact location mapped out for review by the board before presenting to the City Commission. He will do this for the December meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Board Member Term Expirations / Reappointment**

Sheets' term expires in December 2012; however, she has an interest in continuing to serve as a board member but not as board chair. Brooks explained that the election of Chair and Vice Chair happen at the May meeting. Sheets will serve as Chair until that time. Kuhn's term also

expires in December. He was not able to attend the meeting however, stated to recording secretary Brooks that he would like to continue to serve. Both members felt they had more to give to the board and have projects and ideas that they would like to see through.

**MOTION**

**Wehner moved, Sheean seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, a motion to recommend the reappointments of Sheets and Kuhn to the Parks and Recreation Board each for a four year term, expiring December 31 of 2016.

**2013 Meeting Schedule  
Good of the Order**

**MOTION**

After board discussion, the general consensus was to continue to have board meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. with the exception of July due to the 4<sup>th</sup> and Boyne Thunder. **Sift moved, VanHorn seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to hold the regular meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month with the exception of postponing the July meeting to July 18<sup>th</sup> and the August to August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Joint Board and  
Commissions Meeting**

Chair Sheets will attend

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**GOOD OF THE  
ORDER**

**MOTION**

Wehner announced his resignation from the board. He stated that he has thoroughly enjoyed his time on the board and the members he has served with but after taking stock of his obligations he has decided he needs to make some changes. **Sheets moved, Swift seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion accepting with great regret the resignation of Carl Wehner. The board thanked Carl for his service and valuable contributions.

Awodey also announced that he would be leaving again for the winter and asked if the board felt he should step down from the board. He stated he enjoys serving on the board and would like to continue with his commitment but would be absent for approximately 5 months each year. After board discussion, the general consensus was Awodey's history with the board is invaluable and appreciates his continued interest; however feels that it may be best to bring in someone who can make the year around commitment as our parks department does not shut down during the winter months. **VanHorn moved, Wehner seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept with a great deal of regret the resignation of Lou Awodey. The board thanked Awodey for his many years of service and dedication and encouraged him to continue his participation and as a citizen sharing his past and present expertise serving as a valuable resource. Brooks offered to continue to email the agenda packets to him so he can stay apprised of the board's activities.

**MOTION**

Brooks will review volunteer board member applications that have

come into City Hall before the December board meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**ADJOURNMENT  
\*\*MOTION**

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The November 1 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary

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