



Approved:

**Meeting of
June 13, 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, JUNE 13, 2019.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Mike Sheean, Diane Sterling, Lisa Alexander, Greg Vadnais, Hugh Conklin, Rob Weick and Gow Litzenburger

Meeting Attendance

Absent: Jo Bowman

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

Public Present: Eighteen

Excused Absences

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Conklin moved, Litzenburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion approving the May 9, 2019 meeting minutes as presented

**Citizens Comments
(on non-agenda items)**

- Michelle Cortright updated the board on TOMMBA's progress at the newly acquired property, by the Walloon Lake Trust & Conservancy, in Evangeline Township and inquired about the status and City's plans regarding the City owned property adjacent to the conservancy's property and near the School Forest Trails. TOMMBA is also looking to host a fund-raising event at Avalanche and was directed to fill out a Parks Use / Special Event form.
- Lynda Christensen reported that the little league field and the ball fields at Rotary Park were not in the best shape and need some work. There are still volunteers but not enough with enough time and equipment to properly address all of the issues. There is no issue with the mowing and she understands that there is limited staff with limited time for all of our parks but thinks that more emphasis should be placed on the fields that our own kids play on. She added that maybe the City needs to consider more staff and/or a full-time parks director. Don Lockman added that he not only agreed with Lynda regarding the condition of the fields but also stated that the buildings could use some updating and they could be made to match the look of City Hall and the pavilion. John Bush reported that the fields definitely need some work, some of the issues are safety issues. He also added the first tournament that was held was well attended with positive feedback and feels they will continue to be successful. The field that was adjusted to accommodate the event was put back to its original state after the tournament. Shelly Bush inquired about City

staff contact, keys to buildings, etc. They had an incident of bathrooms locked and some field safety issues and was not sure who to contact on the weekend and ended up calling 911. It was suggested by Chair Sheean that concerned citizens of the various user groups should form a sub-committee to work with staff to come up with solutions to the issues.

Director's Report

No written report was provided, Director Faas gave verbal updates during the parks tour.

Correspondence

None

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Park Inspection Reports –

Ridge Run Dog Park: Michele Carter discussed the general condition and current care of the facility stating that it needed a little more attention. The park is heavily used and appreciated, there are many volunteers who donate time, funds, toys, etc. to try to help keep it a nice place to use but needs additional City staff support.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Request from pickle ball players to convert 1 tennis court into 4 pickle ball courts by turning them and striping them the opposite direction of the current tennis court layout. This leaves 3 courts strictly for tennis players without pickle ball lines and provides 4 courts specifically for pickle ball which is a fast growing sport. Players indicated that many times there is a line of people waiting for playing time and not all of our seasonal residents are back in town yet. Demand and popularity is growing and two dual striped courts does not meet the demand. The striping can take place when the court surface replacement takes place and the only other things that would be needed is 3 additional nets and fencing to separate the tennis courts. Staff will look into the cost.

The June 13, 2019 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. and several board members and staff went into a work session to tour Rotary, Riverside, Sunset, and Peninsula Beach Parks.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary