



Approved:

**Meeting of
August 8, 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, AUGUST 8, 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, and Gow Litzenburger

Meeting Attendance

Absent: Jo Bowman, Hugh Conklin and Rob Weick

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

Public Present: Eight

Excused Absences

Alexander moved, Sterling seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absences of Hugh Conklin, Rob Weick and Jo Bowman

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Alexander moved, Litzenburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion approving the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes as presented

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

- Eric Leaman a representative from the soccer program thanked the board and staff for taking action and placing the posts that provide separation from parking and the fields.
 - Char Weiner from the Boyne Valley Garden Club inquired about the timing of the rivermouth restroom renovations and timing. Fass indicated the project was being combined with the lift station renovation project and work would not take place prior to fall of 2020 or spring of 2021.
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Director's Report

Faas provided a written update in the agenda packet

Correspondence

None

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

Park Inspection Reports –

- Avalanche is looking good; one tree down on the trail and trash has been full at the base but the area is getting a lot of use, especially the bike trail.
- Boyne River Nature Trail – treated boards on the trail have an anti-slip on them and is now much safer to traverse.
- Sunset Park – there are a few issues with the natural landscape gardens that were installed, mostly due to the high water levels.
- Dog Park – grass is long but park is still getting lots of use
- Peninsula Beach looks good except the section of mobi-mat with the

tear is still there.

User Groups –

- Ridge Run Dog Park: Michele Carter requested watering bags for the newly planted trees. DPW staff will pour concrete around the drinking fountain in the big dog park.
- Travel Baseball – John Bush reported that the fields at Rotary are in pretty good shape and tournaments have been successful.

Unfinished Business

New Business

None

Proposed TOMMBA agreement

****MOTION**

Evangeline Township Trustee Michelle Cortright gave a brief summary of the proposed trail project and background information regarding the land acquisition by the Walloon Lake Trust & Conservancy and how the City's property as it is would really enhance the trail opportunities for the area and the overall economic impact of the proposed trails would have on the area. Litzenburger moved, **Alexander seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a recommendation to move forward with an agreement with TOMMBA to have trails built and maintained on the City's property in Evangeline Township.

Baseball / Softball User Group Update and Mission Statement

****MOTION**

The user group visited the fields and has begun taking inventory of current and future needs and will divide them into either maintenance or capital improvement projects. Christensen stated that DPW Director Faas has been good to work with and the group's goal is to continue to improve communication and come up with a plan to start tackling some of the items. The group inquired about grants and also discussed some fund-raising to help tackle projects. The group will continue to work with Faas and staff. **Alexander moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to recommend adoption of the user group mission statement.

Board Member Applications

Election of Officers

Two applications were submitted to fill the future vacancy left by Jo Bowman. Both applicants have merit and bring a lot to the table. The board will discuss further at the September meeting.

Election of officers was postponed in May due to low board attendance at the meeting. It was not placed on the June agenda due to the parks tours. Due to low board attendance, it is being postponed again until the September meeting.

Adjournment

The August 8, 2019 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary