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**MEETING OF
July 12, 2012**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 6:00 P.M. AT ROTARY PARK PAVILION ON THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Bill Kuhn, Heath Meeder, Mike Sheean, Marie Sheets, Jerry Swift, Gail VanHorn, and Carl Wehner

Absent: Lou Awodey

Welcome to the newest board member: Heath Meeder

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski
Recording Secretary Pat Haver

Public Present: one (1)

****MOTION**

Wehner moved, Sheean seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse the absence of Awodey.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

****MOTION**

Sheean moved, Wehner seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to approve the June 7, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 4th of July festival and activities were successful with all the parks looking good.
- Boyne Thunder is this weekend, things are going well
- Circus was in town, had some issues with damage to the irrigation system, normal wear on the grass. Possible re-location to Peninsula Beach for future events.
- Ten new picnic tables have been purchased, and are in the park system
- Riverside Park is slated to be mowed and weeds trimmed within the next week or so, to enable continued use.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Park Inspections

- Kuhn reported that there are approximately 10 targets that are usable at the archery ranges at Avalanche. Additional help is needed for upkeep. There are also shootable targets on the trails.
- Awodey (via email) noticed that the Peninsula beach areas need some attention. Kovolski stated that beach clean-up is ongoing weekly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. Trail Update

Sheean reported the Citizens' fund-raising group has reached their initial goal; however, they are continuing to raise funds for the project. The county has assigned the Road Commission as the grant applicant. Carl's famous fish fry is at the Eagles Hall on Friday June 20th. Limited tickets are still available for this next fund raising activity.

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 reported that he has a price quote of approximately \$ 2,200.00 to fund targets. If you purchase early in the year can get great deals. Also trade show exhibit targets can be purchased at a cost savings. Will report additional information at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Boyne Valley Garden Club

Charlotte Wehner representing the Garden Club is asking for help and support from the city. They really appreciate everything that has been done, however would like to request additional manpower and hardscape for several places/gardens.

- They would like to remain in the loop for garden discussions at Park St. and Ray St during construction,
- Daffodil Hill is becoming more difficult to maintain and upkeep in the spring and fall with leaf removal, would like manpower for upkeep. The handicap accessible area, each side, only grows native Michigan weeds. Possible irrigation problem, Kovolski will check into.
- River mouth planter boxes. They need to be replaced all the way around the building due to deterioration. It has been asked that the new boxes be built a little higher if possible utilizing 2 x 10 and/or 2 x 12 boards.

**Tree removal at
Avalanche**

Discussion revolved around the dead, dying, and diseased trees that are a hazard in the park. Several trees are very near the walking and bike trails and for safety reasons must be removed. Several years ago there were concerns about commercial logging in Avalanche. Huge public support against that was heard, however, due to safety something must be done to remove the hazards of the dying trees. Forest management is key to successful growth, and it is time to get a registered forester in to look at the situation. This item to be placed on future agendas for continued discussions.

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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 Old City Park

ADJOURNMENT

The July 12, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Pat Haver, Recording Secretary