



**Meeting of the
BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, September 1, 2016
6:00 p.m. at the
City Hall
(Temporary location: 364 N. Lake St.)**



1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of the August 4, 2016 meeting minutes
4. CITIZENS COMMENTS (non-agenda items – limit to 5 minutes)
5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. Letter from Dick Wheeler
7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES
 - A. Park Inspection Reports
 - B. Disc Golf Update
 - C. Trail(s) update (Boyne City/Charlevoix and Boyne Valley)
 - D. Friends of Avalanche
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Non-motorized trail route within the City limits – consideration to make a recommendation to implement a designated trail route from the end of the BC/Charlevoix trail at the City limits into the downtown.
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Avalanche Trail Construction Update (Steve Schnell)
 - B. Sunset Coast Birding Trail Request
10. GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2016 @ 6 p.m.
12. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTENDANCE RECORD
Parks & Recreation Commission
FY 2015- 2016

Member	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April
Bowman, Jo	P	P	X	P								
Meeder, Heath	E	P	X	E								
Parish, Darryl	P	P	X	P								
Patoka, Patrick	P	P	X	P								
Sheean, Mike	P	P	X	P								
Sheets, Marie	P	P	X	P								
Swift, Jerry	P	P	X	P								

P=Present
A=Absent
E=Excused

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Approved:

**MEETING OF
August 4, 2016**

**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, AUGUST 4, 2016.**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Sheean, Jerry Swift, Jo Bowman, Patrick Patoka, Darryl Parish and Marie Sheets

Absent: Heath Meeder

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Four (4)

****MOTION**

Sheets moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse the absence of Heath Meeder.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES **MOTION**

Swift moved, Parish seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion approving the June 2, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS
(on non-agenda items)**

Michelle Cortright provided an update on behalf of TOMMBA stating their crowd-funding goal was met and there are enough funds to start phase I of the mountain bike trail at Avalanche. Additional fund-raising activities are still being pursued for the remaining phases.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kovolski reported that it has been a good summer other than a couple of mowers breaking down. Due to some retirements there have been a few changes in staff. Rivermouth bathrooms roof repair is currently out for bids.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Park Inspection Reports -

- Swift visited each of the road ends and there are no changes since the last time.
- Sheets reported that there has been a lot of use in Old City Park and Veterans Park. She also expressed concern on behalf of the Friends of the Boyne River regarding the number of latex balloons in the river as a result of the water balloon fight that takes place during the raft race on the 4th of July causing pollution and litter. Members of the Friends of the Boyne River cleaned up the majority of it but wonder if there was a way to

- prevent it or have the event organizers assist in the cleanup.
 - **Disc Golf Update** – Will Hasseld from the Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club reported that they just had a successful tournament at Avalanche and plan to hold another in October as they have in the past. They have been working on general maintenance and have no plans to take on any major projects at this time.
 - **Trail(s) Update** (Board Chair Sheean) –Phase I of Boyne City Charlevoix Trail has been completed with the exception of signage. Boyne Valley Trail has grant applications submitted.
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UNFINIHSED BUSINESS

Riverside Park Improvements

After the June site visit, the general consensus of the board was there are some suggestions that could be fairly easy to implement.

M-Parks Grant Building Healthy Communities

Brooks reported that the City Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation board's recommendation for grant eligible projects and like the improved trail from the 1910 Water Works building to Avalanche and a picnic area; signage was a lower priority. Brooks also reported on the two programs associated with the grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Vacancy

City Commissioner Hugh Conklin has expressed an interest in serving on the board. Chair Sheean thought Commissioner Conklin might have a conflict with the meeting date and/or time. Brooks indicated that Commissioner Conklin is aware of the meeting schedule and still expressed an interest. **Swift moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend the appointment of Commissioner Hugh Conklin to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board based on availability for meeting attendance.

**MOTION

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 6 pm at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The August 4, 2016 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary

Dick Wheeler's Miracle

July 2016

When I'm feeling dark and down hearted and my world just ain't right, I'll remember this story and it'll make my day bright.

A year or so ago I fell and broke my hip. I spent thirty days between the hospital and a rehab center to recover. I lost the ability to ambulate on my own. I now need a walker to help stabilize me. My kids bought me an electric cart so that I can take my dog, Rio (a seven year old German Shorthaired Pointer) outside to get some exercise. To walk her I don't use a leash - I simply trained her to heel by my left side as I drive the cart. We are an unusual sight as we travel down the side street in our neighborhood.

One day, even though it was threatening rain we went on an outing to the Boyne City dog park, which is so close that we can see it from our house. There were only two other people there with their dog. The man and his wife were good conversationalists, so we chatted until it began to sprinkle. Rio and I headed for home and the sprinkles quickly turned into a downpour, with thunder and lightening adding to the danger. It was difficult to navigate - I couldn't see a thing. I didn't see the patch of soft, wet sand I

was steering into and the cart sank right down into it - leaving me stuck on a seldom-traveled road in the pouring rain. I tried to lift the cart but it was much too heavy. What to do?

Suddenly, the couple from the dog park came up behind me in their car. Unbeknownst to me, Rio had run back to the dog park to get their help and she led the saviors straight to me. The couple stepped out of their dry car into the downpour and the three of us were able to get the cart moving again. What a blessing! I headed straight for home, with Rio still at heel beside me. Two soggy creatures seeking shelter from the storm. My new-found angels followed behind us to make sure that we made it home safely. Once I turned the cart into our driveway, they honked their horn and drove away.

Then it came to me - I didn't even know their names! I didn't know their address, phone number or any information about them at all. How can you thank someone under those circumstances? What to do? Put a personal note in the local paper? Pray? You bet!

A few days later I finally mustered up enough gumption to take Rio back to the dog park. Once again, there was only one couple there with their

dog. I struck up a conversation with them and we chatted for a while. Then, I shared my story about getting my cart stuck during a downpour the other day and how two angels had saved me. "That was US", they said. I could hardly believe my good luck!

We dove into a lengthy conversation then. When I told them my name, the man asked, "did you ever take an Explorer Scout troop on a trip to the Boy Scout Camp in Philmont, New Mexico?" When I said yes, he explained that he was part of that troop and he was on the trip with us. That was more than 50 years ago!

I learned that their names are Roger and Pat Jacobson and I'll never forget them.