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**MEETING OF  
JULY 17, 2014**

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT  
6:00 P.M. AT THE PENINSULA BEACH ON THURSDAY, JULY 17,  
2014.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Swift at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Sheean, Bill Kuhn, , Darryl Parish, Marie Sheets, Jerry  
Swift and Gail VanHorn

Absent: Jo Bowman and Heath Meeder

**MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Three

**\*\*MOTION**

**Van Horn moved, Parish seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a  
motion to excuse Sheean from the June 5, 2014 meeting and Bowman  
and Meeder from July 17, 2014 meeting.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES \*\*MOTION**

**VanHorn moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,** a  
motion approving the June 5, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kovolski reported that all the parks are busy but holding up well.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

**Park Inspection Reports**

- Rotary Park -Trash needs to be addressed and the dead trees are still there
- Riverside Park - A trail has finally been mowed, there is still no signage to promote the park or let people know it is a public park.
- Kuhn expressed concern about the flooding taking place on Avalanche property off Division St.. He shared pictures taken from this past spring and summer. He would like the board to recommend that City Commission to continue to look into a

resolution to address this flooding issue. Kovolski requested that no action be taken at this time until he has time to speak with the City Manager. Brooks indicated that this was not on the agenda as an agenda item seeking action; however the board could still considerate this, it just would not have given the public any notification that this was going to be discussed.

- Sheets has picked up trash in Old City Park along the river. It was also observed that there is paint scraped off of the fence and a weed problem. There was discussion as to if the City is responsible for the weeds or if Friends of the Boyne River were supposed to maintain this area.
- Veterans Park has been kept clean through the heavy use during the fourth of July and Boyne Thunder. The only issue seemed to be keeping the bathrooms clean and useable.

**Disc Golf Update** – Members of the Boyne Valley Club expressed their appreciation for the new baskets. People from outside the area are using the course and there has been a lot of positive feedback on how nice of a course it is. The club has added 4 new log benches. The goal of the club is to continue to maintain and improve what is already there. There are still some downed / leaning dead trees that could be a potential hazard and should be removed. They have requested diamond dust if the City has some so they can try it on a tee box.

**Trail(s) Updates** – Sheean reported things are progressing on all trails. Grant applications for the Boyne Valley Trail have been submitted and are under review for Phase I. While things are still moving forward with the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail, phase I will start in the spring not this fall as anticipated. The hold up is between MDOT and MDNR, not anything on a local level.

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**UNFINIHSED  
BUSINESS**

**Mountain Bike Trail at  
Avalanche**

The erosion problems on the bike trail at Avalanche has been identified but not fixed as of yet.

**Tree Removals at face  
of Avalanche/Dead  
and/or downed tree  
removal from trails**

Face of the hill on hold until fall, will put back on the September agenda for update. Removal on trails is ongoing as staff time allows.

**Avalanche Signage**

Installed at the base of the hill but not at the top or along the trails

**Dog Park Update**

Committee Chair Michele Carter reported that the fencing and gates have been installed for the large and small dog park areas. There is some fencing left over and that will be used for the agility area once more funds have been raised to purchase the remaining fencing. A donor has given the dog park some agility equipment to use at the park.

For the time being it may be installed in a corner of the large dog area. The City has run water lines and Boyne Country Plumbing has installed temporary spigots until there are actual drinking fountains. Donors have also sponsored the drinking fountains, cement work, design and labor to start shade pavilions, excavating equipment has been donated and/or discounted services to groom the area. There is another donor who is interested in helping with the installation of a walking trail around the inside perimeter of the fence of the large dog park. Signs have been designed and donated by the Wood Shop and will be installed shortly. There is another group who has expressed an interest in looking into donating a water feature. The VanHorn family had a cute float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to promote the park. Fund-raising is ongoing; Approximately \$32,000 has been raised to date. The grand opening / ribbon cutting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2014. More details to follow.

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Smoke / Tobacco Free Parks

#### \*\*MOTION

The board is in favor of discouraging smoking and tobacco in public parks. There was discussion if this needed to be an ordinance or if it could be a park rule / policy or just a strong suggestion. This subject has been brought up before and discussed and the board thought that maybe the timing wasn't right before but would encourage further discussion and research regarding this suggestion. **Kuhn moved, Parish seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to propose the City Commission look into restricting or eliminating smoking in all City parks & beaches in any manner they see fit.

### Disc Golf Baskets

The Boyne Valley Club inquired as to what the City might do with old baskets that were removed when the new ones were installed. They suggested selling them and putting money back into the park and/or the course. Interested people might be another community looking to get a course started or individuals for backyards. Kovolski stated the proper procedure for city owned property is to advertise and accept bids on them.

### Fireplace at Avalanche Warming House

Bill Kuhn brought forward and opportunity to purchase a gas fireplace for \$1,000 and labor and other materials would be donated to install this at the warming house. Kuhn added that it would add to ambience of the warming house and be another feature that would make the place special. He and Mark Fruge have been working on the details with Andy.

### Memorial Bench Proposal

Kovolski reported that he has had contact with Adam Looze who would like to purchase and have installed a memorial bench for Bill Grice who passed away this winter. Through conversation, it sounds like he may have already ordered the bench assuming it was ok to have it place on City property and not understanding the process. It is a black granite

bench with a memorial plaque on it that he would like to see placed somewhere near the Red Mesa and the river. Pictures of the proposed bench were not available at the time of the meeting. The board would like additional information before considering this request. Kovolski will work with Looze to get more details and bring it back to the next meeting.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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Kovolski informed the board he will be gone on medical leave from shoulder surgery and will not be able to attend the meeting scheduled for August 7, 2014. After board discussion Sheets moved, VanHorn seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to move the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to August 14<sup>th</sup> at Rotary Park.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6 pm at Rotary Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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The July 17, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary