



**Meeting of the
BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
Thursday, October 3, 2013
6:00 p.m. at **CITY HALL**



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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
 - A. Absences
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of the September 5, 2013 meeting minutes
4. CITIZENS COMMENTS (non-agenda items – limit to 5 minutes)
5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
6. CORRESPONDENCE
7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES
 - A. Park Inspection Reports
 - All Parks / Road End Access Sites
 - Disc Golf Update
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Avalanche Signage update
 - B. Tree Removals at Avalanche - face of the hill
 - C. Tree Removals at Avalanche - trail maintenance
 - D. Dog Park
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Trail Town meeting proposal
10. GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Next regular meeting is schedule for November 7, 2013 at City Hall
12. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTENDANCE RECORD
Parks & Recreation Commission
FY 2013– 2014

Member	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April
Bowman, Jo	---	P	P	P	P							
Kuhn, Bill	P	P	P	P	P							
Meeder, Heath	P	P	P	P	P							
Parish, Darryl	P	P	P	A	P							
Sheean, Mike	P	P	P	P	P							
Sheets, Marie	P	P	P	P	P							
Swift, Jerry	P	P	E	P	P							
VanHorn, Gail	P	P	P	P	P							

P=Present
A=Absent
E=Excused

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Approved: _____

**MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 5, 2013**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT
6:00 P.M. AT RIVERSIDE PARK ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Jo Bowman, Bill Kuhn, Heath Meeder, Mike Sheean, Marie Sheets, Jerry Swift and Gail Van Horn

Absent: Darryl Parish (arrived at 6:05 pm)

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Two

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
MOTION**

VanHorn moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to approve the August 8, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kovolski reported the following:

- Some hazardous trees have been removed from Avalanche trails; however, there are more trees that need to be removed.
 - The city will be going out to bids to install irrigation in Veterans Park (between State St and the river) this next week
 - The parks have been heavily used over the summer but seem to be holding up well.
 - Archery targets have been ordered, and should be delivered soon. Were able to get 40% discount direct from the company.
 - The sign at Avalanche has been approved in concept by this board, and the City Commission, just waiting on final verbiage from the Wood Shop.
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CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Park Inspections

Riverside Park - Things are going well, it is getting some use.

Old City Park - Looking good, and is a peaceful park.

Tannery Beach - Usage has increased this past summer.

Veterans Park - Looks great considering all of the heavy use.

Peninsula Beach - Some use this summer, however, the volleyball courts don't seem to be used as often as a couple years ago.

Disc Golf

Forest Omland and Rob Wiltjer from the Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club gave an update on the use and condition of the course. (Report received and filed). Omland expressed his appreciation on behalf of the club regarding the mowing; it looks great and there have been a lot of positive comments. They have requested permission to hold a tournament on Saturday, October 19th; a park request form has been submitted. In the report, they are asking for consideration from the city to purchase 10 new Discraft Chainstar baskets. The baskets on the front 9 holes are the original baskets that were custom made. They have deteriorated in the past few years, and are in need of replacement. The club has looked into replacement basket options and has come up with a price quote. This would enhance the look of the course, and allow the club to offer sanctioned PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) events. The 10th basket would be used as a practice basket added behind the first tee pad. Kovolski indicated that the department would consider and add this request into the budget for 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tree Removal Maintenance

Face of the hill - The contractor and Andy will be meeting Tuesday or Wednesday of next week to get the work going.

Trail maintenance - City staff will continue to work on this as time allows.

Dog Park

Board members were not able to meet with the Humane Society Director Scott MacKenzie. A meeting will be scheduled for next week. Kovolski passed out an alternative map to the layout of the area. It is the same basic square footage, however, takes into consideration a different layout to move away from the residential houses in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

VanHorn stated that the Garden Club has done a wonderful job this summer with all of the flowers around town and in the parks. Should this board consider sending a thank you note for all of their hard work? Kovolski indicated that the City Commission will take care of that. He also wanted to report that the Garden Club could possibly approach the city for some financial consideration in the future for assistance with the purchase of flowers.

Kuhn requested (6) skate “assist” devices for the ice rink this winter. They will be doing an ice skate and sled inventory. Also inquired about the possibility of security cameras for the face of the hill and inside the warming house. Kovolski reported security cameras for Old City Park for the gazebo and fountain, River Mouth building areas along with Avalanche have also been considered.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday October 3, 2013 at 6 pm at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

The September 5, 2013 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. Moved by Sheets, seconded by Bowman, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pat Haver, Recording Secretary

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Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club Discussion Points and Avalanche Disc Golf Course Status Report For 9/5/13 Boyne City Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting:

- Thank you for continuing to do such a great job mowing the course. It is very much appreciated!
- We have new tee signs in process and request committee approval of our design before continuing.
- We wish to hold a tournament event at Avalanche on Saturday 10/19/13. Park request form submitted.
- We still request help from the city in clearing the large downed trees on hole #8 (open from 6/6/13).
- We also request some "baseball diamond dust" material for a trial on hole #9 tee pad (open from 8/8/13).
- NEW FUNDING REQUEST FOR 10 DISCRAFT CHAINSTAR BASKETS. See separate proposal sheet and quotes.

The disc golf course currently has two types of baskets. The original front-9 baskets were custom-made by a company in Fife Lake and are currently on holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10. After ten years of use these baskets are in poor condition. While they were a great value option at the time, the quality of the factory-made Discraft Chainstar baskets on the remaining nine holes is far superior. Unlike the front-9 baskets, the galvanized Chainstars have not rusted and in fact look brand new. They also catch discs better with more chains, have consistently fabricated catchers, and are still one of the best available.

Our request is for city funds to purchase 10 new Discraft Chainstar baskets so that they would all match. 9 would replace the old Fife Lake baskets, and 1 would be a "practice basket" added behind tee pad #1. Total cost with tax and shipping is estimated at \$3250. Club volunteers would perform the installation. Old baskets could be sold in a silent auction with profits going to these or any other park improvements.

Having good baskets is arguably the most important element of a course (other than the design itself). Thanks to league participation and member dues/donations, our club has managed to generate a small amount of revenue in our first six months of existence, but we are still shy of being able to purchase any new baskets ourselves. We feel they would be a great park investment for the city to make at this time, and they would even allow sanctioned PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) events to be held at Avalanche in the future. It is also our hope that any future course expansions/revisions to include more holes would also use Discraft Chainstar baskets. Thank you very much for your consideration.



Example of old Fife Lake basket on hole #6



Example of Discraft Chainstar basket on hole #15

Avalanche Park Disc Golf Course Funding Request For 10 New Discraft Chainstar Disc Golf Baskets



29592 Beck Road, Wixom MI 48393 USA Voice: 248-624-2250 Fax: 248-624-2310 www.discraft.com discraft@discraft.com

Quote

Quote Date Quote #
8/28/2013 205111

Bill To: Forrest Omland P.O. Box 365 Charlevoix MI 49720		Acct No. 100814	Ship To: Please Advise	
Order Date	Ship By	Ship Via	Purchase Order #	Terms
8/28/2013		ECHO - R&L Carriers		Prepaid

MERCHANDISE

Qty Ord	Qty Ship	Unavailable	Code	Description	Price	Ext. Price
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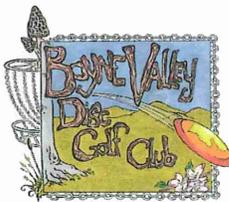
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	Amount Paid	\$0.00
	BALANCE DUE:	\$3,249.65

Thank you for your order!
Please reference your quote number on your payment.

The amount we are asking for is \$3250 which should cover the cost of 10 new baskets.

\$325 per basket (with tax & shipping) is a good price. MSRP per Discraft is \$353. Other prices for comparison (without tax or shipping) are: Dynamic Discs = \$360, Disc Golf Center = \$360, and Disc Golf World = \$385. The best deal is through the actual manufacturer, and we may be able to get free shipping if we ask a local business to help by allowing us to ship through them.

Having the same high quality basket on all of the disc golf course holes is the #1 player request and ours as well. Thank you very much for your consideration. -- 9/5/13



Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club

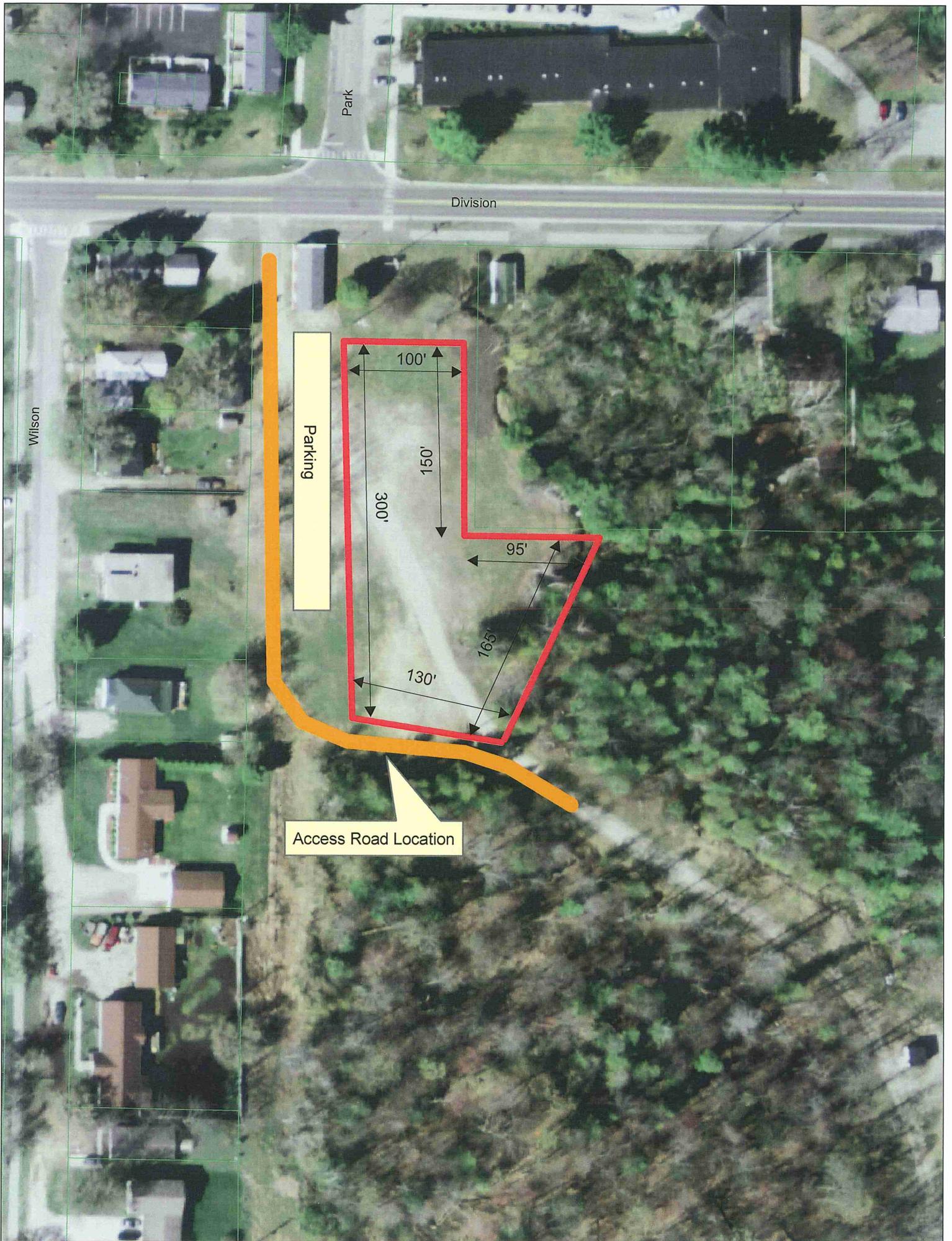
Website = www.boynevalleydiscgolf.org

Facebook URL = www.facebook.com/BoyneValleyDGC

Email = contactus@boynevalleydiscgolf.org

Founding members = Jason McCary, Forrest Omland, Rob Wiltjer





Park

Division

Wilson

Parking

Access Road Location

100'

150'

95'

163'

130'

300'

Trail Towns

What is a *Trail Town*?

A *Trail Town* is a community in which local officials have used their trail system as the focal point of a tourism-centered strategy for economic development and local revitalization. The Trail Town concept was originally developed by the Allegheny Trail Alliance, a coalition of seven trail organizations along the Great Allegheny Passage, a 150-mile multi-use trail running through Pennsylvania and Maryland. Many communities in Michigan are now working to develop their own local Trail Town Program. The basic Trail Town concept is simple: **ensure that communities along the trail are better able to maximize the economic potential of trail-based tourism.**



The local Trail Town effort can be centered around any type of trail (e.g., non-motorized, snow-mobile, equestrian and kayak). While the Trail Town concept is primarily geared toward cities and towns, the concept is very much applicable in rural areas that have at least one small center of commercial activity. Most Trail towns are not isolated communities - they are linked together by the trail, creating a regional destination for residents, trail users and tourists.

How Does a Community Establish a Trail Town?

While there are a number of different ways in which local communities can organize around an effort to create a Trail Town Program, the most common approach has been to use the “Four Point Approach” developed by the National Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

1. **Organization.** Establish consensus and cooperation by building partnerships among various groups that have a stake in the local trail system and the downtown.
2. **Promotion.** Sells the image and promise of a Trail Town to all prospects.
3. **Design.** Gets the Trail Town into top physical shape to create a safe and appealing environment.
4. **Economic Restructuring.** Helping existing businesses expand and recruit new businesses to respond to current trail activities and market forces.

What are the Benefits of Becoming a Trail Town?

Over the last several years, as the full economic potential of linking trails, recreation, tourism and business development has become better known, the Trail Town concept has caught on. According to an article from the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, “communities around the country are increasingly utilizing the ‘Trail town’ model of economic revitalization that places trails as the centerpiece of a tourism-centered strategy for small town revitalization.” In fact, studies from neighboring states like Wisconsin have shown that bicycle tourism supports more than \$900 million in tourism and residential spending each year.

For more information about the Trail Towns concept, please contact:

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