



Approved:

**Meeting of
September 10, 2020**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 5:00 P.M. AT ROTARY PARK ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Sheean, Greg Vadnais, Tom Smith, Diane Sterling, Rob Weick, and Hugh Conklin

Absent: Lisa Alexander and Heather Huffstutler

****MOTION**

Sterling moved, Conklin seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse the absence of Alexander

Meeting Attendance

City Staff: DPW director Tim Faas and executive assistant Barb Brooks

Public Present: Five (5)

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Conklin moved Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the May 19, 2020 and August 13, 2020 meeting minutes

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

Mason Vadnais asked if the City / Parks & Recreation would consider the idea of a skate park in Boyne City. Chair Sheean explained that it had been discussed several years ago and there were the start of plans but it never gained much traction. The general consensus of the board was that it was worth revisiting. A subcommittee was formed to do some research of current cost, past proposals and previous conversations at Parks & Recreation and City Commissions. Brooks to provide past meeting minutes and other prior documents.

Director's Report

In addition to the written report provided in the agenda packet Faas mentioned the drawings for John St. and Lakeshore Dr. have been finalized. He also opened up the discussion regarding electric bike (e-bikes / pedal assist) allowance on the non-motorized trails. There are three different classifications of bikes that have three different maximum top end speeds. Two of which are pedal assist and the third doesn't require pedaling. There were concerns about the speed of the e-bike that doesn't require pedal assist. At this time the City's stance is that e-bikes will be allowed on the paved non-motorized trails but not allowed on the trails at Avalanche or Boyne Forrest.

Correspondence

None

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

Park Inspection Reports –

1. Archery targets were up
2. Avalanche trails have been busy with multiple uses
3. Peninsula Beach looked good
4. Dog Park heavily used, the low area is extremely muddy

Smith reported the TOMMBA map & sign at the top of Avalanche along the ridge as missing. Conklin mentioned TOMMBA was replacing the signs due to animal damage.

User Groups – Michele Carter updated the board on the status of the dog park proposed agility area. The area has been graded and fencing ordered. Due to the effects of Covid-19, the donation of recycled turf grass could not be secured from the original vendor. Carter has been in contact with other vendors and has found someone willing to negotiate a price for used turf but has not been successful in finding someone willing to donate the material. Carter expressed concern about losing momentum for the project, losing the Charlevoix County Community Foundation grant that was received and the original \$10,000 donor has been asking for a status update. The general consensus of the board is that the dog park user group has done their due diligence in raising all of the funds to create what we have and that the City should make a financial investment to continue to move the project along. **Conklin moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend spending up to \$8,000 to purchase and install recycled turf grass in the new agility area at the dog park.

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Unfinished Business

Avalanche Signage

With a few minor tweaks, the general consensus of the board was for director Faas to move forward with signs as proposed. Faas stated that he was in hopes that the installation would take place during the first week of October.

New Business

**Charlevoix County
Community Foundation
Enrichment Grant**

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The Foundation is offering this grant to focus on community benefit. Faas suggested a grant application to purchase and install signage for and along the Boyne Valley Trail. The board thought this was a good idea to provide trail info, identify parking and trailhead areas, etc. **Conklin moved, Weick seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend moving forward with the application.

Student Board Member

Charlevoix student Liam Dreyer serves on the Charlevoix’s DDA board and set a goal to initiate a program where students throughout Charlevoix County get more involved in local government. This fits in with Sterling’s suggestion/request to have more student involvement on the Parks & Rec. board. The board is interested in pursuing this. **Weick moved, Vadnais seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to recommend the appointment of a student board member to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

****MOTION**

**Veterans Park Pavilion
Rental Fees**

****MOTION**

The board reviewed the recommended fee schedule and felt it was a good starting point. **Conklin moved, Weick seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend approval of the proposed Veterans Park fee schedule

Huffstutler Resignation

Huffstutler submitted her resignation to the board via email. She was moving and would no longer be a City resident. **Vadnais moved, Smith seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the resignation of Heather Huffstutler.

****MOTION**

Adjournment

The September 10, 2020 regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary

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