



**Meeting of the  
BOYNE CITY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Thursday, April 3, 2014  
6:00 p.m. at City Hall



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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Approval of the March 6, 2014 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)
  - B. Disc Golf Update
  - C. Trails update (Trail Town, Boyne City/Charlevoix and Boyne City to Boyne Falls)
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Dog Park proposal
  - B. Tree Removal at Avalanche (Face of the Hill)
  - C. Mountain Bike Trail
9. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Consider locations for summer meeting schedule (May – September)
10. GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A. Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2014 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	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Kuhn, Bill	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Meeder, Heath	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	
Parish, Darryl	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	
Sheean, Mike	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	
Sheets, Marie	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	
Swift, Jerry	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	
VanHorn, Gail	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	

P=Present  
A=Absent  
E=Excused

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEETING OF  
MARCH 6, 2014**

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, MARCH 6, 2014.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Sheean, Bill Kuhn, Gail VanHorn, Heath Meeder, Marie Sheets and Jo Bowman

Absent: Darryl Parish and Jerry Swift

**MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: two (2)

**\*\*MOTION**

Excused Absence(s): **Sheets moved, VanHorn seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence of Swift and Parish due to traveling out of town.

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

**Kuhn moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, a motion approving the February 6, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kovolski reported Avalanche is still going well; lots of positive comments. The Ice Pole has been getting a lot of attention (people taking photos); once the temperature starts to warm up, fencing or caution tape will have to go around it to keep people away in case of falling ice chunks.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

**Park Inspections**

**Avalanche** - Kuhn, who is working at the warming house, reported that the even though the temperatures remain cold, the sun is starting to break down the ice on the rink. At this time Kuhn does not intend to have the annual pizza party for the local kids as they haven't been coming around like they have in past years. VanHorn offered to help purchase pizza if there ends up being a party.

## Disc Golf

Forest Omland, representing the Boyne Valley Club presented the board with a review of accomplishments in 2013 and goals and ideas for 2014. Within the goals there are two items that are potential budget items for the City / Parks & Recreation; 1) 10 new regulation baskets 2) installation of a practice area by the old hockey rink.

The board expressed their gratitude toward the user group for coming forward and being such good stewards of the disc golf course and being sensitive to all of the activities and the natural setting that makes Avalanche special.

## Dog Park

The dog park committee has formed their subgroups and is working on cost estimates and preliminary plans. They are not quite ready to start fund-raising but the committee has some good ideas once they get started. The project isn't moving along quite as fast as they had hoped but they are definitely making progress.

## Trails

**Trail Town** - the final plan is being worked on this month and may possibly be presented to board for review in April.

**BC/Charlevoix Trail** - Phase 1 is slated to start construction in June

**BC/BF Trail** - All property issues have been resolved. The committee, which includes representatives from all stake holders (Boyne Mt, Boyne Falls Village, Boyne Valley Twp and Boyne City), has been meeting regularly with the engineers. It looks like the project will be done in three separate phases to maximize grant opportunities and funding sources. A representative from the engineering firm will meet with state and federal agencies to discuss the project and potential funding.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Rotary Plaques

Martha Mischler representing the Boyne City Rotary Club presented a proposal to place bronze Rotary Plaques on two buildings that were built as Rotarian Projects. The buildings are the Concession / Restroom Building at Rotary Park and what used to be known as the "Beach House" which is the 2 story green building by the Little League field. This is something that Rotary members have wanted to do but was just not ever implemented. They have a couple current members were a part of both projects and would like to see the plaques put in place recognizing Rotary for their efforts and community involvement.

**Board Discussion:** The general consensus of the board after reviewing the proposal and looking at the plaques was that this was a good idea and should be implemented as soon as possible. The Rotary has been involved in some great community projects and should be recognized for it. Kovolski concurred with the board and added the he felt this was a fitting tribute to their generosity.

### \*\*MOTION

**Meeder moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recognize and thank the Rotary Club for their service and recommend approval of the placement of the bronze plaques at the Beach House and Rotary Park Concession as presented.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**2014 / 15 Budget  
Considerations**

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Kovolski reviewed the proposed budget with the board and explained that Capital Outlay encompasses of larger projects / park improvements, excluding Avalanche because its own budget and civic projects include support for 4-H swim school and the garden club annual flower plantings.

VanHorn asked if anything could be done to improve the exterior of the river mouth bathrooms. It is a very unattractive building in a highly visible location. Kovolski agreed that it is not a very attractive building but exterior improvements are quite costly and there is a limitation to what can be done with a brick building. Van Horn asked if some of the smaller items could be tackled such as the window treatments, doors painted, etc.

Kuhn added that it would be nice to have benches or chairs outside at the skating rink for onlookers to use instead of having them stand outside the entire time to watch or for skater to be able to sit and put on, tie or remove skates without having to come into the building.

**\*\*MOTION**

**VanHorn moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend the budget move forward as presented.

**Good of the Order**

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It was brought to the board's attention that the Mountain Bike Trail at Avalanche may be in need of some repair and attention. The volunteers / user group that used to make sure it was in good condition is not as active. Forrest Omland, who rides as well as plays disc golf, offered to inquire with Bo Mayfield at Boyne Country Cycle Shop to discuss whether there are maintenance issues and if there is an active user group that the Parks & Recreation Board could tap into.

**NEXT MEETING**

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The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 6 pm at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT  
\*\*MOTION**

The March 6, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. **Moved by Bowman, seconded by Kuhn, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary

## Barb Brooks

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**From:** Forrest Omland [forrestomland@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 15, 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** Michael Sheean  
**Cc:** Barb Brooks  
**Subject:** A Quick Word From Bo Mayfield (North Country Cycle Sport)

Hello Mike,

In the last parks & recreation commission meeting, I volunteered to contact Bo Mayfield regarding the bike trails at Avalanche. Here is his Facebook response to my message which I've shared (and also copied Barb Brooks) in case I am not able to attend the next meeting in April.

" Hi Forrest. There have been a couple of people who have volunteered time to put in work on the trails. Mainly removing fallen trees. The trails could use more work than that as they have eroded in spots where the layout wasn't really done right. This would require rerouting to fix and I know there is often some resistance to anything like that. That said, I'm on the board of the local chapter of the International Mountain Biking Association and we would be happy to take on a more active role if the parks and rec commission would like us to. "

I thanked Bo and told him we could talk again in the spring when things are once again dry enough to ride and evaluate. I also invited him or anyone who might have an interest to come to one of your meetings, as our club has done.

-- Forrest Omland