



Approved: 4/3/2014

**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**

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

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

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.**

Barb Brooks

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary