



Approved:

**Meeting of  
April 11, 2019**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019.

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**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Sheean at 5:00 p.m.

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**Roll Call**

Present: Mike Sheean, Diane Sterling, Jo Bowman, Hugh Conklin and Greg Vadnais

**Meeting Attendance**

Absent: Lisa Alexander, Rob Weick and Gow Litzenburger

City Staff: DPW superintendent Tim Faas and recording secretary Barb Brooks

**Excused Absences**

**\*\*MOTION**

Public Present: two (2)

**Conklin moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence(s) of Litzenburger, Weick and Alexander

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**Approval of Minutes**

**\*\*MOTION**

**Sterling moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion approving the March 14, 2019 meeting minutes as presented

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

Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy representative Heather Huffstutler informed the board that May 15, 2019 was the tentative closing date for the purchase of the 40 acre parcel in Evangeline which will be used to expand the trails already located on the school forest property. Fund-raising is ongoing including an event at Stiggs. There has been a lot of community support and donors for the project.

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**Director's Report**

Director Faas provided a written report included in the agenda packet and also updated the board the status of the delineating fields from parking at Rotary Park. Posts were purchased and staff will work on it once the frost is out of the ground.

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**Correspondence**

None

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

**Park Inspection Reports** – Conklin inquired about the tennis court repairs. Faas indicated it was dependent on weather conditions and it hasn't been resolved as to who will be responsible for the cost.  
**User Groups** – Another phase of the mountain bike trails at Avalanche, which was part of the original overall plan will be constructed this year. It is about ½ mile of trail and will take approximately 4 – 6 weeks

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**Unfinished Business**

None

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**New Business**

**Grant Opportunity**

**\*\*MOTION**

There is an opportunity for a grant application to be submitted to the League of Michigan Bicyclist. Ideas were additional bike racks and a repair station. **Conklin moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend applying for 2 bike racks.

**Bike Share Program**

There has been discussion regarding on how to better promote the program, potentially add additional bikes & bike racks and to provide better shelter for them.

**Memorial Donation Policy**

A draft policy regarding how to receive and manage memorials / donations to our parks. The general consensus of the board was in favor of the policy. There was additional discussion regarding adding items such as bricks and also different ways the donors or honoree could be recognized instead of plaques on site. Director Faas asked the board to take a little more time to think on the draft policy and board discussion and this will be put on the next agenda for refinement before going to the City Commission.

**Summer Meeting Schedule / Parks Tour Adjournment**

Board discussion regarding whether meetings were going to be scheduled in various parks during the summer months or if the board was interested in taking a group tour of some of the parks at a special meeting or in place of a regular meeting. The general consensus was that the board preferred to keep regular meetings at City Hall and would like to schedule a tour immediately following the June regular meeting.

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The April 11, 2019 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary