



Approved:

**Meeting of  
December 12, 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, NOVEMBER 14, 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, Lisa Alexander Greg Vadnais, and Hugh Conklin

**Meeting Attendance**

Absent: Smith, Litzenburger and Weick

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

Public Present: two

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**Excused Absences**

**\*\*MOTION**

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

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**Approval of Minutes**

**\*\*MOTION**

**Conklin moved, Alexander seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion approving the November 14, 2019 meeting minutes and the November 19, 2019 Joint Work Session minutes as presented

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

Michael Cortright reported that the groomer was experiencing some mechanical difficulties and had somebody coming to look at it. He will coordinate with staff on repairs.

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**Director's Report**

Faas provided a written report.

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**Correspondence**

Email from William Brady regarding the proposed non-motorized trail from West Michigan to Old City Park

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

**Park Inspection Reports** – A couple of trees down at Avalanche

**User Groups** – Preliminary discussion regarding lighting installation at the dog park. Park users are working with staff to obtain costs and discuss funding options.

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**Unfinished Business**

**West Michigan / North  
Lake St. Non-motorized  
Trail Discussion**

The board discussed feedback they heard at and since the December 19<sup>th</sup> work session, including Mr. Brady's email. They viewed the map to see if there would be any benefit to routing the path down Bay St. Additional conversations should be had with homeowners along the route. The general consensus of the Segment 5 through the Open Space is that it should stay closer to the road and not go down by the lake. Faas will keep the board apprised of any upcoming meetings and additional input.

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**New Business**

**Draft Recreation Master Plan Discussion**

The draft plan has been released for a 30 day public review and comment period. It can be viewed or downloaded on the City's website and a hard copy is available at the front desk. Board input should be sent to recording secretary Brooks for collection and forwarding to the consultant.

**2020 County Millage Allocation Request**

The County will begin accepting applications in January for the 2020 round of millage allocation funds. Michelle Cortright from Evangeline Township asked the board if they were interested in submitting a joint application with the township to construct a gravel parking lot and trail on the City's capped landfill property in the township for the new non-motorized trails that are being built on the adjacent property owned by the Walloon Lake Trust and Land Conservancy and will be extended on the City's property. The general consensus of the board was that this was a good idea as the adjacent School Forest Trail is already a popular destination with inadequate parking and will only get busier as the trail is expanded. Other ideas were additional benches along the non-motorized path on Division and Front Streets, making our current kayak launch ADA accessible and a solid surface walkway from the non-motorized trail on Division to the pavilion located on the Waterworks park property.

**2020 Meeting Schedule**  
**\*\*MOTION**

**Conklin moved, Vadnais seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to continue to monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. with no meeting scheduled for July. May, June and August meetings could potentially be held in a park (weather permitting) and would be scheduled and announced at the prior month meeting.

**Adjournment**

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The December 12, 2019 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary