



Approved:

**Meeting of  
August 4, 2021**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **RESCHEDULED BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE PARKVIEW ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021.

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**Call to Order**

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

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**Roll Call**

Present: Mike Sheean, Greg Vadnais, Andy Schmittdiel, Rob Weick, and Tom Smith

Absent: Lisa Alexander, Diane Sterling, Hugh Conklin and Lilianna Richards

City Staff: DPW Director Tim Faas and Recording Secretary Pat Haver

**Meeting Attendance**

Public Present: Four (4)

**\*\*MOTION**

**Smith moved, Weick seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence of Alexander, Sterling and Conklin

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**Approval of Minutes**

**\*\*MOTION**

**Schmittdiel moved Weick seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the May 13, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

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

**Ron Crozier spoke on behalf of the Veterans Memorial Committee.** He is before the board tonight hoping to get a recommendation to the City Commission for a proposed 3 ft tall, 14 gauge black vinyl fence around 2 sides of the memorial, (example received and filed). For the past 13 years, he indicated that multiple events and people utilizing the park, have encroached into the memorial with generators, vehicles and other objects. By placing the fence 30 feet from the memorial and 50 feet from the Roll of Honor, they hope that it will still encourage people to visit the memorial, however, keep the encroachment at bay. Their committee has been in contact with Harbor Fence for design and pricing. Crozier indicated that it will be minimal cost to the Memorial Committee with 90% of the cost already being donated. With board discussion, they had concerns about maintenance of the lawn growth around and under the fence. It was suggested to place the fence over a bed of gravel that is placed on top of a weed/landscape barrier to mitigate weed growth. The board also would like staff to be involved in the final placement and details for openings to allow access to the area. With no further board discussion, **motion by Schmittdiel, seconded by Weick, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to recommend approval of the Veterans Memorial Fence as proposed with the addition of a weed barrier underneath and working with staff for final placement and details.

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**Gary Mellon spoke on behalf of the Boyne City Rotary Club** - Next year the Rotary Club will be celebrating their Centennial and would like to propose a project for the city, they are looking at a covered pavilion for Peninsula Beach. Faas advised the board that in the Capital Improvement Plan, Peninsula Beach is slated in a couple of years to have the bathroom house rebuilt. Depending on timing and the budget, it was talked about having a joint project with the Rotary Club providing the covered pavilion and the city upgrading the restrooms at the same time. Putting together a committee to brainstorm design and location would be the starting point to get the ball rolling, sooner rather than later. The proposed project was well received by the board and with no further discussion, **motion by Smith, seconded by Vadnais, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to proceed with discussion of a joint project between the Rotary Club and the city of a covered structure tied in with the renovation/rebuild of the current restroom at Peninsula Beach.

**Sandy Clausen** wanted to bring to the board concerns about the Fast Pitch Softball fields at Rotary Park – Due to the increased demand of use of the softball fields not only because of increased teams, but the waterfront Little League field being unavailable this season, demand for the use of fields is high. In the past month, several tournaments have been played on these fields and during the last one, it was discovered that the bases at some point had been moved from the regulation 60 feet to 65 feet. The originally placed anchors at first and second bases had been physically removed and new ones placed to accommodate the distance regulation for baseball. It was discussed with the organizers of the baseball tournaments held earlier and they indicated that the fields were “double pegged” which is not accurate. Someone had placed the second set of anchors on the field as it was originally built with only one set at the regulation distance for fast pitch softball. The City crews had to come in early on the second morning of the tournament to make sure that the anchors that were removed were placed back in the original position, and one of the crew members actually tripped over the anchors that showed up by the concession stand. These fields were designated as fast pitch softball and anything else should be prohibited for use, as there are other fields designated for baseball and slow pitch softball. Scheduling conflicts were another concern for this season. With the Little League field being out of commission, they were given permission to practice at Rotary. Historically the use of the fields were the High School first, when they were done, than Little League could schedule and then travel leagues. This year teams were scheduling their entire season practices and games, not enabling others to utilize the fields. What was occurring was that the fields were not being used as scheduled and when other teams showed up for later practices, discovered that the fields were not being used, and the city was not being told that the fields were not needed, so that they could be opened up for other teams to practice. Respect needs to be given to the designation of each field, the city has put a lot of time and money into upgrades at Rotary. Possibly putting together a user group meeting to sit down and discuss the expectations of each team for use and scheduling. Director Faas thought that was a good idea, and the city will put together a date and advise the users of such.

## Director's Report

- The report that was included in the agenda packet was reviewed
- The softball tournament that was held this past weekend had a total of 59 teams, 34 which played at Rotary. This is a revenue generating event for the organizers and netted them in the area of \$56,000. The City Commission instituted a per team/per field prep fee this season and the result was \$2,000 to be paid to the city.
- The city attorney looked into the requirements of residency for city boards and found that in Section 6.1 of the Charter “[e]ach member of a city board or commission shall have been a resident of the city for at least one year prior to the date of his appointment and shall be a qualified and registered elector of the city on such day and throughout his tenure in office”; so unfortunately Lisa Alexander will be submitting her letter of resignation, as she is no longer a city resident.
- The USFWS will be treating the Boyne River for sea lamprey again in the near future.
- Faas has been checking into and doing a comparison of separating the Parks Department from the DPW; has spoken with representatives from the Cities of Petoskey, Charlevoix and East Jordan getting both the good and bad. With these comparisons, he will be submitting a written recommendation to the City Commission in the future.
- DPW Director Faas advised the board that he has submitted his retirement letter to the city manager effective December 17, 2021.

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## Correspondence

None

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## Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

### Park Inspection Reports –

- Pickle ball courts are getting a lot of use, and people are very pleased with the condition
- It was suggested that when the city is in the middle of renovations of the restrooms or even for larger events that we consider bringing in additional porta johns
- Avalanche - trees have been cleared off of the bike and walking paths. Several signs have been vandalized or removed completely and destroyed; count of 11 to date. People are still not respecting the fence at the overlook, visitors need to be discouraged from going over or around the fencing and use the trails to get down to the parking lot.
- BC/BV Bike Trail – use on the trail has been heavy and steady; members have concerns about the safety of crossing on M75 at Dam Rd. There have been several “near misses” because both drivers and users are not paying attention; as some drivers are stopping to allow bikers to cross the road others are not and almost hit vehicles or bikers. There have been instances where bikers are not respecting the stop signs and are just darting across the road. Is there any preventative steps that can be taken?

### User Group(s) –

- No updates

### Committee Reports –

- No reports given

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Pickleball Court Fencing**

DPW Director Faas reviewed his report in the agenda packet; along with the drawing and price quote for fencing. A price quote was received from Harbor Fence in the amount of \$6,962.45 for approximately 95 feet of 6 ft tall, black vinyl coated fence to include a gate and reuse of the net purchased and installed this year. The fencing would divide the four courts allowing for a T-portion of the fence to assist in catching wayward balls. The commission had questions about the height of the fence, and thought that 4 ft. would be suitable, and was wondering if a swing gate was actually needed, Faas will check with Harbor Fence to see if a shorter fence were available. The user group was approached with possible assistance in funding the new fencing and they felt that they should be able to contribute in the area of \$2,000 to \$2,500 towards the cost of the fence. With no further board discussion, **motion by Schmitdiel seconded by Weick, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to recommend support of the cost share of the price of the fence, amount to be determined, but not to exceed \$2,500.00 by the user group and to move forward with the purchase and installation of the fence.

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**Avalanche trails and the use of motorized (one-wheel) boards**

DPW Director Faas reviewed his report in the agenda packet; these types of boards are racing up and down the trails at excessive speeds and tearing up the trails with their wider tires. The problems with this type of equipment along with the E-bikes is that you cannot hear them, and they come upon other users of the trails at a high rate of speed. Motorized equipment should not be allowed on non-motorized trails, there are hard surface trails in the area that they can use, and TOMMBA also feels that they are dangerous and should not be used on the Avalanche or other city non-motorized trail systems. Signage has been put up without the permission of the city; so staff will look into that. With no further board discussion, **motion by Smith, seconded by Vadnais, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, that no e-equipment be allowed on any of the trail system at avalanche or the other city non-motorized trails with the exception of assisted mobility equipment.

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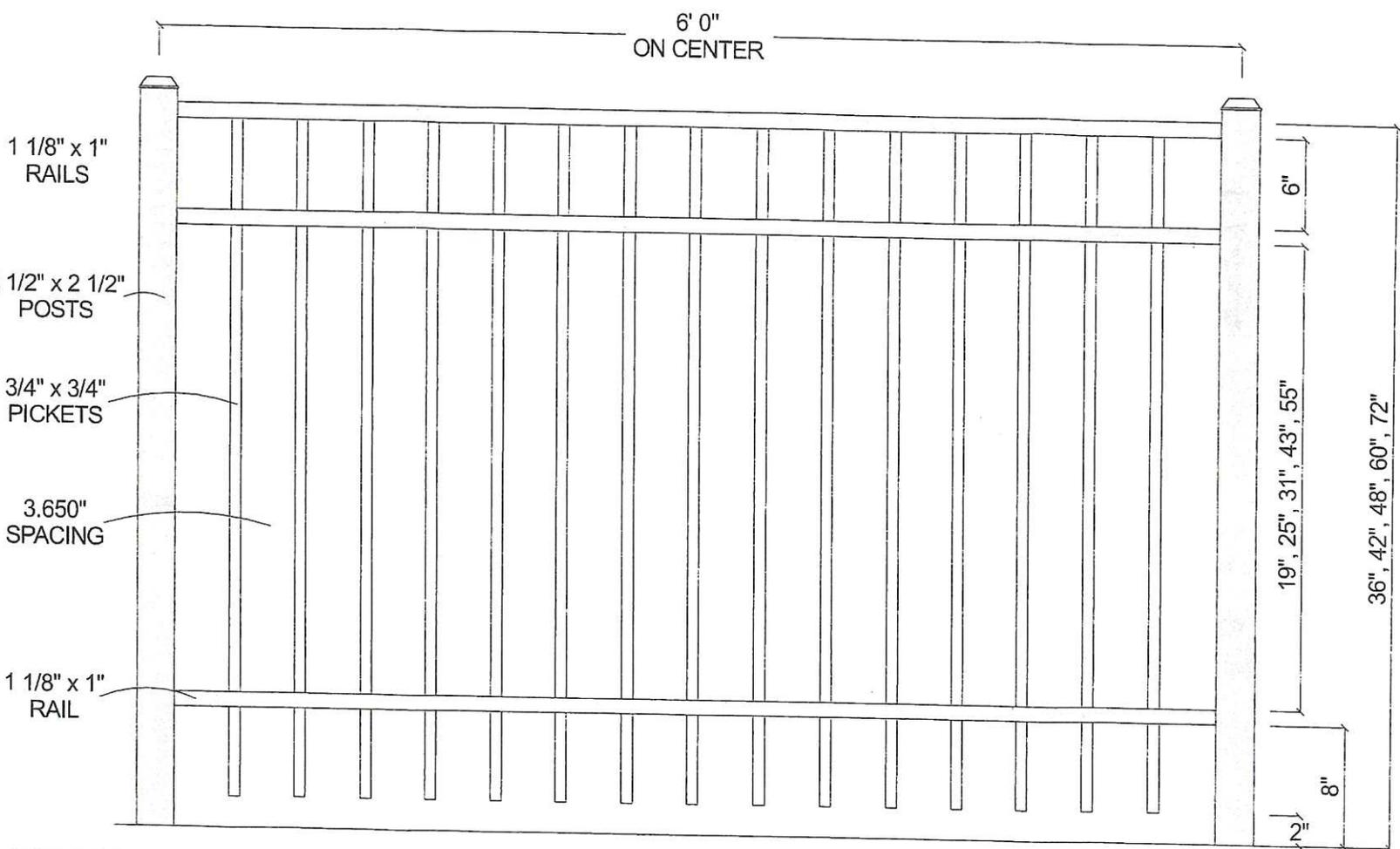
Is it possible to re-stencil the downtown sidewalks with the “No bikes/no skateboards” again as the wording has worn off. Faas said that they have relocated the stencils and will make that a priority to get completed.

**Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be September 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm, to be held at the Veterans Park Pavilion.

The August 4, 2021 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Pat Haver, Recording Secretary



Post Size	
36" Tall	2 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 5 1/2'
42" Tall	2 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 6'
48" Tall	2 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 6 1/2'
60" Tall	2 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 7 1/2'
72" Tall	2 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 8 1/2'



<b>Courtyard® Aluminum Fence</b>		
Scale: 3/32" = 1"	Approved By:	Drawn By: J.D.S.
Date: 4/15/04		Revised: 4/15/04
<b>1230 (3-Rail Flat Top)</b>		
As Shown: 6' x 48" 1230	Drawing Number: 1230	

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Side Mark

Mark

21/12  
10/12

5/12  
19/12

10/12

Center

Edge 30'

Roll of 1/2  
Roll of 1/2

Edge

30 ft

FENCE

Hand Car

Edge

FENCE

50 ft

