



Boyne City Recreation Plan 2010



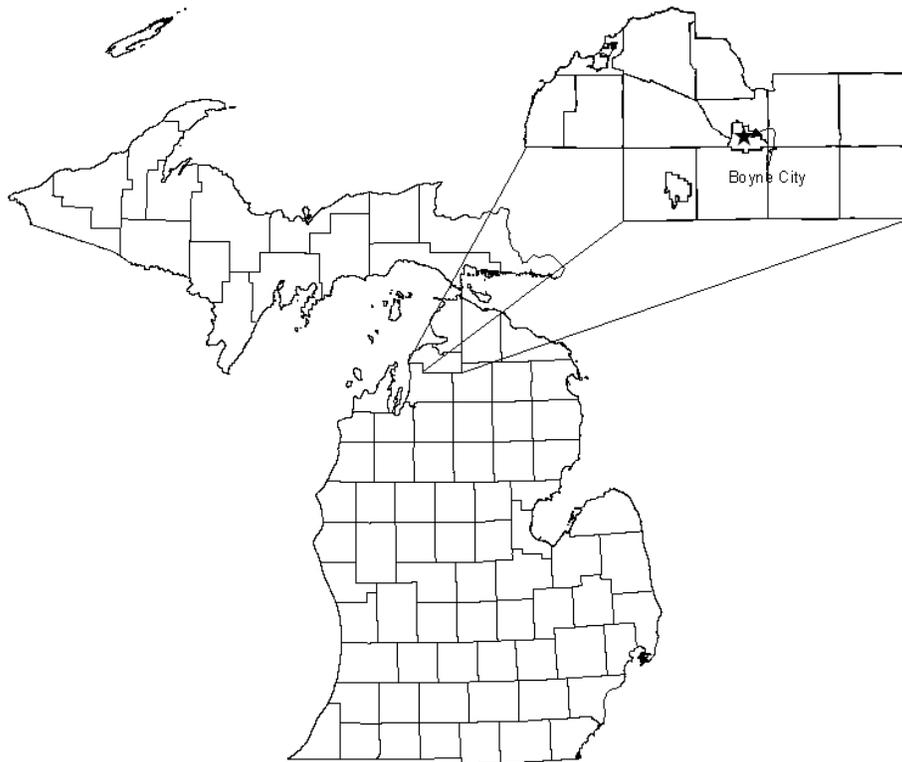
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INTRODUCTION

Location and Regional Setting

Boyne City is located in Charlevoix County in the northwest region of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The City shares its northern and eastern border with Evangeline Township and its southern border with Wilson Township and Boyne Valley Township. Boyne City is a lake shore community covering 5.3 square miles located on the southern shore of the north arm of Lake Charlevoix. The City has almost 18,000 feet of shoreline and is bisected by the Boyne River which meanders through the center of the City and empties into Lake Charlevoix.



Boyne City was first settled in 1856 by John and Harriet Miller and from its quiet beginnings the City quickly developed into a bustling industrial center. The deep water of Lake Charlevoix with its connection to the great lakes and the Boyne River made Boyne City a natural location to tap the rich lumber resources of the area and the town grew dramatically during the lumbering boom that started in the 1880's. In addition to the lumber mills, heavy industries also located in the City and by the early 1900's a variety of products were produced in the City including charcoal, bricks, iron, chemicals, and leather. As the lumber resources became depleted the mills and industries located on the City's shoreline eventually closed.

The City maintains many of the features of a small "port town" community that evolved from the lumbering industry. While Boyne City has maintained its small town feel, it is a vibrant and proactive community. Over the years the City has been making a

transformation from an industrial based economy to more of a tourism economy but it still depends on industries and businesses unrelated to tourism for much of its economic base.

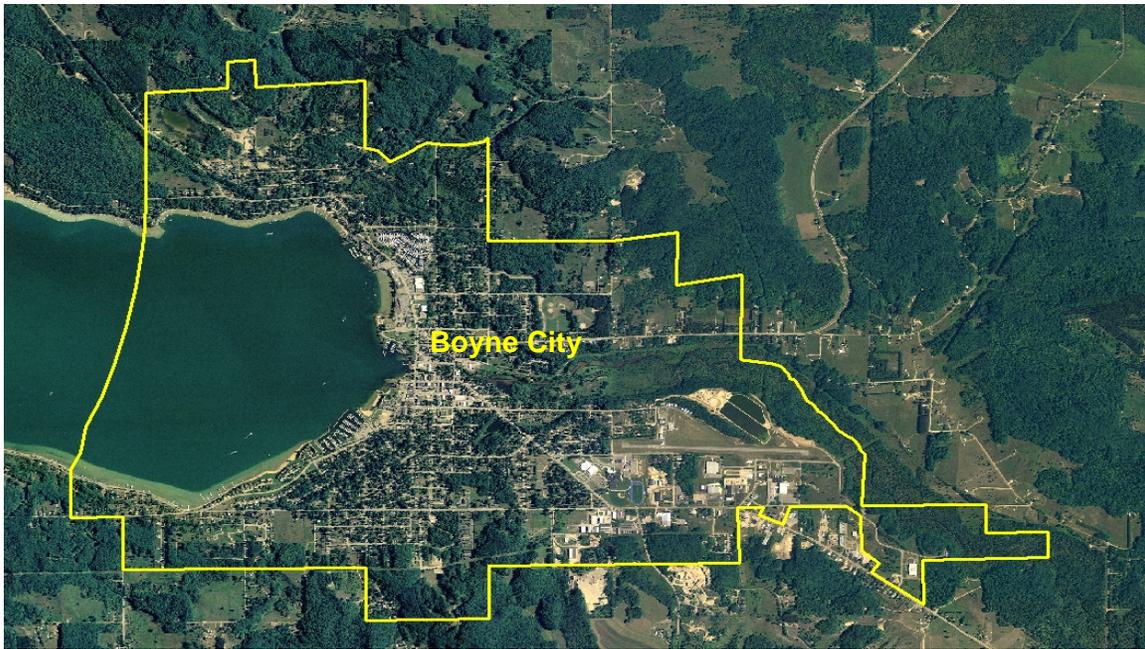
The rich natural resources of the area that previously supported the community through exploitation now help support the community through recreation. The woods, hills, lakes and rivers are cherished as valuable natural resources and economic assets to the region and offer abundant recreational opportunities. In the summer recreation opportunities such as boating, swimming and fishing and in the winter time activities such as hunting, snowmobiling, skiing and skating are extremely popular. Six miles from the City is Boyne Mountain, a year around full service destination resort that has an indoor water park and conference center and offers downhill skiing, cross county skiing, golf and mountain bike trails.

The distinct and historic qualities of Boyne City's downtown are being capitalized on to strengthen Boyne City's identity. The City is a home town that caters to the everyday needs of the local population and is an up north "getaway" offering unique attractions and experiences for seasonal residents and visitors.

The regions proximity to several major population centers has contributed to the strong tourism industry of the area. With Detroit, Chicago, Grand Rapids and other urbanized areas with a half day's drive, it has been a natural for persons of all income levels to migrate northward. Because many people residing within these nearby metropolitan areas may be traveling shorter distances due to rising gas prices, they may be looking for alternative vacation spots that are closer to home.

Plan Jurisdiction and Focus

The Boyne City recreation plan is primarily a plan for the development of recreation opportunities within the municipal boundaries of the City; however, some recreational interests of the City do extend outside the City limits. Approximately 3 miles to the north of the City in Evangeline Township the City owns approximately 140 acres of vacant land. The property consists of a mix of woods and open land and has much potential for future recreational uses. Adjacent to the south of the City in Wilson Township the City owns approximately 215 acres of land that is part of Avalanche Park. Currently the property is used for recreational uses associated with the Park. In addition to planning for future recreational uses for these specific lands outside the City limits, the City also continues to work towards establishing trail connections within the City limits of Boyne City and to destinations outside the City such as Young State Park and Boyne Mountain.



Sub-Area Plans

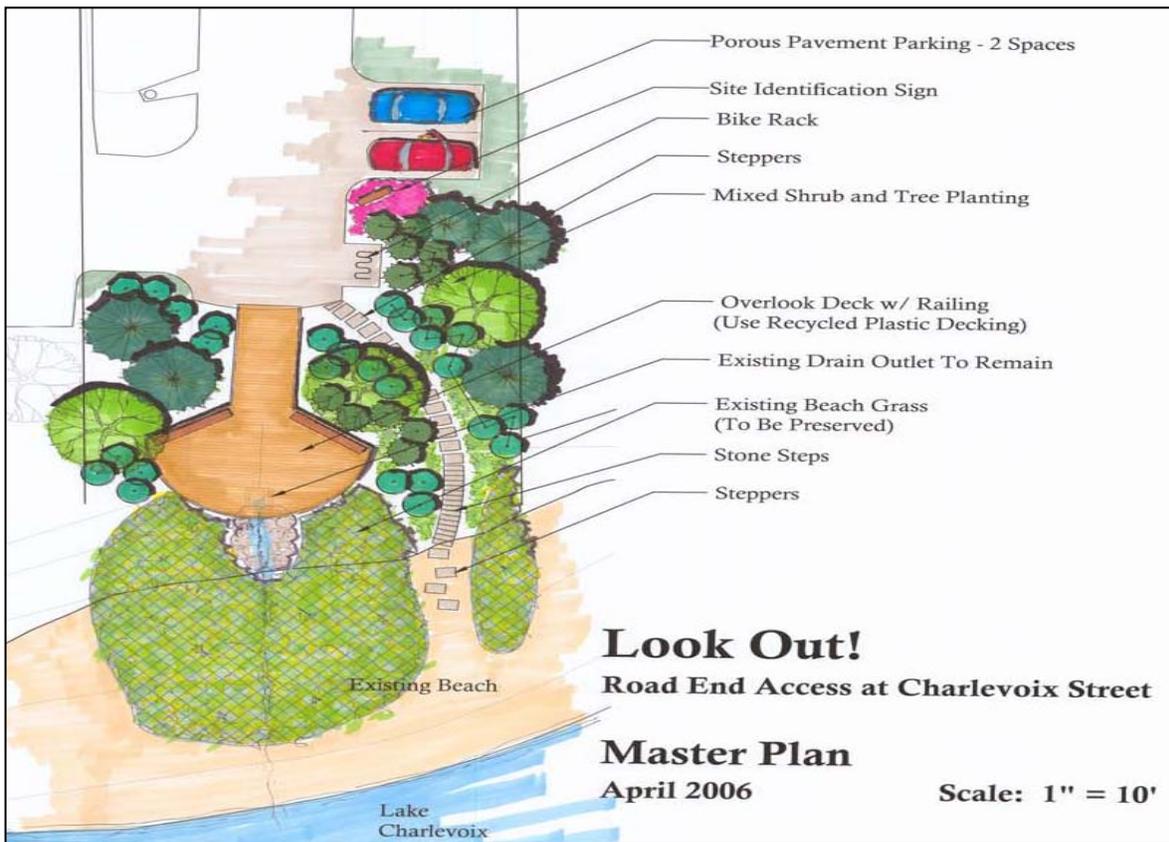
In addition to the overall recreation planning for the City, The Boyne City Recreation plan also contains specific sub area plans. Over the past few years the City has developed and adopted sub area plans for the use and development of its waterfront and two of its parks. The sub area plans that are attached and included in the Boyne City Recreation Plan are the Boyne City Waterfront Master Plan, the Old City Park Plan and The Avalanche Park Master Plan. A brief description of each of the plans is provided below and a complete copy of each plan is included as an attachment to the Boyne City Recreation Plan.

Water Front Master Plan - The importance of the City's water resources cannot be understated and the community recognized the need to have an all-inclusive plan for the future use and development of this important resource. In May 2006, after a year of planning, the City adopted the *Boyne City Water Front Master Plan*. The plan is included in this plan as attachment "A". The plan developed a comprehensive vision for all of Boyne City's water resources. The plan included specific development plans for all city owned properties with high quality graphics and cost estimates for specific projects. The goal and purpose of the *Boyne City Water Front Master Plan* is best summed up in its introduction which states:

"This Waterfront Master Plan is part of an effort to focus competing viewpoints into a unified vision for the extension, development, and stewardship of public and private lands along the lake and river shore lines within the city's boundaries. Further, this plan seeks to anticipate and encourage land use patterns adjacent to these public lands that transform the community in positive ways without deleteriously compromising the value, integrity and quality of those assets held in common, namely the waterfront public lands. The waterfront lands are the core physical elements in the next wave of the city's transformation. These lands are coveted equally by those who see value in building upon

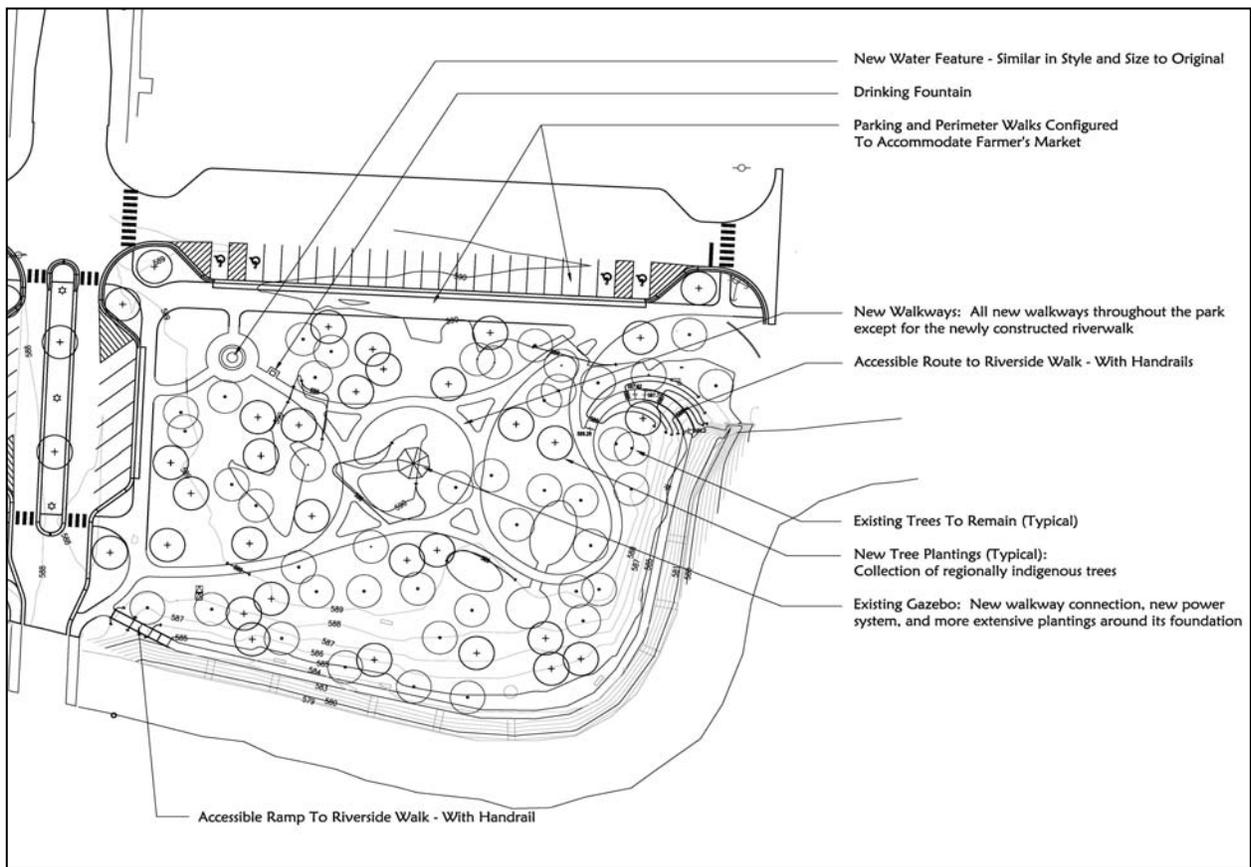
them and by those who see value in preserving them as open spaces. This plan represents the city's effort to balance these competing viewpoints and establish a philosophical platform on which the city can evolve and change in positive ways over the next 50 years."

The City has begun implementing some of the components of the Waterfront Master Plan and the plan is heavily relied upon when the City is considering site plans or the future use or development of parcels that are on or near the waterfront. In 2008 the City completed one of the road end projects that were included in the plan. The LOOKOUT project is an ADA compliant viewing platform that provides spectacular views of Lake Charlevoix and the surrounding hills and countryside. The project also included water access and a much improved storm water discharge system.



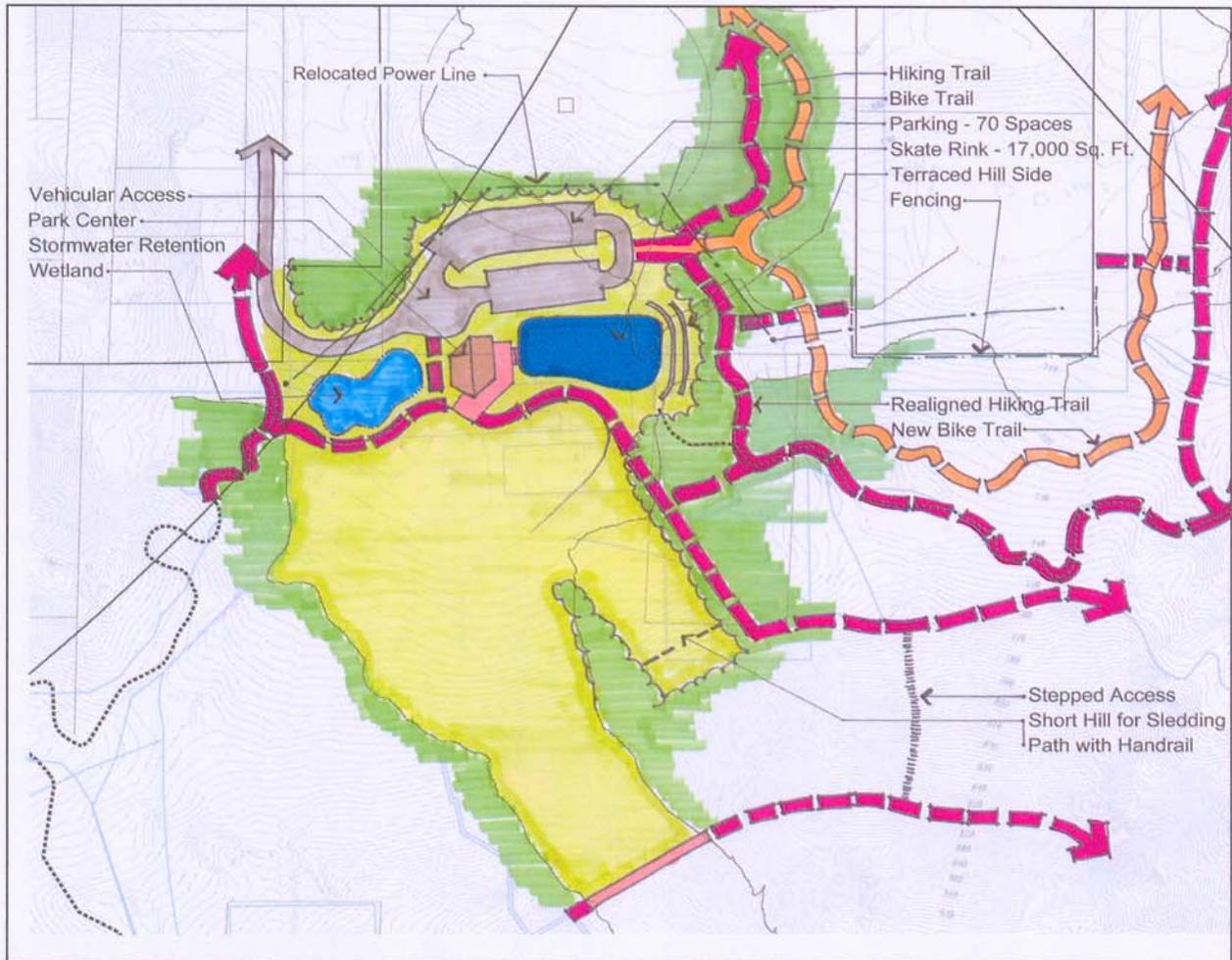
Old City Park Plan - Old City Park is a 1.5 acre park that is located in the center of town on the Boyne River. The park is boarded on the north by River Street, on the west by Park Street and on the East by East Street. The park is a focal point of the community and is an important gathering place. The park is host to many community activities and functions to include the farmers market and weekly summertime concerts. Residents use the park for private functions and the gazebo is a popular place for weddings. A river bank restoration project completed in 2008 by the Friends of the Boyne River provided a much improved river walk that offers a popular place for a relaxing stroll or fishermen can select one of several fishing newly created access points to try their luck.

In 2008 the City was successful in its application for a Vibrant Small Cities Initiative grant (VSCI). This new grant program offered through MSHDA required grant awardees to identify potential projects then develop specific plans for the projects after the grant was awarded. One of the projects selected for the VSCI grant was improvements to Old City Park. The improvements completed in the park included new sidewalks, tree plantings, landscaping, irrigation and a decorative fountain. Additional improvements that were planned for but not completed at included addition landscaping and plantings, restrooms and additional children’s play equipment. The Old City Park plan has been included and attached to this plan as attachment “B”. While many of the improvements detailed in the plan were completed in 2009, the master plan also included several improvements that were not part of the renovations. These additional improvements may be completed in the future as needs arise or as additional funding becomes available.



Avalanche Park Plan – The Avalanche Mountain Preserve comprises 300 plus acres of woodland located on the southern border of Boyne City, Michigan in Charlevoix County and extends beyond the City limits into Wilson Township. The area is a predominantly sloping terrain with approximately 90% of the park wooded. The area offers many types of recreational activities including hiking, biking, skiing, skating, jogging, disc golf, snowmobiling and sledding. Avalanche was chosen as the top sledding hill in the state by Michigan Blue magazine. There are 462 steps to the top of Avalanche with a platform available to view the City and Lake Charlevoix. While there are many activities currently

available at Avalanche it was recognized that a master plan for the park was needed to insure the park would continue to develop in a planned and thoughtful manner. In 2009 the City completed the Avalanche Master Plan and the plan is included and attached to the Boyer City Recreation Plan as attachment "C".



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The City of Boyne City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, created by the City Commission, consist of eight (8) regular members who are city residents. Of the eight (8) members, not more than one may be from the City Commission. This Board serves as an Advisory Board to the City Commissioners.

The City Manager oversees all city activities and the Department of Public works director is City Staff liaison to the assigned to recreation commission. The Public Works Department head assists the recreation commission with planning and development of recreation projects in the City and schedules park workers for year round maintenance and operation of the parks. During the summer months, an employee is transferred from the Street Department to Parks Foreman. The City employs a part—time attendant at the ice skating rink, a harbor master, and boat launch attendant.

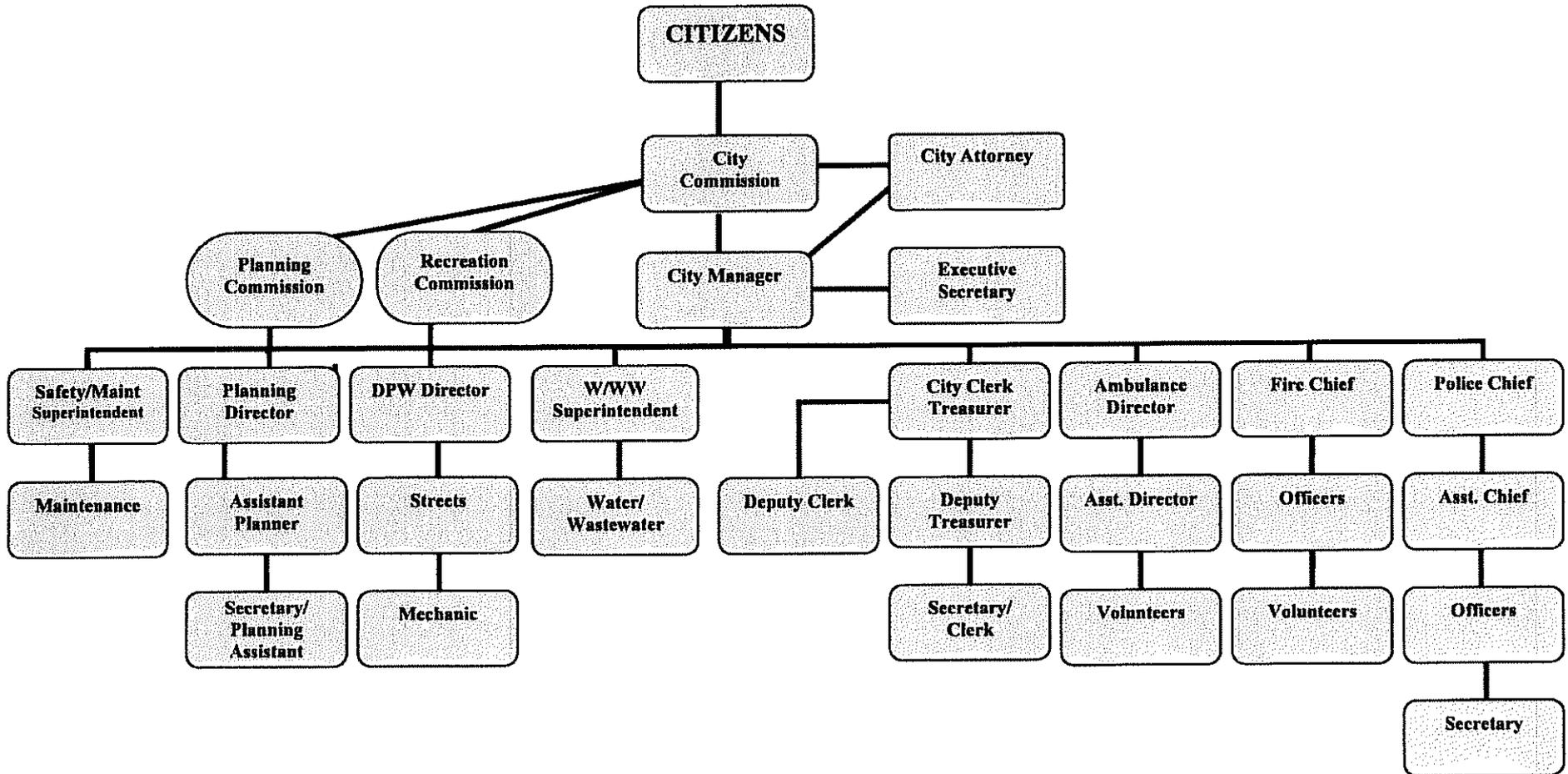
Recreation Programming

Recreational programming in Boyne City is conducted on an as needed basis by the Charlevoix County and Charlevoix County Cooperative Extension Service funded 4H program and through the Boyne City Public Schools Community Education Programs. These organizations in addition to Baseball, Softball, Little League, Soccer and other associations, provide recreational programs. Most of these programs are operated on a volunteer basis with the city, the schools and community organizations funding the improvements and operational aspects of both the facilities and the programs themselves. Other community groups and organizations such as the Garden Club, Rotary, Girl and Boy Scouts and the Friends of the Boyne River donate money, materials, and labor to improve parks and community facilities.

Operating Budget

The fiscal year for Boyne City begins on the first of May. The 2009-2010 approved Parks and Recreation is shown on pages 8-10. In the current budget year of FYE 2010 the Boyne City Commission budgeted \$295,000 for the maintenance and operation of its parks system. In FYE 2009 the City spent over \$380,000 on its parks and recreation program with almost \$100,000 spent on capital improvements. Funds for developing new, or for making major improvements to existing facilities, are made available via the city's capital improvement budget. As a result of long standing city policy, improvements for active recreation facilities that will benefit specific groups of the recreating populace are a specific primary responsibility of the specific group. The city will assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the facility in the future.

Boyer City Organizational Chart



**General Fund
Fund Code: 101-751
Expenditures**

Code	Account Title	Prior yr FYE 2009	Current Year FYE 2010		Proposed FYE 2011
			Budgeted	Projected	
702	Salaries/Wages: Part Time	11,356	8,100	7,300	8,100
705	Salaries/Wages:General Parks	49,175	63,900	63,000	64,260
709	Overtime	2,694	2,700	2,700	2,700
713	Insurance: Medical	21,907	29,018	27,000	29,000
714	Social Security	5,363	7,795	6,000	7,000
715	Pension	0	0	38	500
716	Unemployment Compensation	48	160	160	160
719	Vacation/Sick Time	5,924	3,600	3,600	3,600
727	Supplies	36,666	29,000	29,000	25,000
730	Maintenance	18,333	18,875	19,500	18,875
738	Civic Projects	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
740	Utilities/Telephone	22,255	25,593	24,450	25,500
808	Professional Services	11,151	10,380	10,380	0
818	Contracted Services	17,805	18,056	18,056	18,000
860	Motor Pool	50,267	53,200	50,000	53,200
910	Ins: Liability/Equipment	1,769	1,910	1,532	1,600
911	Workers Compensation	637	953	820	950
970	Capital Outlay/Equipment	100,265	5,000	5,000	10,000
971	Rotary Park Improvements	67	5,000	5,000	0
972	Veteran's Park Improvements	0	6,000	6,000	0
974	Peninsula Beach Improvements	0	1,000	2,025	0
975	Avalanche Improvements	4,238	4,000	0	0
	TOTAL	361,909	295,240	282,561	269,445

A. MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a safe, pleasing and useable open space in an economically feasible manner for recreational pursuits of our residents and visitors.

B. PERSONNEL

Andy Kovolski Parks Director
Keith Hausler..... Parks Foreman
(Also a Heavy Equipment Operator in Street Department)

C. LINE-ITEM CLARIFICATION

705 - Salaries/Parks General Wages\$ 64,260

727 - Supplies\$ 25,000

This item covers materials related to all of the parks, including paper products, garbage bags, hand tools, etc. The cost of fertilizer spray, picnic tables, grills, etc. and other miscellaneous, routine expenses are included in this item.

738 - Civic Projects\$ 1,000

These funds have generally been used to help finance community-sponsored Parks and Recreation activities. The allocation this year includes participation in:

a. Swim school . . . \$1,000

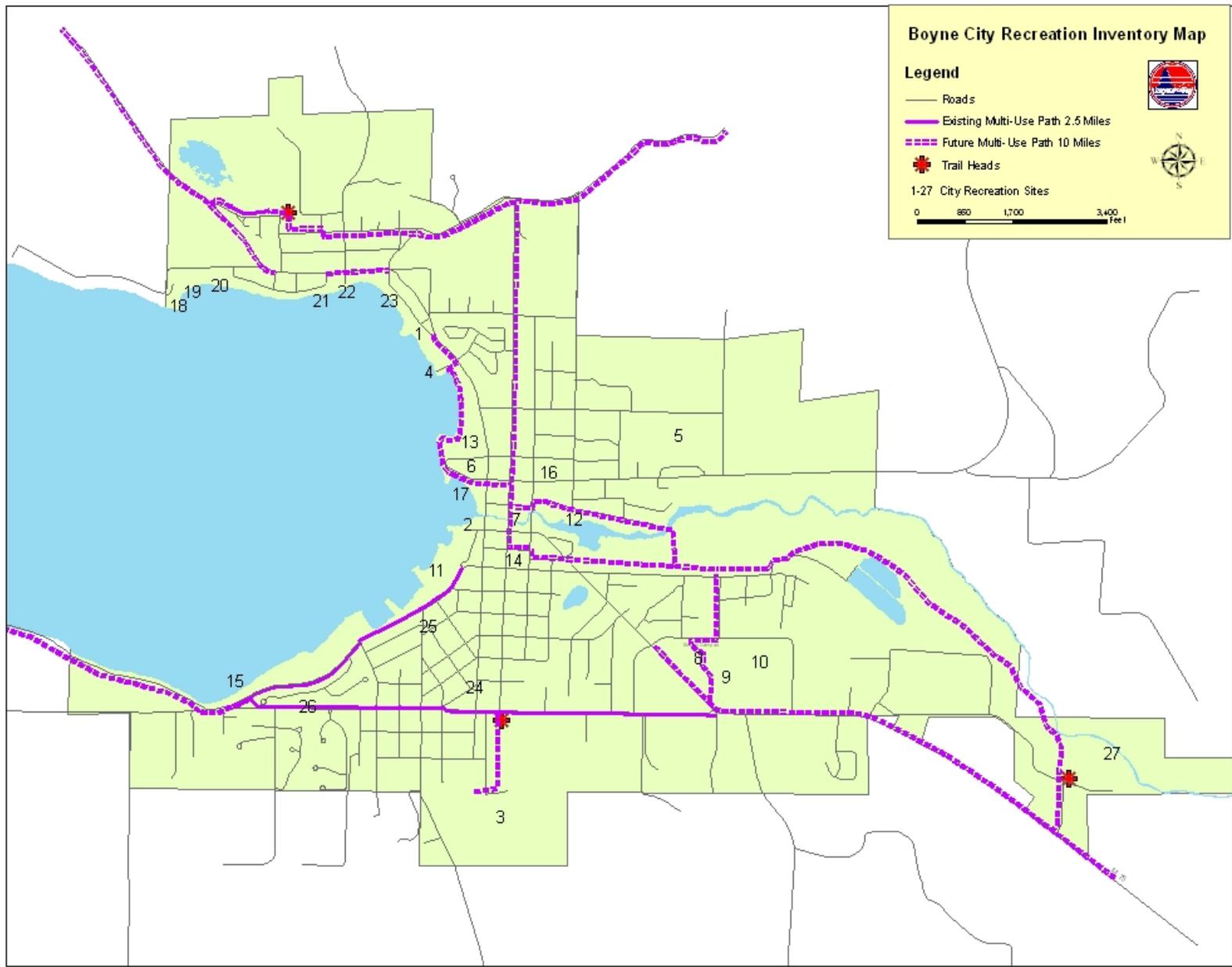
Capital Projects\$ 10,000

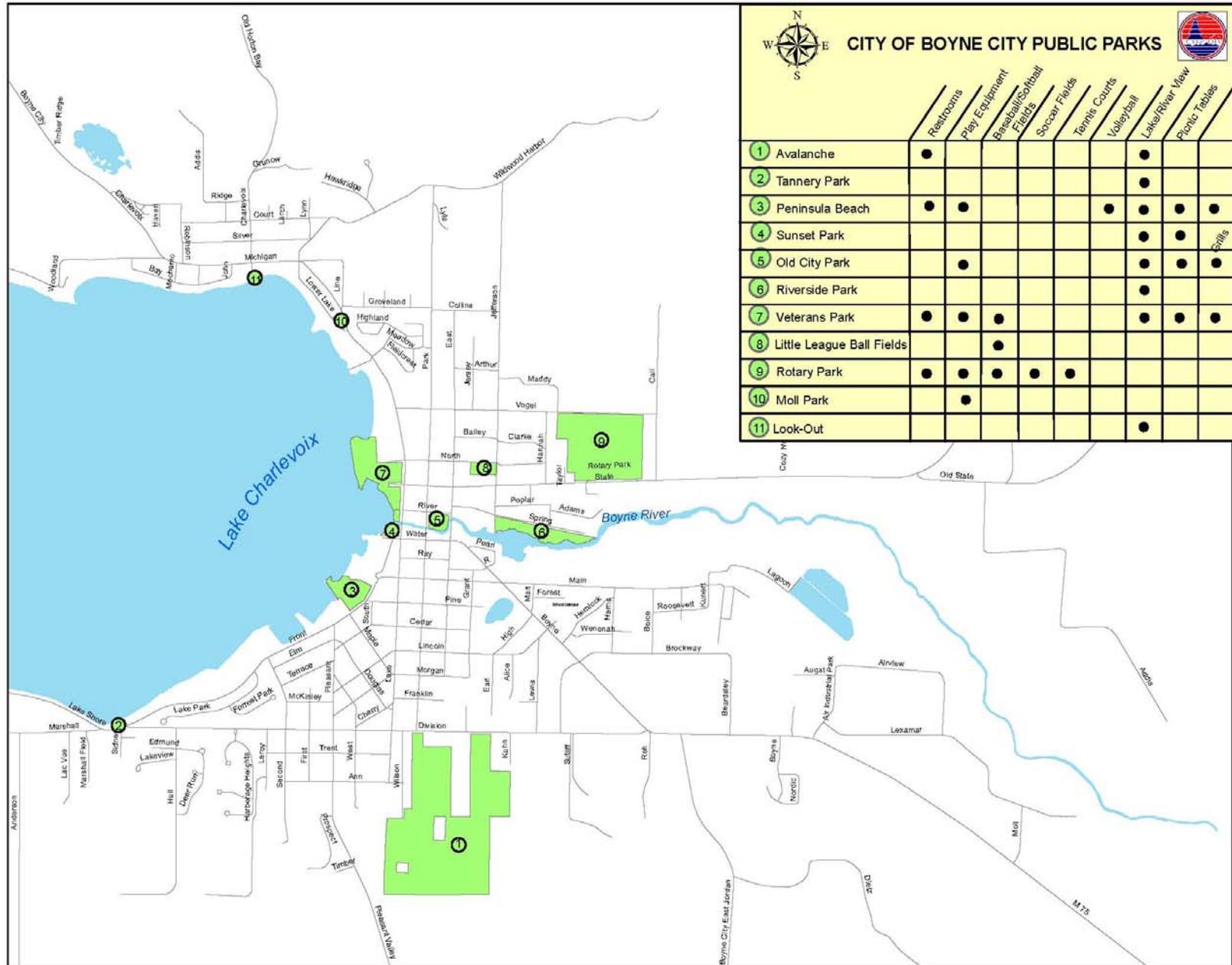
RECREATION INVENTORY

Information on City parks and recreational resources in the area was gathered by the City planning and department of public works staff. All City parks were inspected by City staff and recreational assets were inventoried and assessments of ADA compliance were completed.

No.	FACILITY NAME	OWNER	OPEN TO PUBLIC	SIZE	FACILITIES	ADA COMPLIANCE
1	North Lake Street (Mol) Park	City	Yes	1/2 Acre	Open space, Swing set.	Grassy mowed area. On street parking only.
2	Sunset Park	City	Yes	5 Acres	Rest Rooms, Multi-Use Dock, Fishing, Boating.	Restrooms are barrier free, dock access and fishing pier are not barrier free.
3	Avalanche Preserve	City	Yes	320 Acres	Cross Country Ski Trail, Hiking Trails. Shelter House, Rest Room, Nature Preserve, Sledding Hill, Lighted Ice Skating & Hockey Rink, Stairway To Summit Viewing Deck, Snowmobile Trail.	Restroom is not barrier free and no designated barrier free parking. Summit viewing deck is not wheel chair accessible.
4	Lake Charlevoix Boat Launch	City	Yes	1 Acre -	Boat Launch, Rest Rooms.	Restrooms are barrier free
5	Rotary Park	City	Yes	40 Acres	Tennis Courts, Picnic Sites, Children's Play Equipment, Nature Study Trails, Lighted Ball Diamonds, Heart Trail & Rest Rooms.	Restrooms are barrier free. Play equipment is old and not barrier free. Picnic area is accessible, no barrier free tables.
6	Veterans Memorial Park	City	Yes	10.5 Acres	Boating, Picnic Sites, Community Play Ground, Open space, Fishing, Ball Diamond, Benches, Rest Rooms, Pavilion, Boat Launch.	Sidewalks around park and Parking are ADA compliant. Picnic area barrier free. Play equipment is barrier free, Rest rooms are barrier free.
7	Old City Park	City,	Yes.	1.0 Acres	Picnic Sites, Benches, Fishing, Gazebo, Concerts, Farmers Market.	Parking is designated. Gazebo is not barrier free. Ground cover for play area is needed.
8	Elementary School	School	Limited Hours	1/2 Acre	Playfields, Basketball Courts, Children's Play Equipment, Meeting Rooms, Gymnasium, Kitchen, All Purpose Room, Library.	
9	Middle School	School-	Limited Hours	12 Acre	Basketball Courts, Children's Playground, Indoor Gym.	

10	High School	School	Limited	20 Acres	Playfields, Organized Sports Field, Ball Diamonds, Meeting Room gymnasium, Kitchen, All Purpose Room, Weight room, Library.	
11	Peninsula Beach	City	Yes	6 Acres	Swimming, Volleyball Courts, Rest Rooms, Picnic Sites, Children's Tot Lot, Benches.	Rest rooms meet current barrier free standards. Picnic area is accessible but beach is not.
12	Riverside Park	City	Yes	5 Acre	Fishing, Canoe Launch.	Rustic site with limited improvements
13	City Hall	City	Limited Hours		Meeting Room, Museum.	Barrier free compliant
14	Library	City	Yes	N/A	Library, Meeting Room.	Barrier free compliant
15	Tannery Park	City	Yes	0.5 Acres	Picnic Area, Sunset View, Swimming	Picnic area and viewing area are barrier free.
16	Minor League Ball field	City	Yes	1 Acres	Ball field & Rest Rooms	
17	City Marina	City	Members/Rental	0.5 Acres	49 Boat Slips, Picnic Area, Bathhouse, Lighthouse	Picnic area and bathhouse is barrier free.
18	Woodland St. Road Ends	City	Yes	.25 Acres	Water access	Not barrier free
19	Shady Lane Road End	City	Yes	.25 Acre	Water access	Not barrier free
20	Bay (West) St. Road End	City	Yes	.25 Acre	Water access	Not barrier free
21	John St. Road End	City	Yes	.25 Acre	Water access	Not barrier free
22	Charlevoix St. Road End	City	Yes	.25 Acre	Viewing deck with benches, water access, bike rack	Barrier free
23	Lower Lake St. Road End	City	Yes	.25 Acre	Water access	Not barrier free
24	S. Lake and Cherry Mini Park	City	Yes	.5 Acre	Open space	Barrier free
25	West and Pleasant Mini Park	City	Yes	.5 Acre	Open space with picnic table	Barrier free
26	Bike/Pedestrian Path	City	Yes	3 miles	Paved path	Barrier free
27	Industrial Park Open Space	City	Yes	85 Acre	Wooded natural area	Not Barrier free compliant





PUBLIC INPUT AND PLANNING PROCESS

The Boyne City Parks and Recreation Commission developed its first City Recreation Plan in 2004. It was the first time the Commission was solely responsible for development of the Plan. In past years, the City recreation planning comprised of being a component of the Charlevoix County Recreation Plan. In addition to the adoption of its own City recreation plan in 2004, the City and the Recreation Commission have done considerable recreation planning for the future development and use of the City's resources.

Citizen Input

In addition to comments, suggestions, requests and complaints that are received at the regular monthly meetings of the Recreation Commission throughout the year, the City has solicited and obtained public input on the proposed recreation plan and the future growth and direction of the City. An advertisement in the Petoskey News Review invited the public to a community input session held by the Recreation Commission on recreation needs of the City held on January 14, 2010. At this meeting the goals of the previous recreation plan were reviewed and ideas and suggestions for future recreation improvements were gathered. On January 19th, 2010 the City also held a community wide goal setting session. This meeting was publicized with articles in the Petoskey News Review, The Charlevoix Courier and the Boyne City Gazette. The City also provides meeting information on its website and allows people to submit input if they cannot attend a meeting or have additional ideas they wish to share after the meeting.

In addition to newspaper ads and web page postings, the City has recently adopted a relatively low tech but effective method of public notice. Prior to adopting or developing any plan or project the City places signs throughout the community to increase awareness of a meeting that is being held to discuss the particular plan or project. The use of the signage was first implemented in the summer of 2009 and it has been extremely effective and popular. The use of the signs has significantly increased public awareness and participation in the planning process.



Planning Process

As stated in the introduction, the Boyne City Recreation Plan includes several sub area plans that have been completed since 2005. Each of these planning efforts included a comprehensive effort to obtain a wide variety of input. In each of the attached sub area plans the planning process and public participation used to develop the plan is specifically detailed and documented.

In May of 2006 the City adopted the *Boyne City Water Front Master Plan*. The plan is included in this plan as attachment "A". The plan developed a comprehensive vision for Boyne City and its water resources and produced high quality plans and graphics for specific projects. The planning process used to develop the plan was comprehensive and inclusive. Prior to developing any specific plans the initial effort focused on gaining insight and understanding of the issues then later input sessions focused on the community's response to the preliminary plans. In addition to the 15 public input meetings held over a period of 10 months, an effort was also made to reach out to individuals from a variety of backgrounds. Twenty four individuals were personally interviewed and an additional 5 other persons submitted written comments. The process and approach proved to be a positive and appropriate means to gain understanding of the views and interests of a wide variety of groups and individuals and resulted in the adoption of a plan that received broad support throughout the community.

In 2009, as part of a Vibrant Small City Initiative grant, Boyne City was able to develop a master plan for Old City Park Plan and complete a major renovation of the park. The planning process for Old City Park master plan was initiated in January 2009. A sequence of 12 meetings was held with the steering committee, various boards and commissions and the public. The program objectives and the plan were shaped and conditioned throughout the process with numerous iterations along the way. The completed plan was adopted by the City Commission on March 24, 2009 and is included in the Boyne City Recreation Plan as attachment "B".

One of the goals noted in the 2004 recreation plan was the development of a master plan for Avalanche Park. In 2009 the City began a planning process for the future use and development of the park and the completed plan was adopted by the City Commission in January 2010. In addition to general input sessions held for the park, specific user groups of the park were contacted and solicited for input. In all 12 different meetings over a period of 6 months were held to gather input and discuss the plan. The Avalanche Park Master Plan is included in this plan as attachment "C".

In addition to the community input and the previous sub area planning initiatives, a number of other resources have also been used to help develop the 2010 Boyne City Recreation Plan. Information from the 2000 Census, the Boyne City Master Plan adopted in 2007, the Charlevoix County Recreation Plan the Charlevoix County Master Plan, and responses from community opinion surveys completed by the MSU extension have provided valuable information and insight.

These items taken together provided the foundation of the planning process and based on this foundation the Recreation Commission developed the goals and objectives of the plan and the corresponding capital improvements schedule.

Plan Adoption

On February 11, 2009 reviewed the completed the draft plan and the draft plan was made available for a thirty day review and comment period. The notice of the comment period was posted on the City website and published in the Petoskey News Review and a copy of the plan available for review at city hall and a copy of the plan was posted on the website. On March 15th the Boyne City Planning Commission reviewed the plan and made a recommendation that the plan be approved. On March 18th the Recreation Commission held a public hearing on the plan and reviewed all comments on the draft plan. After the public hearing the plan was approved by the Recreation Commission and was then submitted to the City Commission for final approval. The City Commission reviewed and approved the Plan on March 23rd 2010.

RECREATION GOALS AND ACTION PROGRAM

The recreation goals of the City are as follows:

1. Implement the Avalanche, Old City Park and Waterfront Master Plans.
2. Continue to improve and develop existing parks.
3. Maintain existing recreational areas and assets.
4. Improve, extend and connect trail system.
5. Plan for and develop unimproved recreational areas.

Based on the above goals the following is a list of projects that have been included in the parks and recreation capital improvement schedule for the next five years.

Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Schedule

FACILITY	PROJECT	Year	ESTIMATED COST	REVENUE SOURCES
Avalanche Preserve	Pave parking lot	2010	\$80,300	City of Boyne City MDNR
Avalanche Preserve	Complete tree removal from face	2010	\$15,000	City of Boyne City MDNR
Avalanche Preserve	Trim and Chip Trails	2010	\$2,500	City of Boyne City
Avalanche Preserve	Slope Stabilization	2010	\$5,000	City of Boyne City
Rotary Park	Complete installation of irrigation systems	2010	\$6,000	City of Boyne City
Sunset Park	Install irrigation system	2010	\$10,000	City of Boyne City
Veterans Park	Update and remodel bathrooms at pavilion and river mouth.	2010	\$40,000	City of Boyne City
Sunset Park	Extend break wall to south to end of property, install canoe/kayak launch, remove and fill pipe.	2011	\$30,000	City of Boyne City
Trail Connection	Develop Multi-Use Trail connection from City to Young State Park	2011	\$100,000	City of Boyne City MDOT MDNR
Rotary Park	Pave parking lot and walking trails.	2011	\$40,000	City of Boyne City

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Goals and Action Program

Rotary Park	Install split rail fence along west parking lot area by ball fields and install safety net	2011	\$3,000	City of Boyne City
Veterans Park	Pedestrian walkway along lake, Extend waterfront sidewalk from Marina to north side of City Hall	2011	\$10,000	City of Boyne City MDNR
Avalanche Park	Develop ski trails and interpretive nature trails	2011	\$25,000	City of Boyne City MDNR
Trail Connection	Develop Multi-Use Trail from High School to Mol Drive	2011	\$250,000	City of Boyne City MDOT MDNR
Avalanche Park	Install informational and trail signage	2012	\$10,000	City of Boyne City
Veterans Park	Overhead utility burial, paving, curbing and drainage.	2012	\$50,000-\$100,000	City of Boyne City
Riverside Park	Develop canoe and kayak launch area.	2012	\$2,000	City of Boyne City
Riverside Park	Develop picnic site and replant and restore shoreline apply topsoil and seed	2012	\$5,000	City of Boyne City
Riverside Park	Develop network of trails and walks throughout park	2012	\$3,000-\$10,000	City of Boyne City MDNR
Avalanche Park	Install mid-slope boardwalk	2013	\$52,800	City of Boyne City MDNR
Riverside Park	Provide Site furnishings	2013	\$5,000	City of Boyne City
Veterans Park	Additional bike racks and trash receptacles.	2013	\$2,000-\$5,000	City of Boyne City
Veterans Park	Install walkway lighting	2013	\$20,000	City of Boyne City
Tannery Beach	Replenish sand on beach. Extend drain, install canoe launch	2014	\$4,000	City of Boyne City

Peninsula Beach	Install irrigation around old water dept building add horseshoe pits	2014	\$15,000	City of Boyne City
Cedar St. Park	Remove Tree fix Sidewalk	2014	\$1,000	City of Boyne City
North Boyne Beach	Extend drain pipe and cover, install rock out farther	2014	\$5,000	City of Boyne City
Road Ends	Cut trees, bring culvert to lake, place chips on trial to lake. Install permanent property line markers	2014	\$10,000	City of Boyne City
Waterfront	Extend, expand, improve public beach areas	2014	\$50,000	City of Boyne City MDNR
Industrial Park Open Space	Develop plan for future use and improvements.	2014	\$20,000	City of Boyne City MDNR
ANNUALLY				
City Wide	Beach improvements and maintenance	1	\$5,000	City of Boyne City
City Wide	Bike Paths Throughout City	2	\$5,000	City of Boyne City
City Wide	Grills and Tables	3	\$2,000-\$5,000	City of Boyne City
City Wide	Tree replacement Program	4	\$5,000	City of Boyne City
All Parks	Fertilize and Seed		\$5,000	City of Boyne City
City Wide	Upgrade road ends	5	\$2,000-\$5,000	City of Boyne City
Avalanche Preserve	Community Building fund	6	\$10,000	City of Boyne City

Other goals and long term recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission include;

1. Adopt a signage program.
2. Adopt a maintenance program to enable maintenance personnel to project replacement of equipment and apparatus.
3. Identify small parcels for neighborhood playgrounds.
4. Identify waterfront lands for acquisition and use by public.
5. Establish active -communication with the Main Street Board and the Planning Commission.
6. Extend the open hours for the bathrooms.
7. Encourage community events and attractions such as art exhibits and historical attractions.
8. Provide support for youth water safety and recreation programs.
9. Development of marina space and facilities for water safety and sailing instruction programs.
10. Support development of trails to connect Boyne City to other destinations such as Boyne Falls, Young State Park and East Jordan.
11. Develop a plan for the future use and development of the old City Dump,

located north of Boyne City, in Evangeline Township.

12. Develop indoor ice rink and indoor pool.
13. The development of additional neighborhood parks and tot lots.
14. Construct Rollerblade/BMX/Skate Park
15. Develop method to help support and fund operation and maintenance of the parks and park system.
16. Expand marina.
17. Promote and develop snowmobile trails to connect the City with Boyne Falls, East Jordan and other trails and destinations.

APPENDIX



CITY OF BOYNE RECREATION PLAN

Resolution for Recommendation of Adoption City of Boyne City

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission of City of Boyne City has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2010 and 2015, and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Boyne City has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held January 14, 2010 at City of Boyne City, City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the recreation needs and goals of the City and discuss all aspects of the City Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, a draft of the Recreation Plan was made available to the public for review and comment from February 11, 2010 to March 18, 2010, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held March 18, 2010 at Boyne City, City Hall 319 North Lake Street, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Boyne City hereby recommends the adoption of the Boyne City Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Boyne City,

Yeas: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 2

I Barb Brooks, City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of Boyne City at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 18th day of March 2010.

Recording Secretary



**CITY OF BOYNE
RECREATION PLAN**
Resolution of Adoption
City of Boyne City

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission of City of Boyne City has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2010 and 2015, and

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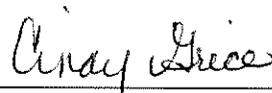
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held March 18, 2010 at Boyne City City Hall 319 North Lake Street, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Boyne City voted to recommend adoption of said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE City Commission of the City of Boyne City hereby adopts of the Boyne City Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Boyne City,

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I, Cindy Grice, City of Boyne City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of Boyne City at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of March 2010.



Recording Secretary

move to item 9 A and then to 8 C so that City Planner McPherson could present both of his agenda items and then be excused from the meeting. The board felt this was appropriate.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Input regarding the City Recreation Plan

City Planner Scott McPherson gave an overview of the City's expired recreation plan, discussed the reasons for updating and renewing, and explained the process. Without a current plan, the City is not eligible for various recreation grants they may want to apply for in the future.

Chair Sheean opened the floor for public comments; none were received.

Board Discussion – McPherson handed out an excerpt out of the old plan for discussion (Received and Filed). The board went through the list of items and discussed what should remain on the list, what should be removed, or what new projects should be added and prioritize if it is a short-term or long-term goal. With the input from the board, McPherson will have a draft plan for review by the next meeting. Once the board approves the draft plan for distribution, there needs to be a thirty day public review prior to holding a public hearing at the March 18th Parks & Recreation board meeting. In order to meet this timeline, McPherson suggested that the board consider holding their February meeting on the 14th 11th instead of it's' regularly scheduled meeting on the 21st 18th. The board was agreeable to this. Conklin moved, Adkison seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to change the regularly scheduled February 21st 18th meeting up to February 14th 11th at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION

Boyer City to Boyer Falls Property Easement Update

McPherson reported that he is still working on it with the assistance of the City Attorney and will continue to report on the progress.

PARK INSPECTIONS

Sheets reported there was a sledding accident at Avalanche that resulted in someone being taken by ambulance and that the warming house appeared cleaner than in the past and seems to be well run. Kuhn reported that he had requested the City to put up snow fence along the power lines at Avalanche, as there are snowmobiles trespassing on private property, and it hasn't been done yet. Awodey reported that he skied up at Avalanche and did not see any other skiers, but many walkers and snowshoers and he also reported many snowmobile tracks on private property.

OLD BUSINESS

Avalanche Master Plan Update

At the January 12th City Commission meeting, the commissioners voted to adopt the Avalanche Master Plan with the concession that snowmobile use be allowed as it currently is.

- Update regarding the City Commission's unanimous decision to allow the City to enter into an agreement with Glen Catt to operate the One Water Marina for the 2010 boating season. Cain asked the board to help put the word out there that we will have additional slips, additional shoppers' dockage, and 80' slips available this summer.
- DPW superintendant Kovolski attended a seminar on grant opportunities through the DNRE.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Nancy Cunningham (received and filed) submitted on behalf of the Boyne Valley Garden Club and the Friends of the Boyne River regarding Old City Park. Chair Sheean responded to Cunningham via email that City staff will review in the spring when the snow melts.

Wehner expressed that the request was two-fold: 1) The City can be considering the request as they are working on the parks budget. 2) They don't want the issues to be forgotten.

City Manager Cain commented that the contractor may address some of the issues when they come back in the spring to finish their punch list, there may also be some funds through the additional grant funds from the original project that we have requested; therefore, we should not commit to giving any certain dollar amount at this time.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Joint Boards and Commissions update – Sheean submitted his report to the board (received and filed)

Park Inspections

- Kuhn reported that the snowfence was put up at Avalanche a long the power lines behind Parkview Apartments and seems to be helping.
- Sheets reported that the ice rink and sledding hill are being heavily used. She also stated that there still needs to be more beverage offerings. She wondered what happened with the vendor that was interested in coming in. Kuhn added that he had bed & breakfast guests that used the park everyday and really enjoyed it. There was also a report of people still mountain biking on the trails.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Input regarding the City Recreation Plan

City Planner Scott McPherson introduced the City's draft Recreation Plan for the board's review and comment. The board reviewed the reviewed and discussed the Goals and Actions Program part of the plan. The board made some additions and corrections, McPherson will make the corrections prior to distribution.

****MOTION**

Conklin moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to recommend the draft Recreation Plan for distribution and thirty day review period.

Railroad Easement Update

The City attorney is researching it with a title company. McPherson attempted to contact him to see what if anything he has found and had not heard anything back.

Partners for Change Grant Update

McPherson also gave an update on the Partners for Change grant involving the City, Wilson and Boyne Valley Townships regarding the M-75 corridor and what the next steps are.

NEW BUSINESS

Non-motorized Trail between Boyne City and Young State Park

****MOTION**

City Planner McPherson stated that representatives from the City and Sue Topham from Young State Park have met to discuss a possible trail from Boyne City to Young State Park running parallel along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road to the park entrance with a leg running along the existing sewer line into the campground area. The general consensus of the board is that it is a great idea and certainly worth pursuing. **Wehner moved, Adkison seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to recommend further exploration of a non-motorized trail opportunity between Boyne City and Young State Park.

Avalanche Mountain Bike Trail

Adkison requested that the Mountain Bike Trail annual review be placed on the agenda for discussion. He stated that the trails have become very popular, are getting great reviews, and are recognized in magazine articles nation-wide. He asked if the board had any questions, complaints or suggestion regarding the trail or its use. The board thanked Adkison for his presentation and stated they were satisfied with the use at this time.

Avalanche Mountain Bike Trail Extension Proposal

Adkison stated that the users of the current Mountain Bike trail at Avalanche would like to propose an extension of approximately 1.5 miles on the east side, utilizing some of the County's gravel pit property. A reference map was provided (received and filed). There have been preliminary talks with County Commissioner Christensen and Road Commission Supervisor Pat Harmon and they both stated that it is a possibility, but would have to go before the County Road Commission for consideration. Adkison stated that the project would be undertaken using volunteers and would take approximate two years to complete.

Board Discussion:

From an ecological standpoint, the area being discussed is home to fragile plant life and animal habitat. It is a lower lying flatter area where the deer bed. Consider preserving the area for quiet and nature.

Approved: _____

Meeting of March 15, 2010 RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **BOYNE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION** MEETING HELD AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 319 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M.

Call to Order Vice Chair MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Dan Adkison, Gretchen Crum, Jerry Douglas, George Ellwanger, Chris Frasz, Norm Gardner, Jane MacKenzie, and Joe St. Dennis
Absent: Tom Neidhamer

****MOTION** **2010-3-15-2**
Adkison moved, Ellwanger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to excuse Neidhamer

Meeting Attendance City Officials/Staff: City Planner Scott McPherson and Recording Secretary Pat Haver
Public Present: none

Consent Agenda ****MOTION** **2010-3-15-3A**
Ellwanger moved, Crum seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to approve the consent agenda.
a. Approval of the February 15, 2010 Planning Commission minutes as presented.

Comments on Non-Agenda Items None

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees At the next Planning Commission meeting on April 19, 2010, it will be Boyne City’s turn to host the Partnership for Change meeting; probably will be held in the auditorium.

Unfinished Business None

New Business Planning Director McPherson gave his staff report and a brief overview of the Draft Boyne City Recreation Plan – 2010. The last one has expired, and in order to qualify or apply for any possible grant money, there must be a current plan on file. The Boyne City Waterfront Master Plan, Avalanche Plan, and the Old City Park plans are included along with the Recreation Plan.

Board Deliberation:

- Asked questions about different portions of the proposed budget line items
- Peninsula Beach – Berm was there as a containment device for the waste water treatment plant, intent was to remove the berm and create a flat place for public use. The oldest trees are on this part of the property with 99% of the property being flat, why is money being allocated and spent on moving dirt and trees when a plan or intended use has not been settled on?
- Inquired if the use of LED had been discussed to replace the bulbs currently in the lights, with the cost of utilities, it would have a substantial impact on savings. Until the technology is mastered, in the mean time, what about compact fluorescent bulb use?

****MOTION**

With no further board discussion, **Adkison moved, Douglas seconded** a motion to recommend the Boyne City Recreation Plan – 2010 be approved with the comments from Peninsula Beach and lighting sources noted.

2010-3-15-7A

Roll Call:

Ayes: Adkison, Crum, Douglas, Ellwanger, Frasz, Gardner, MacKenzie, and St. Dennis

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Neidhamer

Motion Carried

Partnership for Change Review

Planning Director McPherson reviewed the report that was included in the agenda packet, and asked planning commission members for any feedback. The majority of the work will be done at the next meeting as the other township commissions and guests will be in attendance.

Application for illuminated sign for inspired living

Planning Director McPherson reviewed the staff report that was included in the agenda packet. Until the proposed sign is complete, they may have a temporary sign on the building

Board Discussion:

- It meets all requirements of the sign ordinance
- Discussion regarding the bracket that will be lowered to accommodate the sign

2010-3-15-7C

****MOTION**

Motion by Ellwanger, seconded by Adkison to approve the sign request for inspired living as presented.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing for City
Recreation Plan**

Park Inspections - No reports

City Planner Scott McPherson gave some background information on the process thus far and then next step is to make a recommendation to the City Commission for adoption of the plan. The draft plan has been available for review both at City Hall and it was posted online for the 30 day review period. The plan was also reviewed by the Planning Commission at their March 15th meeting and suggested that removing the berm and trees at Peninsula Beach should be removed from the plan to preserve the trees.

The public hearing was opened at 7:15. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:15.

****MOTION**

Board Discussion – The general consensus of the board was that they were fine with the suggestion from the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Wehner moved, Nicholls seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to recommend the City Recreation Plan for adoption by the City Commission, incorporating the recommended change from the Planning Commission regarding the berm and trees at Peninsula Beach.

Motion

2010-03-040

Moved by Commissioner Adkison

Second by Commissioner Sansom

2010-03-040

To adopt the Boyne City Recreation Plan 2010 as presented and as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission to include item #17 reflection the City Commissioners direction regarding the development of snowmobile trails.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried



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**CITY OF
BOYNE CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT**

To interested Boyne City residents, a draft version of the City's Recreation Plan is available for review and comment at Boyne City Hall until March 18, 2010.

The City encourages citizen participation and wishes to obtain views and comments on the proposed plan. To view the plan or for further information contact City Planner Scott McPherson at 231-582-0343 or email smcpherson@boynecity.com.

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**CITY OF
BOYNE CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT**

Parks & Recreation

To interested Boyne City residents, the City will hold a public input session on Thursday, January 14, 2010, 7 pm, during the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting at City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City. The purpose is to receive public input to update the City's Recreation Plan.

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BOYNE CITY**

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BOYNE CITY

City plans goal-setting session

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City city officials will conduct a city-wide goal setting session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, in the parish hall at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne City Road.

City officials said the goal-setting session is an opportunity for residents to share suggestions, ask questions, hear what others are thinking and receive updates on the status of previously established goals.

Input received at the meeting will assist the city commission and other city boards and commissions in determining the short term and long term goals for the community. The goals will give the city commission and staff direction on the community's priorities, and where to focus the city's resources.

Those who are unable to attend the meeting may still submit suggestions in writing to: City of Boyne City, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, Mich., 49712, or by e-mail to cgrice@boynecity.com by Jan. 15. For additional information, call city hall at 582-6597.



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BOYNE CITY

The Future of Boyne City

Are you interested in shaping the future of Boyne City? Join community leaders and city staff at a City-wide Goal Setting Session. The City of Boyne City will hold a City-wide goal setting session on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne City Rd. (M-75 S.) This goal setting session is a great opportunity to share suggestions, ask questions, hear what your fellow citizens are thinking, and receive updates on the status on previously established goals. Input received at this meeting will assist the City Commission and other City Boards and Commissions in determining the short term and long term goals for our community. These goals will give the City Commission and staff direction on the community's priorities, and where to focus the City's resources. Whether you have suggestions you want to share or are just interested in hearing what other citizens have to say, you are encouraged to attend. If you are not able to attend you may still submit suggestions to: City of Boyne City, 319 North Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712 or by emailing cgrice@boynecity.com by January 15th. For additional information or if you have questions, contact City Hall 231-582-6597.

Members of the public are invited to share their vision of Boyne City's future on Tuesday January 19 at 6PM in St. Matthews Church

Can You See The Future?

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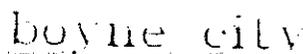
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BOYNE CITY GOAL SETTING SESSION PLANNED

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To: Michael Cain, City Manager 
From: Barb Brooks, Executive Assistant 
Date: February 8, 2010
Subject: City-wide Goal Setting Session and Online Survey

Attached for your review is an overall summary of the online questions and responses and/or number of responses (pages 3 –9). Paper copy responses to the survey were typed into the online survey by City staff and incorporated into the overall results.

The questions that prompted surveyors to type responses were summarized and incorporated into the goals and comments sheets generated from the January 19 referencing the online survey, also attached (pages 10 – 25).

Listed below is a real general overview of who participated in the City-wide goal setting, both at the meeting and at the survey.

- Approximately 60 people attended the goal setting session on January 19th.
- 377 people participated in the survey online
- 34 people submitted a paper copy of the survey, collected from the following locations:
 - Glens Market - 7, Boyne District Library - 1, City Hall - 15, Boyne Area Senior Center - 9, Chamber of Commerce – 1
- Out of the 377 online survey participants 7.1% (29) participated in the January 19th session. Those 29 participants answered a separate set of questions geared towards feedback regarding the January meeting (see page 8 – 9 of the attachment).
- Out of the 411 total participants, 119 stated they live within the City limits, 71 from a surrounding township, 31 in northern Michigan and 167 did not answer the question.
- Out of the original top 9 goals from the January meeting, 7 of those showed up in the top 10 from the survey. The top 3 are listed below, to see and compare the top 16, see attachment page 1. Page 2 of the attachment combines the top 16 from the meeting and the top 16 from the survey for a combined result of the top 16.

Top 3 from Goal setting (most votes out of 60)

- Develop Dilworth – 25
- Healthy Local Business Base – 19
- Job Creation – 18

Top 3 from Online Survey (most votes out of 411)

- Job Creation – 120
- Healthy Local Business Base – 84
- Devlon Property & Develop Dilworth – 68 each

I also ran a filtered response for City residents only, the results are as follows:

- Job Creation – 68
- Devlon – 35
- Develop Dilworth - 37

There are many different ways to break down and search the survey results (i.e. City resident responses, non-city resident responses, etc.). Due to the amount of turn-around time from when the survey ended to today, I have provided the basic results; however, if there is any other information or specific breakdowns you would like to see, I can try to provide them to you.

MeetingTop 1-16 Goals/Challenges

1. Develop Dilworth Hotel – 25
2. Healthy Local Business Base – 19
3. Job Creation and Retention – 18
4. Extend/Renew the DDA – 15
5. Broadband Expansion - 12
(to attract High-Tech Businesses)
6. Build on current successes – 10
- * Move City Offices off the Waterfront - 10
- * Stay Positive and Progressive - 10
9. Devlon Property – 9
10. Snowmobile Trail in, out - 8
and around town
11. Maintain all current City Services – 8
12. Improve Recreation Facilities for - 4
youth & seniors
- * Alternative Energy Sources – 4
13. Non-motorized Trails - 3
- * Shoppers Dock – 3
14. Declining Revenue - 1

OnlineTop 16 Goals/Challenges

Job creation and retention	120
Healthy local business base	84
Devlon Property	68
Develop Dilworth Hotel	68
Improve recreation facilities for youth & seniors	50
Broadband expansion (to attract high-tech businesses)	48
Extend/renew the DDA Plan	43
Non-motorized trails in, out and around town	38
Move city offices off the waterfront	37
Declining revenue	37
Snowmobile trails in, out, and around town	33
Stay positive and progressive	31
Maintain all current city services	26
Alternative energy sources	24
Build on current successes	23
Shoppers dock	18

Top 16 Goals from the meeting and online survey combined

1	Job creation and retention	138
2	Healthy local business base	103
3	Develop Dilworth Hotel	93
4	Devlon Property	77
5	Broadband expansion (to attract high-tech businesses)	60
6	Extend/renew the DDA Plan	58
7	Improve recreation facilities for youth & seniors	54
8	Move city offices off the waterfront	47
9	Non-motorized trails in, out and around town	41
*	Snowmobile trails in, out, and around town	41
*	Stay positive and progressive	41
12	Declining revenue	38
13	Maintain all current city services	34
14	Build on current successes	33
15	Alternative energy sources	28
16	Shoppers dock	21

#1 (25 votes)

Develop Dilworth Hotel

Discussion items:

- City will need to be “real” involved
- Government should not be involved
- Move City Hall offices to the Dilworth
- M-Tech center
- Cultural Arts Center
- City should stay at arms length
- Always needs to be a priority
- Maintain standards with current owner
- Culinary/hospitality school
- Visitor conference center
- Private / Public partnership
- Structural analysis
- “Signature Building” grant
- Senior Citizen complex
- Explore full potential of a boutique hotel and restaurant

14 survey respondents agreed that the city should assist in saving or preserving the Dilworth.

One response indicated that the Dilworth should be left to the private sector.

#2 (19 votes)

Healthy Local Business Base

Discussion items:

- Healthy advertising dollars
- Incentives to attract new businesses
- Help existing businesses – promote shopping local
- Zoning Ordinance – retail on first level of a building
- Visually unify streetscape
- Expand – don't focus on just the downtown
- Expand broadband
- Expand shoppers dock
- Cutting edge of technology information gathering
- Low income source of funding – seed money
- Peer group support
- Support from existing business to teach others
- City should be positive and involved
- Seek out grants
- Infrastructure improvements
- Façade improvements
- Build one business at a time

19 survey respondents wanted to see different and diverse shopping opportunities and art cultural centers expanded

6 survey respondents wanted to see affordable restaurants

17 survey respondents wanted to see empty store fronts filled

24 survey respondents wanted to see tourism base built upon to attract visitors

#3 (18 votes)

Job Creation and Retention

Discussion items:

- Prioritize broadband expansion (and “Cloud Computing”)
- Creative marketing program putting Boyne City in front of job creators
- Survey possible industry/services to identify
- Refocus concerted effort for A.I.P to fill and expand career based jobs
- Create a niche for Boyne City to identify and go after
- Keep people here – are we willing to be retrained
- Focus of “Team Boyne”
- Assess the health/condition of existing employers one-on-one
- Build on arts, create business entrepreneurial opportunities – independent
- Build and connect on why people come here
- Build on tourism (events) – year around
- Enhance the quality of life year around
- Expand on the arts community and cultural events
- Research and look into cottage industries...green and artistic
- Look at other communities
- Green energy
- Long term tax breaks for industry
- Spend money on advertising tourism
- Create jobs above minimum wage
- Capitalize on being a 4-seasons Sports Mecca

124 survey respondents agreed that business opportunities, job creation and retention were important.

#4 (15 votes)

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Extend/Renew the DDA

Discussion items:

- Important to downtown for events, improvements, and development – responsible in good measure for the success of Boyne City
- Brings in additional revenue through financial leverage – brought 1.78 for every dollar of TIF revenue
- Grant opportunities – important for improvements City-wide
- Loss of general fund revenues
- Would like to see it put to a vote
- Maintains volunteer staff
- Broadband Expansion (priority #5) is a DDA project to attract high tech businesses
- Core of the City is the best of any town
- Best thing in Boyne in over 35 years
- DDA – public education (explain benefits), term/length and tax base (need to develop a consensus)

26 survey respondents wanted to see the city retain the main street program, expand the DDA, seek available grants

4 survey respondents would like to see the DDA eliminated

#5 (12 votes)

Broadband Expansion to attract High Tech Businesses

Discussion items:

- Add a new T-1 line to move data and teleconference
- Wireless City – Wi-Max
- Private / Public cooperation
- Marketing and outreach
- Cloud Computing
- Identify potential partnerships (City, County, Private, College, Schools, State, Federal, and Council of Government)
- Define needs
- Identify existing assets – who has it and how?
- Take the lead – research it

7 survey respondents agree that we need improve our technology to attract more high-tech businesses

#6 (10 votes)

Build on current successes

Discussion items:

- After Labor Day to May
 - Outdoor Events on the Lake/Ice and at Avalanche
 - Indoor events at the High School
- Seek professional council for new ideas

44 survey respondents agreed that we should build on and add more family friendly ongoing events (Stroll the Streets, Evenings @ the Gazebo, and Farmers Market)

#7 (10 votes)

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Move City Offices off the Waterfront

Discussion items:

- Move City Hall to the Dilworth building
- Millage vote
- Move City Hall to the Old Middle School
- Move City Hall to the Consumers Power Building
- Move the DPW to north Boyne City, MI 49712
- Move Police, Ambulance, and Fire together
- Move Police, Ambulance, and Fire to the 1910 building site
- Combine City and County offices in Boyne City
- Start the design process
- Decide how many facilities and where

#8 (10 votes)

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Stay Positive and Progressive

Discussion items:

- Invest now to ready for recovery
- Communicate good news
- Keep reaching for the brass ring
- Keep improving
- Engage all citizens to be good news ambassadors
- Bring motivational/positive speakers
- Public celebrations of success
- Good ambassador awards
- Spread the word outside of Boyne City
- Media/Public relations
- Perception is reality
- Boyne is Better!!!
- Continue to educate
- Dwell on what's good

#9 (9 votes)

Devlon Property

Discussion items:

- Remove concrete and fence
- Hold the developer accountable to all applicable zoning
- Apply community-wide pressure
- Develop an advisory committee to work with the developer
- Pursue purchase of property
- If the property changes hands – protect the City from a replay of the current situation
- Discuss and get ideas from Glen Catt
- Develop positive incentives to clean-up the property

5 survey respondents would like to see improvements specifically at the Devlon property

Remaining
Challenges
and/or
Opportunities
the City will
face during the
next couple of
years

(in order of most votes)

#10 (8 votes)

Snowmobile Trail in, out, and around town

Comments/Input:

21 survey respondents agreed that recreational trails were important

#11 (8 votes)

Maintain all current City Services

Comments/Input:

26 survey respondents agreed that maintaining current city services were important

18 specified streets and sidewalk repair/maintenance

#12 (4 votes)

Improve Recreation Facilities for youth & seniors

Comments/Input:

35 survey respondents agreed that recreational facilities for youth and seniors were important

#13 (4 votes)

Alternative Energy Sources

Comments/Input:

3 survey respondents wanted to see "green" technology

#14 (3 votes)

Non-motorized Trails

(connect to other communities & trails and proper paths in the City)

Comments/Input:

21 survey respondents agreed that recreational trails were important

#15 (3 votes)

Shoppers Dock

Comments/Input:

13 survey respondents agreed that the shoppers dock and marina expansion were important

#16 (1 vote)

Declining Revenue

Comments/Input:

Other noted Challenges and/or Opportunities (not listed in a particular order)

- Downtown skating rink

Comments/Input:

- Traffic light located by the Post Office

Comments/Input:

- Upgrade and expand marina facilities

Comments/Input:

13 survey respondents agreed that the shoppers dock and marina expansion were important

- Prioritize Spending

Comments/Input:

10 survey respondents agreed that the need to prioritize or have better spending of tax dollars were important

- Unemployment Rates

Comments/Input:

- Community Involvement

Comments/Input:

9 survey respondents agree more communication / community involvement

- Destiny of the old Carters building

Comments/Input:

- Transition of downtown on Lake St. towards Glen's Market

Comments/Input:

- Keeping retail spaces full downtown/vacant store fronts

Comments/Input:

17 survey respondents agreed that filling the vacant storefronts downtown were important

- Maintain or grow population / Promote quality of life

Comments/Input:

23 survey respondents agree that we need to maintain young families and year 'round residents

19 survey respondents agree that we need more affordable housing

- Promote airport and facility

Comments/Input:

- Career opportunities

Comments/Input:

124 survey respondents agreed that the creation of business opportunities, retention of jobs were important

- Sustain our progressive programs with less funds

Comments/Input:

- Tannery Beach improvements

Comments/Input:

- X-Country skiing at Rotary Park

Comments/Input:

- Volunteers can groom
- Parking is already there
- Some lighting is already there

- Additional Grocery Store in town

Comments/Input:

- Would benefit locals and tourists

2 survey respondents – Additional grocery store

Additional Opportunities and Challenges suggested by survey participants:

- 3 survey respondents - Preserve local history (Water Works Bldg.)
- 17 survey respondents agree that lack of parking including handicap is an issue
- 25 survey respondents - Retain/protect waterfront property
- 7 survey respondents – No more development on the waterfront
- 29 survey respondents agree the City should reduce taxes
- 11 survey respondents agree that we need to focus on our schools
- 39 survey respondents - Controlled growth/development of City & Waterfront (small town feel)
- 17 survey respondents agree there needs to be changes at City Hall (ordinances, attitudes, staff, and decision making.