



Approved:

**Meeting of
November 11, 2021**

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 11, 2021.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Mike Sheean, , Greg Vadnais, Andy Schmittiel, Tom Smith, Hugh Conklin, and Pete Friedrich

Absent: Diane Sterling, Rob Weick, and Lilianna Richards

City Staff: DPW director Tim Faas and executive assistant Barb Brooks

Meeting Attendance

Public Present: Three (3)

****MOTION**

Friedrich moved, Schmittiel seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse the absence of Weick, Sterling, and Richards

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Schmittiel moved Conklin seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the August 4, 2021 and September 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

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

Skylar MacNaughton shared with the board his interest in making areas in Boyne City, such as Avalanche and Riverside Park, a migration stop and hatching grounds for Monarch Butterflies by adding natural plantings to attract them. Plants, such as Milkweed, would be incorporated into already natural park areas. The consensus of the board was to allow MacNaughton to work with staff to develop the idea further and report back.

Lisa Thiel expressed concerns over residents near Riverside Park who are cutting down trees, trimming bushes and maintaining a lawn like area. It is her understanding that the park is supposed to be a natural area and that the public does not have the right to cut down trees, bushes, mow grass, etc. at any city owned property. Faas confirmed that the public should not be doing this and stated that a conversation took place early in the summer with a homeowner regarding this specific issue. The homeowner stated that previous city personnel had given them permission. Faas will follow up on this issue.

Director's Report

A written report was included to agenda packet. There was some additional discussion regarding item 11.C 2022 County Parks Millage Allocation. In addition to the ideas listed, it was suggested to consider additional play equipment in some of our parks and portable tables and chairs for Veterans Park Pavilion.

Correspondence

None

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

Park Inspection Reports –

- Discussion regarding the view corridor at Avalanche becoming more and more narrow.

User Group(s) –

- None
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**Unfinished Business
Public Works
Organizational
Assessment**

Faas walked the board through his report and discussed how Boyne City's department compared to surrounding communities in staffing, duties, responsibilities, employee roles, programming, amount of park land, fields, activities, etc., and programming. The board agreed with the recommendation to possibly implement software to handle field, park, and building reservations. They also agreed that with the amount of park land, maintenance and park users, that the addition of a parks and recreation coordinator makes sense.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The November 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary