



Approved:

**Meeting of
February 11, 2021**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT 5:00 P.M. Via ZOOM ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021.**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Sheean, Lisa Alexander, Tom Smith, Sterling, Vadnais, Weick, and Hugh Conklin

Absent: None

Meeting Attendance

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

Public Present: 17

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Conklin moved Weick seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the January 14, 2021 meeting minutes

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

None

Director's Report

A written report was provided to the Commission in the agenda packet. In addition Faas requested the board add an item to the agenda under new business regarding consideration for additional project applications for the County Parks Millage Fund. It will be item 9E. Faas also reviewed the capital projects portion of the upcoming proposed budget.

Public comment/questions:

- *Which projects are on hold?* John St., Open Space, Waterworks Park, Ridge Run Dog Park, Rotary Park, Shoreline restoration areas, and BV Trail.
- *Are the roll-over project approved or to be approved?* They have been approved but were not completed during the current budget year
- *What is the timeline for Rotary Park batting cages & bullpen?* All of the items have been ordered and installation will take place in the spring once the ground is conducive to construction.
- A concern was raised regarding a driveway that may be impacted by the Waterworks Park project. The project isn't to the point of entrance relocation, it currently only encompasses walkways to and around the picnic shelter.

Correspondence

None

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

Park Inspection Reports –

- Avalanche has had a lot of activity. The trails had been a little rough but were reported to be better as of the meeting date. Faas reported that there was an issue with one of the computer systems on the water well causing it to not recognize one the tank is full causing occasional water to flow up through an overflow pipe near the base of Avalanche resulting in an icy area. The issue is being addressed.

Unfinished Business

**Board Member
Appointment**

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Since the resignation of Heather Huffstutler the board has been operating with seven members instead of eight. Applications were reviewed in the late fall and it was decided to wait until after the holidays and first of the year to see if there was any additional interest. Two more applications were received. After board discussion and a handful of citizens' comments, **Sterling moved, Alexander seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend the appointment of Andrew Schmittiel to the Parks and Recreation board to a four year term expiring December 31, 2024. Conklin added that we were fortunate to have several equally interested and qualified people to choose from.

New Business

**Weick Re-appointment
MOTION

Sterling moved, Vadnais seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend the reappointment of Robert Weick to a four year term, expiring December 31, 2024

**Student Member
Appointment
MOTION

Smith moved, Weick seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend the appointment of Lilianna Richards to serve as the first non-voting, student board member of the Boyne City Parks and Recreation Commission. Board members congratulated and welcomed Lilianna to the board and looks forward to her participation.

**Dog Park Agility Area
Sign**

The board reviewed the proposed sign designed by The Woodshop. The only change was to the City's contact information. The general consensus was for staff to make the appropriate change and move forward with it.

**Citizens' Baseball /
Softball committee
Little League Field
Renovation Proposal**

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A copy of the proposal was included in the agenda packet and was also verbally summarized by John Bush Jr. Several citizens spoke in favor of allowing the project to move forward and offered their support. The group plans to raise all of the funds needed for the project and is asking the City for some in-kind support with the utilities, grants and to update the lease agreement. **Alexander moved, Smith seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend supporting the group to move forward with the project.

**Charlevoix County
Parks Millage
Allocation Projects**

The City Commissioned passed the required resolution for the Waterworks Park application but wondered if there weren't other projects ready to go that we should be considering. After review, staff recommends two additional projects, the purchase of benches that would be placed along the Boyne Valley Trail and the Boyne Valley Trail extension near the

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wastewater treatment plant and trailhead at the airport.
Alexander moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend moving forward with applications for the trail extension and trail benches.

Adjournment
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The February 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary

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