

Approved: July 18, 2013

**MEETING OF
JUNE 6, 2013**

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT
6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013.**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jerry Swift, Heath Meeder, Marie Sheets, Darryl Parish, Jo Bowman, Gail Van Horn and Mike Sheean

Absent: ~~None~~ *Kuhn*

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski and Recording Secretary Barb Brooks

Public Present: Six

**EXCUSED ABSENCES
MOTION**

VanHorn moved, Parish seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to excuse *Kuhn* from the June 6, 2013 meeting as he is out of town.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
MOTION**

Swift moved, Parish seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion to approve the May 2, 2013 meeting minutes as presented

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Disc Golf

Rob Wiltjer and Forest Omland gave an update on the disk golf course condition and activity. They had a list they went over with the board of items that should be addressed either by their club (as volunteers), staff or a combination of. They will continue to work with staff on issues, concerns and suggestions but feels things are improving and are excited about the amount of interest and activity they are seeing there.

**Farmers Market Grant
Opportunity**

Main Street Manager Conklin shared with the board information about a grant opportunity from the MEDC that could benefit the Farmers Market and the pavilion in Veterans Park. The premise is to enhance the pavilion so it can be used as a year around facility for the market and other users. Conklin stated at this time he would like to hear the boards

thoughts and if they support the general concept. The board discussed that they were in support of the concept, especially if there is grant money to take on the project.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks are all in full swing and all of the irrigation has been turned on. The Garden Club has all of their plantings in for the summer.

Parish inquired about the condition of Tannery Beach after it was used by a contractor for an adjacent property owner. Superintendent Kovolski stated that the property owner and contractor had asked the City for permission and insured that any disturbance would be returned back to the original condition.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Park Inspections - Spring St. leading to Riverside Park has been graded and looks good. Concerns are still being expressed at the Lower Lake outfall. Kovolski discussed the draft plan options that are being discussed at the City Commission level to best address the situation. Events from Memorial weekend went well.

Avalanche Signage update - Waiting for a proof from the Wood Shop to review and submit to the City Commission for Consideration.

Boyne City/Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail update - Groups continue to have successful fund-raising events to put towards funding the project.

Boyne Valley Non-motorized Trail - The last piece of property (easement) needed has been obtained and things are still moving forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Horse Trail Ride Services at Avalanche Request

Board Discussion - Board members Kuhn and Swift walked the proposed trail area with Don and Becky, Boyne Valley Equine to see if more trail separation could be created from the walking trail and disc golf course. Swift reported that while they were able to mark a trail that provided separation, it did not provide one hundred percent separation the full length. There were two areas that the trails crossed paths. Also, to achieve this some branch trimming and brush clearing should be done. Kuhn was not able to attend the board meeting; however he conveyed to recording secretary Brooks that he felt that the proposed trail looks like it could work and there is very limited interaction between the current and proposed trail area and trail uses. He felt the only way we were really going to know is to give it a try. He was

comfortable moving forward and recommending this proposal to the City Commission with the caveat that if there were issues that couldn't be resolved the City reserves the right to pull the plug. Parrish stated that he was not able to get up to Avalanche to see the marked trail area since it has been marked. He expressed concerns over not having total separation and it interfering with the current uses. Without seeing it, he was not in favor of moving forward with a recommendation at this time. VanHorn stated that she has heard nothing but positive feedback regarding the proposal and thinks it could be a good thing for the community. She also agreed that we won't know until we try it and it can be rescinded at anytime. Recording Secretary Brooks added that she was in attendance the day of the ride as a walker on the trail and stated that it was not intimidating to encounter the horses on the trail. You could here them coming before you actually saw them. It was not a surprise encounter that caught you off guard. Two members of the Boyne Valley Disc Golf League stated they didn't see a problem with trying it and does not believe it will interfere with the use of the course. Meeder stated that he has not been able to walk the course since the new trail has been marked but trusts that board members Swift and Kuhn used good judgment when walking it with Don and Becky and believes they would not recommend it if they didn't feel it had merit.

****MOTION**

Meeder moved, Bowman seconded to request Don & Becky better mark the proposed trail and recommend the proposal of horse trail rides at Avalanche from Boyne Valley Equine to the City Commission for consideration and approval at their June 11th meeting.

Discussion – Parrish was still not comfortable making a recommendation without personally viewing the marked proposed trail. Brooks informed the board they could wait a few days to give the board the opportunity to walk the trail and then either hold a special meeting to further discuss and make a recommendation but it would not go to the city commission until their June 25th meeting. If a special meeting was not held and the board waited to discuss it at their July 18th meeting, it would not go before the commission until July 23rd.

Motion approved: six YES and one NO

Dog Park

Board member VanHorn stated that she met with fellow board member Meeder and Superintendent Kovolski prior to the board meeting. Kovolski will work on getting cost estimates for the fence and VanHorn and Meeder will work on getting more people from outside the board involved in the planning and fund-raising. They hope to have more information to present at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Recycling Containers

****MOTION**

Kovolski inquired as to if the board thought it would be a good idea or if they had any concerns about placing recycling bins (barrels) in various parks for recyclable collections. Mainly plastic bottles or cans that are non-returnable. The general consensus of the board was that this is a good idea. **Bowman moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** have staff work with the Charlevoix County Recycling committee to locate collection bins in some of the our parks.

Public Service Projects

There is a group looking to perform community service projects June 16 - June 22 and August 4 - 10. Kovolski will work with parks foreman Hausler to see if we have any possible projects.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Veterans Park. (The meeting schedule adopted for the year allowed for the July and August meetings to not be held on the 1st Thursday due to conflicts with holidays and events.)

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION**

The June 6, 2013 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. Moved by Sheets, seconded by VanHorn, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary