



Approved:

**Meeting of
September 13, 2018**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 4:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Sheean at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Lisa Alexander, Jo Bowman, Hugh Conklin, Gow Litzenburger, Mike Sheean, Diane Sterling and Greg Vadnais (arrived 4:49)

Absent: Tom Smith

Meeting Attendance

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Mike Wiesner, City Manager Michael Cain and Recording Secretary Jane Halstead

Public Present: four (4)

**Excused Absences
MOTION

Alexander moved, Litzenburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse Tom Smith from today's meeting.

**Approval of Minutes
MOTION

Conklin moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion approving the August 2, 2018 meeting minutes with the correction of the meeting being called to order by Jo Bowman.

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

- Patrick Hood, President of the Boyne Valley Disc Club, requested that they be allowed to hold an all-day disc golf tournament at Avalanche Park on Saturday, October 13th. The Board discussed and approved of the tournament provided the required paperwork is completed. Conklin asked Hood if the disc golf players had any conflict with the bike riders at Avalanche. Patrick Hood said no, they are very aware of where the bikers are riding.

**Approval of Disc Golf
Tournament
MOTION

Sterling moved, Litzenburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY a motion approving the October 13th, 2018 Boyne Valley Disc Club Tournament at Avalanche park, provided the necessary paperwork is completed at City Hall.

Director's Report

DPW Director Mike Wiesner provided a written report which was received and filed. Mike Wiesner is the interim DPW Director and is expected to be here until December.

Wiesner prefers that the Board communicate directly with him if they have issues that need to be addressed.

Lisa Alexander said there are trees down on the Blue hiking trail at Avalanche.

The gate at the soccer field at Rotary Park is not working.

Correspondence

None.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- Avalanche has some trees down.
 - The face of Avalanche eroding. Signs/saw horse indicating trail closed may help.
 - The Mobi Mat has been repaired at Peninsula Beach. The park is in good shape.
 - Riverside Park has some trees down and plastic tarp near entrance. The new signage will be nice.
 - Rotary Park fields look good. The doors in the men's bathroom are rusted and need maintenance or replacement. There is only 1 trash can on either side of soccer field- are more needed?
 - The sidewalk between the river mouth bathrooms and Veteran's Park needs more garbage cans.
 - The kayak launch was removed for Boyne Thunder and hasn't been reinstalled. Mike Wiesner is looking into it.
 - Boyne River Nature Area is looking good however the boardwalks are slippery.
 - Planting will begin this week at Sunset Park for the shoreline project.
 - Ridge Run Dog Park has dead trees that need to be replaced. Some are shedding bark and need to come down.
 - More benches are needed at Dog Park – were these included as part of the grant?
 - Thanks to Michelle Carter for all of her work at the Dog Park.
 - Gow Litzenburger and Mike Wiesner are doing a tree survey of the City and are working to formulate a maintenance plan to water trees etc. The drought has caused a lot of trees to fail.
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Unfinished Business**Tennis Court Update**

Negotiations are ongoing. It is not likely that the courts will be fixed this year as there is a work stoppage with bituminous workers.

Proposed Mountain Bike Trail on City Owned Property in Evangeline Township

The mountain bike trails in Evangeline Township are moving forward. Nothing has been finalized on foresting or trail placement.

Pump Track at Avalanche

The draft conceptual plan indicates a pump track will need an asphalt pad approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the size of the skating rink pad that is at Avalanche now. We need to determine where we can put it.

Avalanche RFP Update

There has been no progress on the RFP.

Off-leash dogs at Avalanche

It is difficult to enforce the leash law. A sign by the bag dispenser may be helpful. Before next summer we should get some signage installed and have a conversation with the police department on how to go about enforcement.

New Business

Consideration to Tour Parks for the October 4th Meeting

Because several members of the board will be absent from the next meeting, it was decided not to tour the parks at the next meeting.

Good Of The Order

- Everyone is invited to the Joint Board and Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 16th to discuss the six Community-wide goals that have been adopted by the City Commission.
 - Beach cleaning was recently done at Peninsula Beach Park.
 - Trash cans are being relocated throughout the City.
 - Plans for locations of park benches are being revised.
 - Different methods to control the geese were discussed.
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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

The September 13, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 5:39p.m.

Jane Halstead, Recording Secretary

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