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**MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 2, 2014**

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, OCTOBER 2, 2014.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Bill Kuhn

**MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: None

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES **\*\*MOTION****

**Sheets moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion approving the September 4, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS  
(on non-agenda items)**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kovolski reported that all the parks facilities and irrigation systems are starting to get shut down and winterized; the pavilion in Veterans Park will be kept open as long as possible. The Gravel Grinder event is coming up and he is working closely with Paul. The event is in Rotary Park and due to the amount of recent rain there will be some limitations to areas that can be used.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**REPORTS OF  
OFFICERS, BOARDS  
AND STANDING  
COMMITTEES**

**Park Inspection Reports**

- Riverside Park – Parish reported that vehicles are driving on the mowed path. He proposed the path continued to be mowed but make it more narrow (one pass with the mower) to deter vehicles and also extend the mowed area to lengthen the trail. He is happy to meet with staff and plot out the potential trail that is accessible to mowing.
- Several members of the board inquired about the status of the Moody Property and the grant received from the MDNR

- Old City Park – VanHorn informed the board and staff that the metal handrail needs painting.

**Disc Golf Update** – Kovolski spoke with Forest Omland from the Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club; they will be coming to the board in the near future with a proposal to make improvements to the course but did not have any new updates for this meeting.

**Trail(s) Updates** – Sheean reported things are progressing on all trails. Grant applications for the Boyne Valley Trail are being reviewed and we should hear something soon on the status of award and the committee is continuing to work on a few other grant opportunities. The Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail, phase I is still scheduled for spring construction. The City Commission approved to accept the assistance from TOMMBA for Avalanche Trails and approved the Trail Town Master Plan. The City received a “Community Growth” grant to place signage, an information kiosk and WiFi in Old City Park which are some of the elements suggested in the Trail Town Master Plan for a trail head.

**Dog Park Update** – Committee Chair Carter was not able to attend the meeting; however Brooks gave an update on the amount of use it has been getting and brought the board up to speed on the grant application the City submitted to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to receive funds towards an improvement project for tree plantings, picnic tables, benches and shade pavilions.

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**UNFINIHSED  
BUSINESS**

**Avalanche Signage**

The board inquired as to whether the additional signage has been completed and installed by the Wood Shop. Kovolski reported that we are still waiting on the Wood Shop for the remaining signs. The board requested that Kovolski follow up and see if he can get a timeframe from them.

**Avalanche Tree  
Removals (Face of the  
Hill)**

Kovolski reported that he is trying to arrange a time that he and the City Manager can meet at Avalanche to assess the situation prior to any work being done.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Boyne Valley Lions  
Club Project Proposal**

Recording Secretary Brooks informed the board that Lion Woody has not been in good health and is not able to follow through with a community project proposal at this time.

**Recreation Master Plan**

The board reviewed the current Recreation Master Plan and focused on the capital improvement plan, reviewing the projects list and timeline. Kovolski stated that we would be working with the Planning Department and gathering public input during the work session

scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the City Master Plan. Brooks informed the board that the requirements are to hold two public input sessions and one advertised public hearing. The meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be considered one of the public input sessions and the second can be at the November regular meeting. A draft plan could be ready for review as early as the December meeting and then schedule a public hearing for either January or February. The board was encouraged to review the current plan in more depth prior to the November meeting.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6 pm at City Hall.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The October 2, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary