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**Meeting of  
June 7, 2018**

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, JUNE 7, 2018.

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**Call to Order**

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

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**Roll Call**

Present: Mike Sheean, Hugh Conklin, Diane Sterling, Lisa Alexander, Tom Smith, Gow Litzenburger and Greg Vadnais

Absent: Jo Bowman and Hugh Conklin

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**Meeting Attendance**

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

Public Present: three (7)

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**\*\*MOTION**

**Alexander moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence of Jo Bowman

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**Approval of Minutes  
\*\*MOTION**

**Smith moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion approving the May 3, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

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

Boyne Valley Garden Club representatives came to discuss options for Lena's Garden, which is currently located near the south entrance of the playscape in raised bed. One of their relocation ideas was at the marina near the small boat docks and the launch. She was referred to discuss with harbormaster Barb Brooks. Brooks expressed while being in favor of the idea, she informed them that area will be affected by the marina expansion and upland utilities for that area. The garden club will meet with Brooks to discuss further details.

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**Director's Report**

Kovolski reported that all parks & facilities are open and operational. There are still some repairs that need to be made to the irrigation but should have it all up and running by next week.

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**Correspondence**

None

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

**Park Inspection Reports –**

- Mobi Mat at Peninsula Beach has a rip in one section.
- Old City Park gazebo is in need of some minor repair
- Avalanche trails are getting a lot of use and the signage still isn't what it needs to be to direct people that are not as familiar or first time users.

- Boyne River Nature Trail board walk and steps are slippery due to the dampness and shade

**User Group Reports** – Michele Carter, representing the dog park updated the board on the progress for the proposed agility area. She inquired if it was possible to start a Go-fund-me account and / or apply for the Charlevoix County Parks Millage funds.

## Unfinished Business

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### **Tennis Court Update**

Additional testing is being conducted on the surface and coating. The courts are still useable.

### **Brochure Update**

#### **\*\*MOTION**

The final draft was distributed for review. Litzneburger moved, Alexander seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to proceed with printing of the brochure.

### **Proposed Mountain Bike Trail on City Owned Property**

Michael Cortright stated that TOMBA members have walked the property and were pleased with what they saw. They said it was better than they expected; better terrain than the school forest property and just as good as Avalanche. The board discussed forest management from leaving everything as is to select cutting to limited tree clearing. Cortright expressed that TOMBA would most likely be disinterested if any cutting was going to take place on the property. The equipment and dragging of the logs can be damaging to the trails and the natural wooded property is what draws many people to ride and enjoy a trail. There was also discussion about the positive economic impact from having trails but keeping a balance so we don't lose our feel and appeal from over crowding in our community. Michelle Cortright from Evangeline Township added that there are discussions ongoing with the property owner of the 40 acres between the City property and the School Forest Trail. Nothing has come to fruition but the property owner has been contacted regarding the possibility. She will keep us informed of any developments.

#### **\*\*MOTION**

**Smith moved, Litzneburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to support TOMBA's interest in building mountain bike trails on the City owned property in Evangeline Township and would recommend the City Commission continue to move forward with this proposal.

### **Avalanche RFP**

Board discussion regarding the proposed RFP for professional assistance for the planning and development of the base of Avalanche. Sterling moved, Vadnais seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to move forward with the RFP

## New Business

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### **Tobacco Free Parks**

#### **\*\*MOTION**

Melissa Casper reiterated from our last meeting the reasons and benefits for making parks and beaches smoke / tobacco free. There was discussion regarding if we were infringing too much on people's rights, how much of a problem it really even is and enforcement of any regulation created. After board discussion the board made the following motion: **Sterling moved, Litzneburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend the City Commission consider making all City parks and beaches tobacco / smoke free.

**Next Meeting**

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The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 5 pm at City Hall.

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**Adjournment**

The June 7, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary

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