



Approved:

**MEETING OF
May 5, 2016**

**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, MAY 5, 2016.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Sheean, Jerry Swift, Jo Bowman, Patrick Patoka, Darryl Parish and Marie Sheets

Absent: Heath Meeder

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: One (1)

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

**Bowman moved, Patoka seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a
motion approving the March 10, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.**

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

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kovolski reported that City Hall is slated for demolition, parks and bathrooms are being opened for the season and the playground will be re-sealed as soon as weather conditions allow.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Park Inspection Reports -

- Bowman reported that the parks are looking great. Parish stated that Avalanche trails look good.
- **Disc Golf Update** - The course is in good shape, downed trees removed, leagues have started and two tournaments have been scheduled for this year (July 31 and October 15).
- **Friends of Avalanche** (Board Chair Sheean - There was a large turnout for the initial meeting, positive feedback and quite a bit of interest the possibility of creating a group.
- **Trail(s) Update** (Board Chair Sheean) - bid for Phase I of Boyne City Charlevoix Trail underway. Sheean asked the board to give some thought to the best route between town and our end of the trail. Will discuss further at the June meeting.
- **MParks Update** - Brooks indicated that the City is working with the MSU Extension and Boyne Area Rehab to implement the two programs; Walk with Ease - for senior citizens and Come Out

and Play for kids. Funds for payment of program staffing will be on a reimbursement basis. At the June board meeting discussion regarding suggestions for the grant project that was part of the grant will be on the agenda

UNFINIHSED BUSINESS

Riverside Park

Board discussion regarding implementing some of the ideas that were previously discussed to enhance the area as a nature area, attract more wildlife and encourage birding. Kovolski received a proposal to knock down some of the scrub brush. Parish expressed concern about it being detrimental to wildlife and should not be a manicured area if we want it to be a natural habitat for wildlife; insects, birds, etc. Patoka suggested that the board visit the park as part of the June meeting to have further discussion. The board was in favor of this and suggested that we convene there after all of the other regular business is taken care.

NEW BUSINESS

Little Free Library

A proposal was received by Kathy Anderson from the office of Pat O'Brien and Associates to install two "Little Free Libraries" in parks around town. Pat O'Brien and Associates will sponsor the program and work with staff on installation location. They look similar to an oversized birdhouse and houses books that people can borrow (at no cost) and encourages reading by making books more available.

**MOTION

Bowman moved, Sheets seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend approval of the proposal and to work with staff on installation and location.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6 pm at City Hall with the last part of the meeting to take place at Riverside Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The May 5, 2016 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary