



Approved:

**MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2015**

**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 1, 2015.**

**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, Patrick Patoka,  
Darryl Parish and Jerry Swift

Absent: Marie Sheets and Gail VanHorn

**MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Two

**\*\*MOTION**

Swift moved, Meeder seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion  
to excuse the absences of VanHorn and Sheets

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

**Patoka moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, a  
motion approving the September 9, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

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

John Cool from the Leadership Charlevoix County introduced himself.  
He was attending the meeting as part of his "understanding and  
connecting with your local government" assignment.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kovolski reported that some parks and facilities are being prepared for  
winter. Upcoming weekend events include the Harvest Festival and  
Gravel Grinder. The open space property at 475 N. Lake St. was seeded  
to hopefully have it looking a little more green next summer.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you note from the Cancer Crusaders Relay for Life event. Swift  
discussed an earlier email from Brenda Reeber that had suggestions for  
improving road ends such as Bay, John and Addis Streets. Suggestions  
included signage and actual steps leading to the water. Kovolski will  
look into it.

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

**Park Inspection Reports -**

- Meeder reported that there still some downed trees at Avalanche  
across the trails. Forrest Omland representing the Boyne Valley  
Disc Golf Club offered to remove the trees off the path as they  
have in the past if it is ok with the City. Kovolski agreed to allow  
members of the Club to volunteer this service as he has been  
short staffed most of the summer. Boyne on the Water feedback

is due next week and next steps is for the MSU team to consider all of the feedback and adjust plans for the November 17 public meeting. Chair Sheean reported the archery event was a great success and can see it continuing and growing.

- **Disc Golf Update** - Club member Forrest Omland indicated the trial tee box has been framed but have not poured concrete yet. He passed around color samples. The general consensus of the board was to choose a neutral tone that will blend in with the natural surroundings and be somewhat inconspicuous. They are also hosting a tournament on Oct. 10.
  - **Trail(s) Update** (Board Chair Sheean) -Nothing new at this time.
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## **UNFINIHSED BUSINESS**

### **Riverside Park**

Kovolski will work on budget numbers to discuss at the next meeting. Parish expounded on the potential of the park becoming a regional birding hotspot. Brooks and Mr. Cool shared some information they learned from the Leadership Charlevoix County program trip to Beaver Island regarding birding becoming a growing, tourist attraction and because of the migration seasons, it has provided a positive economic impact during the off season.

### **Veterans Park Play Structure Update**

Boyne City's Assistant Planning/Zoning Administrator Patrick Kilkenny led a public information meeting regarding the playground. The attendance was fairly good and there seemed to be a consensus that if the playground could be saved the community should do everything it can to make this happen and open the playground back up by the summer of 2016. The first step toward this goal is to ask volunteers to assist in removing all of the wood chips. Additional testing and further investigation will need to take place before a final determination is made by the City.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Board Member Term Expirations**

The terms of Darryl Parish and Gail VanHorn will expire December of 2015. The Parks & Recreation Board does not have term limitations. Members wishing to continue serving may do so with the through appointment from the City Commission. The board should review all applications and make a recommendation to the City Commission. Parish expressed an interest in serving another term.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6 pm at City Hall.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The October 1, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary