



Approved: February 6, 2014

**MEETING OF
JANUARY 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, JANUARY 2, 2014.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Sheean, Bill Kuhn, Jerry Swift, Heath Meeder, Darryl Parish and Gail VanHorn

Absent: Jo Bowman and Marie Sheets

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

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

Public Present: Two

****MOTION**

Excused Absence(s): **Sheean moved, VanHorn seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** the absences of Swift and Parish December 5, 2013 meeting due to travel out of town.

****MOTION**

Swift moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse the absence of Bowman from the January 2, 2014 meeting due to illness.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES **MOTION**

VanHorn moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion approving the December 5, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected (staff attendance error).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kovolski reported Avalanche opened the warming house and skating rink right before the Christmas holiday and things seem to be going well. He also stated the rivermouth bathrooms were vandalized. Two suspects were apprehended by the police. It appears that there is approximately \$3,000 or more worth of damages. Brooks added that the City Manager mentioned that he would like to explore having volunteers willing to groom the trail at Avalanche for cross county skiing. The general consensus of the board was that it was a good idea if we could find someone but there would also have to be some education or signage to discourage the walkers and snowshoers to not

walk on the groomed portion or groom a separate trail from the walking trail. Todd Wright grooms the trail at the “Hill Nature Preserve”, that might be a good place to start.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sheean acknowledged an email that had been circulated from a family who visited Avalanche over the holidays and had a great time.

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

Avalanche - Kuhn who is working at the warming house again this year stated that it has been non-stop busy there. Many families were from areas other than Michigan and several were from out of the country. A lot of locals, quite a few repeat visitors and some were visiting Avalanche for the first time. Everyone was appreciative of the facilities & amenities and had a great time. Kuhn also stated that several of the plastic sleds have broken. He purchased a couple and donated them but could use a few more. He could also use more skates in the popular sizes. Kovolski will see what he can come up with.

Disc Golf

Disc Golf - No report was given this month but other than a few of the diehard players, there probably isn't a lot activity.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

**Tree Removal
Maintenance**

Face of the hill - Kovolski stated that the contractor that he had hoped to use fell through. He plans to go back out to bid.

Trail Town Update

Trail Town Committee Chair Sheean stated that committee members met with the consultant Harry Burkholder for their first work session in December. That particular meeting was focused on the two non-motorized trails and trailhead locations. They will meet again on January 15.

Dog Park Update

VanHorn reported the committee had met before the holidays at the North Boyne site and at Avalanche to walk and further investigate the pros and cons of the two sites. They will meet in January to have further discussion and possibly be ready to make a location recommendation for the board to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

**Pavilion Planning
Concepts Review**

Through the public planning process the architects came up with three concepts. Concept 1 consists of modifications but reuse of the current structure. Concept 2 consists of reuse of the base structure with an addition and new peak roofline. Concept 3 is basically the same building design as Concept 2 but would be completely new and relocated somewhere else in the park. The board reviewed the summary of comments from the public meetings, comments that were gathered from the City's Facebook page (attached) and the three visual

concepts presented. The general consensus was that they didn't feel Concept 1 was the most attractive and reusing so much of the current structure was limiting the potential. They like the building proposed in Concept 2 & 3, except maybe consider lowering the roof pitch and were not opposed to possible relocation. Kuhn stated that if that much money is going to be invested and with the amount of use the pavilion gets, he thinks new construction is the way to go. The board will look at the Waterfront Master Plan and marina plans at the next meeting in prior to making any recommendations on next steps for the pavilion project.

2014 / 15 Budget Considerations

Kovolski gave an overview refresher of the current year budget and discussed needs to consider for the upcoming budget. Kovolski recommended the board review the Recreation Master Plan prior to the February meeting to have a more detailed discussion on necessities and proposed projects. Brooks discussed the timeline of the budget process and fiscal year.

Good of the Order

Meeder reported that the trees down on the trails at Avalanche are still there and still pose a hazardous to anyone using the trail. The board discussed this at the December meeting and hoped they would be taken care. Kovolski stated the guys have been quite busy with all of the snowfall. Meeder reiterated that he felt these were dangerous.

Kuhn updated the board on the targets from the archery range. Mr. Fruge (who is storing the targets for the winter) had time to look at some of them and believes that 8 can be restored for use. The restoration kit costs \$200 (kit will restore up to 10 targets). If they are restored, that will be a huge cost savings from purchasing new. He will work with staff on the details.

NEXT MEETING

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

**ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

The January 2, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. **Moved by Meeder, seconded by Kuhn, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Barb Brooks

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary