



Approved:

**Meeting of  
November 12, 2020**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT 5:00 P.M. Via ZOOM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020.**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 5:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mike Sheean, Lisa Alexander, Tom Smith, Diane Sterling, Rob Weick, and Hugh Conklin

Absent: None

**Meeting Attendance**

City Staff: DPW director Tim Faas and executive assistant Barb Brooks

Public Present: Five (5)

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

**Sterling moved Alexander seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the October 8, 2020 meeting minutes

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

None

**Director's Report**

A written report was provided to the Commission in the agenda packet. In addition, our meetings will be virtual again until further notice and is in line with our public meetings policy.

**Correspondence**

None

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

**Park Inspection Reports –**

1. Avalanche trails are good, trees down but not on the trails

**User Groups –**

Michele Carter gave an update on the dog park and as Tim also reported, the agility section is moving along well now that the turf has arrived.

Rob Towne, on behalf of Boyne City Little League shared a draft proposal to make improvements to the little league site. They are proposing to improve both buildings, parking, and the field. There is a group that are working together to come up with additional details and cost estimates. Staff will work with the sub-committee and Alexander will continue to be the board liaison.

**Unfinished Business**

**Charlevoix County  
Recreation Millage  
Allocation**

Board members picked up on their conversation from the October meeting regarding proposed projects that we could apply to the County Millage Allocation for funding. The three ideas are; placing benches along the in-town non-motorized path (Division St / Front St), Waterworks park development which would improve pedestrian walkways and parking, and trail signage. The projects were vetted and a decided to prioritize them in the following order: Waterworks Park, signage, and benches. Many of the board members were in favor of the benches but concerns were raised over placement in conjunction maintenance, public owned property / distance from street.

**Avalanche Winter  
Activities & Staffing  
Discussion**

Director Faas reported that the City has hired someone to assist with DPW winter maintenance and Avalanche activities. Due to Covid-19 there was a lot of discussion around safe practices and when or if the warming house would be able to open this winter. The board reviewed a list of proposed safety protocols. The consensus of the board was to have staff watch current trends in positive cases and CDC recommendations and make the determination as to how the Avalanche facilities and activities will operate.

**New Business**

**Board Member Vacancy**

There were three applications on file that were provided in the agenda packet. The board reviewed them and asked to have Brooks follow up to see if there is still interest and if they meet the qualifications to serve. She will report back at the December meeting.

**Student Member  
Draft Ordinance  
Revision**

**\*\*MOTION**

Director Faas reported that in order in have a student serve on the board, an ordinance amendment would have to be adopted to allow for the appointment.

**Alexander moved, Sterling seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend the amendment change to Article II Sec. 38-19

**Adjournment**

The November 12, 2020 regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary