

Brian Kennedy statement on his City Commission candidacy

Brian Kennedy was not able to attend the Sept. 29 Candidates Forum, and he submitted this statement that was read for him during the “Opening Statements” portion of the forum:

Dear Boyne City Candidates Forum, fellow candidates and attendees:

“I regret that I am unable to attend the Forum as I will be downstate, moving my mother into an assisted living facility. We received word from the assisted living facility about the vacancy, last minute, late this week and my family scrambled to accommodate that move. No small task, I can tell you. It is not lost on me, the work it takes to organize and manage this Forum, so please accept both my apology for missing it, and my thanks for all your hard work and terrific effort. In my absence, I humbly ask that this letter be read to the Forum and attendees.” (We will read his letter at the forum.)

As a way of explaining who I am and what kind of Commissioner I would be, please know the following:

I am a third-generation, self-employed building and remodeling contractor. My grandfather started our family business in 1929, and for more than 40 years I have continued that tradition.

As a small business owner, I understand the challenges of balancing budgets, managing growth responsibly, and finding solutions that work not just for today, but for future generations.

Beyond my professional life, I have been actively involved in serving our community. I am a proud member of the American Legion and the FOE in Boyne, as well as a committee member for the Veterans Memorial.

My vision as City Commissioner is simple:

- Boyne Citizens First: To be a voice for our community, listening carefully to concerns and making decisions that reflect the values and priorities of Boyne City residents.
- Fiscal Responsibility: To be a fiscal steward of our tax dollars, ensuring responsible spending and reducing burdens on residents whenever possible.
- Responsible Growth: To support responsible growth, so our community can thrive while preserving the character, charm, and quality of life we all cherish.

As I continue to make myself available in and around town, I welcome the chance to meet more and more of my fellow Boyne City residents.

Please feel free to approach me at any time ... unless I'm on a job and cutting lumber ... in which case maybe wait until I finish, so neither of us loses a finger.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Brian Kennedy