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**The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board** met in regular session on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

**Present: Messrs. Chatfield, Freese and Silvestri (3)**

**Absent: Mr. Latchford (1)**

**Also present were:** Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Joe Bailey, Great Lakes Dock and Marine, Rich Goethals, Baker Corp., Brian Brown; Deb Backly, NIPSCO Around Town; Mike Milatovic, Sanitary District of Michigan City; Jack Arnett, LaPorte County Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Richard Chambers, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the May 4, 2016 Park Board meeting.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the request of the Sanitary District of Michigan City to install an electric car charging station in the southwest corner of the parking lot at Millennium Plaza. The Michigan City Park Department will pay the electric costs. Charging will be free to the customer for the first year and then the department will analyze the cost of the station to determine if customers should be charged. The Board instructed Superintendent Kienitz to work with Attorney Katz to draft an agreement with the Sanitary District.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request submitted by Assistant Superintendent Eason to apply for a Unity Foundation grant for the purchase of two new beach wheelchairs.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request by the Michigan City Area Schools to

host a summer feeding program at Gardena Park and authorized Superintendent Kienitz to work with Attorney Katz to draft a license agreement.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2016 SBI Great Lakes Grand Prix License Agreement with the LaPorte County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the attached proposal submitted by Brian Brown to operate an inflatable slide in Washington Park between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day 2016 and instructed Superintendent Kienitz and Attorney Katz to draft an agreement.

Superintendent Kienitz reported the skate park lights have been repaired, the vacant maintenance foreman position has been filled, we have been receiving labor hours from the Indiana State Prison offenders program, the 2016 movies in the park schedule, the Zoo's Get Out & Play Day event on June 18, 2016, the approval of the Golf Pro Revenue and Expenditure Policy by State Board of Accounts, the progress of the tree removal project and the golf course, the department received the R.O.S.E. award for service excellence for Washington Park and the Beach, and the Mayor's State of the City Address. Superintendent Kienitz reported there was some vandalism at Joe Hawkin's Park where benches and play equipment were vandalized with spray paint.

Joe Bailey of Great Lakes Dock and Marine and Rich Goethals of Baker Corp discussed the attached Water Department's West Intake Extension Project and asked permission to use park property for up to one month beginning May 23, 2016 for a pumping project. No action was taken by the Park Board.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$72,603.10
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #10, 04/24/16 through 05/07/16, in the amount of \$52,240.88.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$803.78 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$164,798.55 through the 05/16/16 Board of Works meeting.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved credit card charges totaling \$1,088.14 charged on the department's credit card.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

  
Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent

  
Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary