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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. at the North Pointe Pavilion in Washington Park, 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, Latchford, and Silvestri (3)

Absent: Mr. Freese (1)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Jeff Katz, Park Board Attorney; Shawne Sheldon and Elizabeth Emerick, Washington Park Zoo; Bruce Manner, Michigan City Port Authority; Sharon Carnes and Don Przybylinski, City Council; Jack Aila, Blue Chip Casino; Paul Niethammer; Richard Chambers, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the June 1, 2016 Park Board meeting.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the attached final report on the Fedder's Alley Secondary Dune Habitat Restoration Project, closing the grant project.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported on the results of the 2nd public input session for the Gardena Playground Renovation Project held at Gardena Park on June 6, 2016.

Park Board President Chris Chatfield opened the public input session for comments.

Councilman Don Przybylinski commented he would like to see a basketball area for smaller kids. He would like the existing basketball courts to be resurfaced and the hoops placed on either end, instead of both on one side. He would like to see the 6' chain link perimeter fencing replaced with 3' or 4' vinyl coated fencing.

There were no further comments and the public input session was closed.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached animal acquisition request submitted by the Washington Park Zoo.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request for a variance to the Off Road Vehicle Policy submitted by Bob Harrison.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2017 budgets with the addition of a full time maintenance foreman and full time recreation director.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Concession Agreement with Blue Chip Casino.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported on the upcoming parade and fireworks, the approval by the County Alcohol and Tobacco Commission of our 3 way alcohol permit for North Pointe Pavilion, the State ATC will hear our request on June 21, 2016. Mr. Kienitz reported on the Conference on the Environment, thanked residents for their input on the Gardena Playground Project, and reported on the new furniture at the North Pointe Pavilion.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, 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 \$45,598.00.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #12, 05/22/16 through 06/04/16, in the amount of \$76,067.76
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for sponsorship of Michigan City's 2016 parade.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$11,509.25 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payments of invoices totaling \$125,928.09 through the 06/20/16 Board of Works meeting.

- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of charges totaling \$3,761.93 charged to the department's credit card.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason