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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 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. Freese, Silvestri, Herrbach, and Latchford (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Herrbach and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board elected Mr. Latchford as the 2018 Park Board President.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board elected Mr. Freese as the 2018 Park Board Vice President.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Herrbach and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board elected Mr. Silvestri as the 2018 Park Board Secretary.

Mr. Latchford was appointed to serve as the liaison to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Freese was appointed to serve as the liaison to the Port Authority Board.

Mr. Silvestri was appointed to serve as the liaison to the Zoo Society Board.

- ❑ 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 December 20, 2017 Park Board meeting.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz updated the Board on the progress of the Winding Creek Cove bank stabilization project and the Old Lighthouse Museum exterior repairs project. Mr. Kienitz reported on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day someone unplugged 90% of the holiday lights in Washington Park. Mr. Kienitz stated the News Dispatch reported the ice rink is open which is not correct, the rink will be installed next week.

Park Board Attorney Nelson Pichardo reported he spoke with Michigan City Redevelopment Commission's Attorney regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the Park Board. It was suggested a committee be formed to review all plans and documents for the traffic circle, parking lot and lighting projects in Washington Park. The committee would consist of the Park Superintendent, one Park Board member, one member from the Redevelopment Commission and one member from the Port Authority. The committee members will bring any issues or recommendations back to their respective Boards. The Redevelopment Commission will be the lead agency on the projects with input from the committee.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #26, 12/03/17 through 12/16/17, in the amount of \$42,301.42.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Larry Silvestri, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason