

The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Office, 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, Milcarek, Dabney and Mr. Powers (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Jan Orlich, Superintendent; Jeff Katz, Park Board Attorney; Shannon Eason, Director of Administrative Services and Special Projects; Juanita Kreidler; Barb Malewicki; Sonny Fedder; Johnny Martinez, Zoo Director; Alicia Ebaugh, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the May 27, 2010 Park Board meeting.

Park Superintendent Jan Orlich updated the Board on the final punch list for the Amphitheater Renovation Project, zoo revenue for the month of May, the Splash Park grand opening, the Channel Daylighting Project at the golf course, and the Municipal Band schedule which begins Thursday, June 17, 2010.

Ms. Orlich reported she met with Assistant Chief Swistek regarding activities in the park. Chief Swistek reported after our parking operation closes at 10 p.m. a stream of cars enter the park. The park has been vandalized including damage to signs, flowers, broken bottles and assault. Ms. Orlich asked the Police to lock the gates in Fedder's Alley for one week to see if that would curtail some of the late night activity at that end of the Park because people from Dunescape reported at our last meeting about the extracurricular activities going on there. The Police Department would like to the Park Board to consider closing Washington Park at 10 p.m. except for special events and noted the issue will be on the June 17, 2010 meeting agenda.

Mr. Katz noted a Resolution would have to be drafted to support the action of the Board if they choose to close the park early.

Ms. Orlich recommended until the Board votes on Park hours they allow her to close the gates in Fedder's Alley at 10 p.m. daily at the request of the Michigan City Police Department.

Ms. Orlich will ask the Port Authority to put park hours on their next meeting agenda and she will attend the meeting to discuss the issue with their Board.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board agreed close Fedder's Alley at 10 p.m. daily.

Ms. Eason reported a window was broken out of a truck at the Park Maintenance building over Memorial Day weekend and cost the park \$165.00.

Ms. Eason presented a marketing brochure for the Board's approval which will be distributed to visitor centers along the Toll Road.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved printing and distribution of the brochure.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached travel request submitted by Zoo Director Johnny Martinez to attend the 2010 ZAA Conference in LaFayette, LA from November 10 through 13, 2010.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Powers and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board agreed to name the new park, at the intersection of Highway 12 and Michigan Boulevard, The Charles R. Westcott Gateway Park.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$70,705.75.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$127.00 from scrap metal.

Mr. Milcarek reported invoices totaling \$3,026.00 were paid through the June 7, 2010 Board of Works meeting.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Powers, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Jan Orlich, Superintendent
Michigan City Park Department

Tom Milcarek, Secretary
Michigan City Park Board

Attachments to the _____, 2010 Park Board meeting:

1. Travel Request for 2010 ZAA Conference
2. Mayor's Request to Name Gateway Park the Charles R. Westcott Gateway Park
3. Claims Docket Allowance for Vouchers Dated June 3, 2010

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason