

**The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board** met in regular session on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Michigan City Senior Center, 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; Joe Doyle, City Council Liaison; Shannon Eason, Director of Administrative Services and Special Projects; Bill Greene, School Board Liaison; Lonny Fedder; Jason Miller, LaPorte County Convention and Visitor Bureau; Matt Field, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

Election of Officers:

Mr. Powers nominated Mr. Freese as Park Board President, Mr. Dabney as Park Board Vice President and Mr. Milcarek as Park Board Secretary for 2011. There were no further nominations and all Board members voted in favor of the appointments.

Mr. Milcarek agreed to continue as liaison to the Port Authority in 2011.

Mr. Dabney agreed to continue as liaison to the Planning Commission in 2011.

Mr. Freese agreed to continue as liaison to the Zoo Society Board in 2011.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Powers and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the December 16, 2010 Park Board meeting.

Superintendent Jan Orlich updated the Board on park operations including the golf maintenance department, the Coolspring Mitigation Project, 2011 and 2012 reservations; website updates; holiday lights, acquisition of two Clouded Leopards at the zoo; and the ice skating rink.

Ms. Orlich presented an invoice from F.M. Fedorchak & Associates, Inc. for the Zoo A.R.C. project and recommended payment.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment in the amount of \$8,681.40 to G. M. Fedorchak & Associates, Inc. for the Zoo A.R.C. project.

Superintendent Orlich asked the Park Board to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$132,000 for park equipment to include two mowers, a 1-ton dump truck, a gator and two fleet vehicles and \$100,000 for the demolition of the Park Office, Dodgem Building and arcade garages.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved seeking an additional appropriation from the Common Council in the amount of \$132,000 for park equipment.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved seeking an additional appropriation from the Common Council in the amount of \$100,000 for the demolition of the Park Office, Dodgem Building and arcade garages.
- ❑ **On a motion** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the attached proposal submitted by Gerometta & Kinel Architects, Inc. for a needs assessment with the Michigan City Port Authority and Park Department. The Park Department will be responsible for half of the total amount or \$1,900.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Powers and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2011 Oasis Splash Park Private Party License Agreement.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #26, 11/28/10 through 12/11/10, in the amount of \$44,812.50 and Payroll #27, 12/12/10 through 12/25/10, in the amount of \$44,651.34.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Powers and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$225 for the holiday lights.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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Jan Orlich, Superintendent  
Michigan City Park Department

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Tom Milcarek, Secretary  
Michigan City Park Board

Attachments to the January 6, 2011 Park Board meeting:

1. Gerometta & Kinel Architects, Inc. Proposal for Needs Assessment for Park Department and Port Authority
2. 2011 Oasis Splash Park Private Party License Agreement

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason