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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 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, Powers, Barrick, and Dabney (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Jan Orlich, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Director of Administrative Services; Maxine Hawkins; Margaret Picur; Dale Engquist; Frank Sileheimer, Urban Forrester; Judy Gore; Carolyn Saxton, Lakefront Art Festival; Stephanie Kuschel, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Powers and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the November 13, 2012 Park Board meeting.

Park Superintendent Jan Orlich reported the holiday light displays have been installed, the operations trailer in Washington Park will be removed by the end of this week, the Festival of Holiday Lights will be held this Saturday in Washington Park, Park Maintenance re-sided the press box at LaRocco Field at Patriot Park and removed the dugouts, concrete for new block dugouts is being poured this week, natural plantings have been cut at Washington Park and Westcott Park, leaf cleanup at outlying parks started this week, she and Shannon Eason attended a Lake Michigan Coastal Grant workshop pertaining to the Hansen Park kayak launch project, we are soliciting quotes for a new roof for the Rotary Castle at the zoo and new electric service in the red hoof stock barn, an air conditioning unit and humidifier will be added to the N.A.C.E. exhibit at the zoo, we will be setting up for Saturday's chili cook off at the Senior Center on Friday afternoon. The Michigan City Public Art Committee has a website that can be accessed from the City's website. The committee has completed their master plan. The committee will be hosting a public art project called "Sculpt Fusion" in 2013 along Franklin Street and it will feature sculptures by local artists that will be sold after the program ends.

The 2nd and final public input session for the renovation of Joe Hawkins Memorial Park opened at 5:07 pm.

Superintendent Orlich explained that no City funding would be used for this project. The Park Department received a grant from Variety Children's Charity and a Community Development Block Grant. Ms. Orlich stated all public input will be gathered and analyzed then several preliminary designs will be presented.

Judy Gore turned in 4 completed surveys.

Margaret Picur stated the park needs to be more inviting to children, the elderly and visitors. The play equipment needs to be replaced or at least painted. An enclosed shelter, such as a bus shelter, would be convenient. She is in favor of indoor restrooms, a drinking fountain, trash containers, landscaping and park rules and hours.

Maxine Hawkins thanked Jan Orlich and the department for moving this project forward.

With no further comment, the public input session was closed at 5:16 p.m.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Barrick, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board agreed to forward McCormick Engineering's proposal for golf course culvert replacements to Park Board Attorney Katz for review.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board adopted the attached Resolution No. 752 supporting in-kind personnel services for an Indiana Coastal Grant to install an ADA accessible route and kayak launch system at Hansen Park.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Powers and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request submitted by Lubeznik Center for the Arts to host the Lakefront Art Festival in Washington Park on August 17 & 18, 2013.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the removal of invasive species on approximately 8 acres in Fedder's Alley north of Fedder's Drive.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Barrick, seconded by Mr. Dabney 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 \$72,559.82.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Barrick, seconded by Mr. Powers and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payroll #23, 10/28/12 to 11/10/12, in the amount of \$51,196.05.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Jan Orlich, Superintendent
Michigan City Park Department



Max Barrick, Secretary
Michigan City Park Board

Attachments to the November 28, 2012 Park Board meeting:

1. Resolution No. 752
2. 2013 Lakefront Art Festival Request
3. Fedder's Alley Restoration Project Map
4. Claims Docket Allowance for Vouchers Dated 11/26/12

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason