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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 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. Dabney, Latchford, Freese, and Chatfield (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; Shawne Sheldon, Zoo Retail Manager; Mike Dempsey, Michigan City Live Productions; Rick Wright, LaPorte County Conventions and Visitors Bureau; Noah Dombrowsky; Austin Burns; John Beutner; Richard Chambers, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the June 4, 2014 Park Board meeting.

Park Board President Bryant Dabney opened the floor for public input on planned improvements to Pullman Park.

John Beutner presented the Board with the attached suggested improvements including moving existing features, and adding new features to the skate park.

There were no other comments related to the Pullman Park project.

- On a motion made by Mr. Chatfield, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved a concert at the Amphitheater on Saturday, June 21, 2014 by the Indiana National Guard Band. The Board agreed to allow the Zoo Society to sell concessions at the concert.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request submitted by Seven Peaks to sell their pass of all passes at the Washington Park Zoo on July 4th and 5th, 2014.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Chatfield and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2015 revenue projections and budgets.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached capital equipment and project requests.

Superintendent Jan Orlich reported on the recent code enforcement sweep, noting the Park Department assisted in mowing 20 properties, the master key for the California Avenue restroom building has been turned over by the contractor and the staff will be trained on the automatic locks, presentations given by herself and Shannon Eason at the Conference on the Environment, a new Tourist Assistant Portal featuring the zoo, an excise meeting regarding the upcoming music festival, possible renovations to the Old Bandstand funded by the Questers, a presentation she gave regarding events, programs and how the Park Department has a positive economic impact to the community that she gave at the quarterly Economic Development Corporation meeting, and the newly formed City safety committee.

Ms. Orlich reported three picnic tables, from the fifty we delivered to Pullman Park for the Westside Reunion, were stolen. When D & M pumped out the skate park restrooms they found clothing, two scooters and a skateboard.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Chatfield, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board agreed to revise their "Policy Regulating the Use of Off-Road Vehicles Upon the Sheridan Beach Esplanade" by adding the language "The City of Michigan City has not, in accordance with IC 9-21-8-57, enacted an ordinance authorizing the operation of golf carts or off-road vehicles on streets. Consequently, the licensee MUST be able to access the Esplanade and/or Sheridan Beach without operating the permitted vehicle on streets that are open to the use of the public for vehicular traffic. You may transport your permitted vehicle by trailer to a public access point to drive to and from the Esplanade and/or Sheridan Beach."
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Chatfield and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board agreed to allow Gariup Construction Company to use the property surrounding the old administration building in Washington Park, provided they submit a liability certificate, to construct the new Lantern Room for the Old Lighthouse Museum. The property will be occupied by the contractor through August 2014.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Latchford 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 \$30,739.93.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #12, 05/25/14 through 06/07/14, in the amount of \$83,607.41.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$402.64 from Metal Management from scrap metal at the zoo.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.


Jan Orlich, Superintendent


Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary

Attachments to the June 18, 2014 Park Board meeting:

1. Suggested Improvements to Skate Park Submitted by John Beutner
2. Indiana National Guard Concert Flyer
3. Seven Peaks Request to Sell Passes at the Zoo
4. 2015 Budgets and Capital Plan
5. Claims Docket Allowance for Vouchers Dated 06/16/14

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason