

The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 2008 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. Latchford, Freese, Milcarek and Mr. Dabney (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Darrell Garbacik, Park Superintendent; Patrick Donoghue, Park Department Attorney; Joe Doyle, City Council Liaison; Shannon Eason, Director of Administrative Services and Special Projects; Shannon Chavis, Knapp School; and Marie Luckett, ALCO TV.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the January 17 , 2008 Park Board meeting.

Mr. Garbacik presented a request from Knapp Elementary School for use of the Senior Center to host a pancake breakfast. Mr. Garbacik introduced Mrs. Chavis and noted there was an excellent article in the News Dispatch about this event. Mr. Garbacik stated we received a call at the Park Office explaining the class did a small fundraiser which blossomed into a request to use the Senior Center as an additional fundraiser to help other people. Mr. Garbacik views this as an extension of the classroom and he recommended the Board approve the use of the Senior Center at no cost.

Mrs. Chavis reported her class started collecting pop tabs and then wanted to raise more money for the kids at Riley's Children's Hospital and they need a facility to do that. They have a lot of service organizations helping them such as the Exchange Club, the Exchangettes and the Kiwanis Club. This is a group of twenty first graders and they are very excited and Mrs. Chavis wants to see them successful in their endeavor.

Mr. Freese stated this is a great idea and he is excited to see these young kids with such enthusiasm to help other young kids. Mr. Freese wished Mrs. Chavis and her class good luck with their event.

Mr. Latchford stated he gives Mrs. Chavis a lot of credit for facilitating this and encouraging her students to tackle a project like this where the whole community is rallying around it.

- **On a motion** by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request from Knapp School to use the Senior Center on Saturday, March 15, 2008, at no charge.

Mr. Garbacik reported Greens Superintendent Randy Durham submitted a travel request for the Michiana Golf Course Superintendents Association Spring Educational Meeting at Swan Lake Golf Resort on February 25, 2008. The cost is \$35.00 per person for a total of \$105.00. Mr. Garbacik asked the Park Board to approve the travel request.

Mr. Latchford commented Mr. Durham has always been very judicious in sending different people to educational programs and he manages the budget well and Mr. Latchford feels this is a more than reasonable request.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached travel request submitted by Greens Superintendent Randy Durham to attend the Michiana Golf Course Superintendents Association Spring Educational Meeting at Swan Lake Golf Resort on February 25, 2008.

Mr. Garbacik stated he is pleased to report yesterday he met with Bill Phelps and Chuck McCoy and Carl Baxmeyer of Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. This was a kick off meeting to discuss a new Park Office and community center type of facility. This preliminary or schematic phase of the project is simply to give the staff at Fanning/Howey the opportunity to work with our staff in the City to develop the program that we need for this building and determine it's needs and uses. Mr. Garbacik stated from there a rough drawing or prototype of a facility that could accommodate the criteria would be generated. This will be black and white showing rooms and dimensions. Then a preliminary cost estimate will result and that would conclude the first phase. From there some funding decisions would have to be made by the Mayor and the City Council and this Park Board. Mr. Garbacik stated the next step would be getting into the actual formal design of the building and bid specs and construction thereafter. The meeting went very, very well. This has certainly been a long time coming, as far as Mr. Garbacik is concerned. Mr. Garbacik stated he has to pinch himself because he can't believe we are formally sitting down and talking about that.

Mr. Latchford asked Mr. Garbacik if it would be appropriate at this point to describe the general design or size.

Mr. Garbacik stated it is way too early. All Fanning/Howey did was sit down with Mr. Garbacik for approximately a half hour and referring to the Master Plan they took notes. Mr. Garbacik stated he needs to meet with Mrs. Eason and send Fanning/Howey some additional information.

Mr. Garbacik reported the Board will recall we retained the services of Engineer Jeff Kutch to help us do a Park Maintenance performance analysis. We immediately began to implement

some of those recommendations and probably one of the primary ingredients or variables is an automated maintenance system and approach which involves software. Mrs. Eason and Mr. Westphal investigated alternative systems that were available out there up to and including using a prototype of a system called MaintStar which is the same software that Central Maintenance uses to run their operation at their facility. The Company also had an element or program that was geared more specifically to Park and Recreation needs. We wanted to be consistent and would someday have the potential to interface the systems and despite that we looked even further to make sure that was really what we wanted. The determination was that we wanted the MaintStar system. The purchase has been made. The software has been installed and is up and running. Mr. Garbacik stated Mrs. Eason has been leading a vigorous week of training with the entire maintenance staff and department on using this software system. Mr. Garbacik commented training included a handful of maintenance employees that have never touched a computer or a mouse prior to this.

Mrs. Eason reported we purchased the software and had it installed and had the luxury of using Central Service's system for almost a year. While playing with his system we had built a database which was great because MaintStar was able to import that into our system and our people had familiar data to work with which really sped up the training process. Mrs. Eason reported we had scheduled five days of training for eight hours per day for our administrators. We had scheduled two eight hour days for the crew leaders and three eight hour days for the Foremen. Mrs. Eason reported the crew leaders and foremen finished their training in six hours. Mrs. Eason stated it was an amazing week and she can't say enough about the maintenance staff. Mrs. Eason stated she went into this project thinking they would be intimidated and they wouldn't buy into the new program and that it would be too confusing and she was totally wrong. The staff is excited and motivated. Mrs. Eason stated one employee came into the first day of training and announced he had never turned on a computer before and by the end of his training he was entering his own work orders; this employee had never even used a mouse before. Mrs. Eason reported the software performs way beyond our expectations. A lot of time and effort has been spent designing a module that will work for Parks which debuted in the City of Baltimore, which is a huge Park Department covering over 3,000 facilities. Mrs. Eason stated by 2009 all of our spring, summer and winter tasks will be entered in the system and she believes our staff will wonder how we ever operated without this system. Mrs. Eason stated there is future potential of tying in the zoo, golf maintenance, Summer Festival events, etc. Mrs. Eason stated she was really impressed with each maintenance employee and stated they all have a real good handle on their work processes and what tasks need to be accomplished to make those processes work. They also know where the faults are. They pretty much know the processes which will be applied to the automated system so it will work right away. Mrs. Eason stated she will be working closely with Darren Westphal and Wally Veden and probably Jeff Brown over the next three months to complete the input and get the system ready and creating needed reports. Mrs. Eason believes by the end of summer the department's productivity will increase and morale will go up. Mrs. Eason stated she came back early from lunch and found Foreman Jeff Brown teaching our Custodian Cindy Jacobs. They are very excited; they are staying through their lunch hours and helping each other.

Mr. Garbacik shared an example of one employee, Wally Veden, who was very nervous about the new system. Mr. Garbacik spent a few hours with Mr. Veden on Friday to reassure him and train him in computer 101 and he caught on but you could tell by the time we were finished he wanted to shoot himself in the head, he was so overwhelmed. Mr. Veden is now teaching some of the other staff members.

Mrs. Eason reported Mr. Veden taught the afternoon session yesterday.

Mr. Garbacik stated he hopes in a couple of years he will come before this Board asking for laptop computers for all the maintenance staff and we won't even use paper anymore; we'll go right from a laptop into the system.

Mrs. Eason stated a lot of Park Departments are using handheld units for input into the system which is not as expensive as a laptop nor is it as intricate to learn as the software on a laptop. A lot of places are doing that and it is real-time data. Mrs. Eason stated she is really pleased with the system and thanked the Park Board for making the investment.

Mr. Latchford asked if there is any feedback to harness the enthusiasm such as weekly reports to show them the benefit of putting the data in.

Mrs. Eason stated there will be. We are absolutely in the planning stages of setting up the system and developing procedures such as when and how the work orders will be distributed and who is allowed to distribute them. Those issues are being worked out and the process could take a couple of months. Mrs. Eason stated the employees already see the benefits; they have entered data and manipulated it to suit their needs. Mrs. Eason stated a good example she used with the staff, and one of her pet peeves, is all of the radio calls that go out to our staff. Requests from the Park Office usually result in our maintenance staff dropping whatever they are doing to run to the office to maybe change a light bulb. They get in their truck with their crew of three guys and drive across town, using gas and causing wear and tear on the vehicle, and wasting labor hours to change a light bulb that was no emergency. They may be coming to the Park Office tomorrow and that light bulb could be changed then saving resources. The work order system will alleviate all of the phone calls and radio calls and will funnel everything through the system that is not an emergency, allowing our foreman to manage their tasks and schedules.

Mr. Latchford asked if they would have a queue of work orders that are prioritized.

Mrs. Eason answered that is correct.

Mr. Garbacik stated within the Kutch recommendations from the maintenance analysis is the people side element of day to day management and having possibly daily meetings to talk about what we are going to do and then at the end of the day finding out what we did do and that becomes a motivating tool and assesses productivity as well.

Mrs. Eason stated a lot of these processes are already being done manually; they are keeping logs and they already have the mentality of tracking things to show what we have done and this

system takes everything they have done and lays it out beautifully. We have talked about tracking the work we do for other departments. If we are called to do emergency snow plowing we can print out a report at the end of the year that shows the Park Board, the City Council and they Mayor how many hours and dollars were spent out of our budget to help other departments. This system will record how many hours were spent at the zoo doing work that is outside the scope of our normal work. The maintenance staff is very interested in showing you that; where their budget shortfalls are coming from or why they can't complete a project on time. These guys worked really hard this week; it was a great experience.

Mr. Latchford stated it was a long time coming and to hear their enthusiasm and their positive results is fantastic.

Mr. Garbacik stated many of you were at Memorial Park on Saturday, February 2, 2008 to do a walkthrough of the hall. Mr. Garbacik stated he is pleased to report if you went back a short week later you would be pretty impressed and amazed with what you would see. Mr. Garbacik stated every time he stops by, and he knows Mrs. Eason feels this way, he gets more excited. The fake rock work has begun on both lower level restrooms. The Board got a report on what they were going to do and maybe had some sort of vision but now you can see it and it's very exciting. Mr. Garbacik is very much looking forward to the audio/visual system that will be installed; we made some final decisions on it. That project is moving along very nicely.

Mr. Dabney stated he was telling somebody about the visit we had at Memorial Park and the person asked who they would need to contact to reserve that building; three or four people asked him that.

Mrs. Eason stated they can call the Park Office.

Mr. Garbacik stated our website has all of the fee information and contract information as well.

Mr. Latchford asked if the reservation schedule is on-line; if you can see what is available.

Mrs. Eason stated not at this point but we are researching that concept.

Mr. Garbacik stated someday we hope to get our admin systems well into the late 1980's and into the 1990's and allow people to use a credit card to do these things but we are taking baby steps.

Mr. Garbacik reported the Primate House renovation is awesome, spectacular and unbelievable as far as the transformation. We have taken pictures during the project and will have a slide show at one of the Park Board meetings. All of the major construction is finished and we are to a point now where all of the lighting has been installed and Mr. Martinez and his maintenance person are inside the exhibits making the artificial trees and rocks. We will have a mural artist coming in at some point. Mr. Garbacik stated it looks like we will be ready to go by opening day of the zoo. Mr. Garbacik stated we have always thought and predicted that if we were able to focus on some of the above ground exhibits, verses spending how many years and how many

millions of dollars installing sewer and water lines and everything underground to get the infrastructure in place, such as the NACE exhibit, the new Bobcat exhibit, the new entryway and the gift shop, we could increase revenue. This is paying dividends and as a matter of fact the Zoo, for the first time ever in it's history broke the \$200,000 mark at the front gate, that has never happened and, in fact, they blew it away with approximately \$259,000 and that will be recorded in the Annual Report. Mr. Garbacik stated we are putting the finishing touches on the Annual Report and it will be distributed to the Park Board next week. Mr. Garbacik thinks the Primate House will be the attraction this year; it certainly is a significant one; there will be a buzz about it and it will get people coming back to the Zoo that saw the new NACE exhibit last year and recognized that we are doing another project because they saw the signs "Bear with Us" during construction.

Mr. Garbacik invited the Board and public to the Karsten's Club Challenge Chili Cook Off this Saturday, February 16, 2008 which will take place at the Fish and Game Club from noon to 3 p.m. There are nine service clubs participating this year. The celebrity judges this year are Chamber of Commerce President Tim Bietry, Pop Warner Football President Kevin Devereaux and LaPorte County Visitor and Convention Bureau Communication Manager and WEFM radio personality David Dabagia.

Mr. Garbacik welcomed Mr. Doyle back and stated he is happy to have him back at the Park Board meeting.

Mr. Freese reported he attended the Zoo Society Board meeting last night and they are getting ready for Zoobilee which will be held on March 15, 2008.

Mr. Donoghue reported at our last meeting the Park Board approved the Lease with On the Lake Holdings for the property that used to be the Yacht Club. The lease has been presented tonight and Mr. Donoghue asked Park Board President Phil Latchford to sign the lease; the lease has been authorized and the advertising period has been accomplished. Mr. Donoghue stated under that same subject we discussed the fact that there is a little bit remaining on the old lease that we had for part of the property with Michigan City Yacht Club, Inc. and we need to have an agreement for voluntary termination. Mr. Donoghue did not get this into the Board's packet but it is just a simple statement that says there is a lease currently with the Michigan City Yacht Club and that it expires on the 14th day of November, 2008 and since the lease with On the Lake Holdings has been approved the existing, current lease needs to be cancelled and this is a cancellation of that lease. Mr. Donoghue asked there be a motion for approval of that cancellation and that the cancellation be signed by the Board President and Secretary tonight.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Agreement for Voluntary Termination of Lease with Michigan City Yacht Club, Inc.

Mr. Donoghue reported he believes we are presenting the consulting agreement format with SCO Engineering of Fort Wayne, IN. This is the discussion and approvals that were given at the last meeting when Mr. Offerle was here with his proposal. The Board accepted that proposal and

Mr. Donoghue presented the contract we use; it is standard form for consultants and provides the necessary protection for the Park Department and, of course, includes the proposal as far as the economics go. Mr. Donoghue recommended approval and signature of the contract.

Mr. Garbacik added for the record, again Mr. Jeff Kutch, at no charge, has agreed to be an Owner's Consultant and assist Mr. Garbacik with this project. Mr. Kutch has reviewed the contract and SCO's proposal and feels that everything is in order.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached contract with SCO Engineering for electrical engineering consulting services for Washington Park and the Washington Park Zoo.

Mr. Donoghue reported the Board will recall Mr. Roger Potratz of dh2w was at the last Board meeting and submitted a proposal regarding the Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater. That contract is being prepared and will be presented to the Park Board in the same format as the electrical contract at the next meeting.

Mr. Garbacik asked if we need to seek a retroactive balance from the Yacht Club lease based on their one dollar per year payment.

Mr. Donoghue stated no, he doesn't think so.

Mr. Donoghue reported one encroachment lease is before the Board tonight. It is in proper form for the property that is owned by Mr. Ross at 909 Colfax Avenue and Mr. Donoghue asked for the Board's approval tonight. Mr. Donoghue stated a check accompanied the signed lease.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Encroachment with Ben Ross of 909 Colfax Avenue.

Mr. Donoghue reported he would like to present an idea to the Park Board so that we can encourage the remaining property owners who haven't signed leases, and Mr. Donoghue believes there are about twelve of them, to act quickly like Mr. Ross and it would be in the form of this proposal that we will allow, until March 14, 2008, for the discounted price in the lease per square foot of \$.575 cents. That offer will be withdrawn on March 15, 2008 and the cost will then be \$1.00 per square foot and that offer is good through March 31, 2008. After March 31, 2008, anyone who has not signed up will be subject to a lawsuit and we will be asking the Board to authorize litigation and we will have the names of those people and that will take place at the meeting of April 1, 2008. Mr. Donoghue believes this will work in terms of moving this along faster than we have been able to do it up to this point.

- **On a motion** made by Dabney, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board agreed to increase encroachment lease rates from \$.575 to \$1.00 per square foot beginning on March 15, 2008 and to initiate litigation for any property owner who has not signed a lease by March 31, 2008.

Mr. Donoghue reported he has put together some of the information we have received from the Water Department regarding a permanent easement. Mr. Donoghue has not completed that in time for this meeting but anticipates it will be ready for the next meeting. This pertains to the new water intake lines we have out there.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board agreed to table the Water Department Permanent Easement to the Park Board meeting of February 21, 2008.

Mr. Latchford reported we discussed the 2008 zoo fees at length at the last meeting. Typically we table the fees and wait for public input and then make a decision at the following meeting and we now find ourselves at that meeting. Mr. Latchford asked for questions or comments regarding the 2008 Washington Park Zoo fees.

Mr. Garbacik reported neither himself, or to the best of his knowledge, Mr. Martinez has received any input at all, either positive or negative, on this issue.

Mr. Freese stated he agrees with that statement; he has not received any feedback either.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2008 Zoo fees.

Mr. Latchford reported, regarding the contract with Michigan City Area Schools, we have received communication from School Board President Mr. Zeek and we plan to reply and encourage discussions to help resolve the matter and we are confident the discussions will be fruitful and the matter will come to conclusion very shortly.

Mr. Garbacik reported we received a request for the 5th Annual Samaritan Skedaddle; a very, very successful event and significant fundraiser for the Samaritan Counseling Center. The organization does a very good job of organizing and managing this event. Mr. Garbacik enthusiastically recommended the Board's approval.

Mrs. Eason added they use Washington Park as part of their route and we supply two picnic tables as a watering station so there is a minimal burden to the park staff.

Mr. Latchford agreed with Mr. Garbacik's comments noting this group does a great job and it is very well organized and they raise a lot of money for the Samaritan Center which is a great cause.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the request to use Washington Park as part of the course for the 5th Annual Samaritan Skedaddle on April 26, 2008.

Mr. Garbacik reported we have received the annual request from Municipal Band Director Richard D'Arcangelis and Mr. Garbacik certainly recommends approval.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2008 Michigan City Municipal Band Schedule for rehearsals and concerts.

Mr. Garbacik reported annually he files a Non-Collusion Affidavit. Mr. Donoghue takes it over to LaPorte and officially files it. It is recommended by Indiana State Board of Accounts and Indiana Code for anyone who takes in some fees. Mr. Garbacik stated this relates to his serving as State Director for the Indiana Baseball Players Association which means he receives fees. Mr. Garbacik serves as a clearinghouse. The checks come in and he breaks them down and sends them elsewhere, either to the Zone Office or the National Office and in some instances he retains part of the fees to cover expenses he incurs in serving in that capacity.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Non-Collusion Affidavit submitted by Mr. Garbacik.

Mr. Garbacik reported the attached Pay Request No. 6 has been submitted by Kaser-Spraker, Inc. The work has been analyzed, endorsed and sworn by our Architect, Mr. Gerald M. Fedorchak, Jr. and Mr. Garbacik recommended payment.

Mr. Latchford asked if they are pretty much finished with their obligation.

Mr. Garbacik stated pretty much; at this point there is some exterior painting to be done and they are waiting for better weather, and that is very minor. Mr. Garbacik stated certainly we are at a point of substantial completion.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Pay Request No. 6 for Kaser-Spraker, Inc. in the amount of \$19,560.72.

Mr. Garbacik reported in the Board's packet was a request from LULAC to sponsor their annual scholarship and dinner dance. Mr. Garbacik recommended approval of this request to use the Senior Center on November 8, 2008 and to receive the one-time per year fifty percent non-profit discount as per the Park Board's policy.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Milcarek and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request by LULAC to host their annual scholarship and dinner dance at the Senior Center on November 8, 2008 and to offer them the one-time per year fifty percent non-profit discount.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Freese 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 \$2,286.50 and \$91,029.61.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices out of the Zoo Endowment Fund in the amount of \$35,557.67.

Mr. Milcarek reported invoices totaling \$39,874.76 were paid through the January 22, 2008 Board of Works meeting and invoices totaling \$9,922.76 were paid through the February 4, 2008 Board of Works meeting.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #2, 12/30/07 through 01/12/08, in the amount of \$41,497.41 and Payroll #3, 01/13/08 through 01/26/08, in the amount of \$42,814.85.

Mr. Dabney asked how long the youth basketball league will run. Mr. Dabney stated he stopped out at the High School and talked to the Head Coach out there and asked him if it would be possible for some of his kids to referee. The Coach said if he can get some details he would be happy to have some of the guys come out.

Mr. Garbacik stated he is happy to report he has his son signed up for basketball and he was there last week. Mr. Garbacik stated he is pretty sure Jeremy Kienitz and Coach Buscher have talked or are playing phone tag. Mr. Buscher called and thought Mr. Garbacik was Mr. Kienitz and started explaining it all to him. Mr. Garbacik stated we are hoping we get that support and involvement; we always look forward to partnering with the High School coaches. Mr. Garbacik spoke very positively about our program; it is awesome. He was there the past two Saturdays at the old Red Devil Gym, the Wolf Gym now, and David Greer, Danny Lewis, Jeff Edinger and Jeremy Kienitz are putting on a heck of a show for these kids. We went in hour long sessions during the evaluations, or camp, and they drilled for an hour and that is a pretty good basketball experience. Mr. Garbacik asked Mr. Donoghue how far back Mr. Greer started playing basketball.

Mr. Donoghue answered Mr. Greer started in 1955.

Mr. Garbacik reported Mr. Lewis started playing in the mid 1980's and Mr. Edinger played soccer and football and is currently the basketball coach for Knapp School. There is a lot of enthusiasm and this program is very well structured and organized and what made Mr. Garbacik most proud was listening to the parents up in the stands saying how great it was and that sort of thing and in some instances thanking us for running this program. Mr. Garbacik reported this Saturday is their last practice week and they will then break into teams and practice one more time with their coaches and the season will start the week after.

Mr. Latchford asked how many kids are participating.

Mr. Garbacik stated he isn't sure but it is well over 100 and each division will have a minimum of four teams which is pretty good for a first year program.

Mr. Freese thanked Kathleen Janatik for sending the positive letter and photographs of her family using the skating rink.

Mr. Garbacik commented if you go to our website and go to the photo scrapbook you can see the photos along with her nice letter.

Mr. Latchford thanked Mr. Kienitz for summarizing his experience at the conference he went to; it was a nice summary and it was obviously very productive and it is interesting to say they don't have an agreement with their school systems and what a burden it is for them and we should be grateful we have cooperation. Mr. Garbacik thanked the Maintenance Staff and Shannon Eason for installing the new software program; we will have great benefits from that.

Mr. Donoghue commended The News Dispatch for the very nice insert in today's paper regarding historical times in Michigan City and noted Dave Greer's name was mentioned as part of the athletic history of the City and there were some Park and Recreation aspects to it Mr. Donoghue enjoyed.

Mr. Doyle thanked the Park Department and Park Board for the cards while he was in the hospital; it really gave him a boost. Mr. Doyle commended Mrs. Eason for her work on the maintenance systems and reminded the Board he was a Systems Coordinator at the mills and they went to a completely on-line system with 2,000 employees but they had a large staff to implement it and it was really nice to hear how this is taking off especially considering you have people that have never used a keyboard or a mouse. Mr. Doyle reported they are moving along on all of the Summer Festival events. This year there will be a second Drum & Bugle Corp. show. The first show will have 10 Corps participating including the Cavaliers which we partner with and they will have their Alumni group here which has about 350 members in one group; these are all adults and they will put on an exhibition on Saturday at Ames Field. On Sunday we will host the parade with the Drum Corp show that evening. The second show will be on August 5, 2008 and we will host at least 26 Corps from different countries. They are looking forward to coming here because we always have them use the school system and it is a positive experience and they can't wait to come here. Mr. Doyle reported this is really going to be an exciting time for Michigan City. Mr. Doyle stated we are proud through the efforts of everyone to bring these competitions to Michigan City. Mr. Doyle reported this year the Soul Steppers will be hosting a competition for 20 groups and stated Lyn Isbell does one heck of a job. The first twirling and dance competition was held last year and this year they are branching out to host their own competition. Mr. Doyle stated those kids really work hard and people don't realize how much is happening in our City and if someone says there isn't anything to do they must not be in Michigan City. Mr. Doyle stated working with the Park Department and School System over the years has made it possible to accomplish many things.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Darrell L. Garbacik, Superintendent
Michigan City Park Board

Tom Milcarek, Secretary
Michigan City Park Board

Attachments to the February 14, 2008 Park Board meeting:

1. Request from Knapp School to Host Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center
2. Travel Request Submitted by Greens Superintendent Randy Durham for the Michiana Golf Course Superintendents Association Spring Educational Meeting at Swan Lake Golf Resort on February 25, 2008
3. On the Lake Holdings Lease (Former Yacht Club Property)
4. Agreement for Voluntary Termination of Lease with Michigan City Yacht Club, Inc.
5. Contract with SCO Engineering for electrical engineering consulting services for Washington Park and the Washington Park Zoo
6. Application for Lease – Sheridan Beach Esplanade – Ben Ross, 909 Colfax Avenue
7. Encroachment Lease with Ben Ross, 909 Colfax Avenue
8. 2008 Zoo Fees
9. Request to Host 5th Annual Samaritan Skedaddle on April 26, 2008
10. Michigan City Municipal Band 2008 Schedule Request
11. Non-Collusion Affidavit for Darrell Garbacik
12. Kaser-Spraker Pay Request No. 6
13. LULAC Request to Host Annual Scholarship and Dinner Dance at Senior Center on 11/08/08

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason