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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 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. Latchford, Freese, Glidden, and Mrs. Sperling (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were Ed Shinn, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Laura Nirenberg, Park Board Attorney; Pat Voltz, Maintenance Director; Bryant Dabney, City Council Liaison; Angie Nelson-Deutch, City Councilwoman; Dalia Zygas, City Councilwoman; Heather Donofry, Alzheimer's Association; Jacob Hill; Aaron O'Reilly; Jake Howard; Eduardo Castllanos; Sue Harrison; Julie Geyer; Cory Seller; John Ludshin; Esther Stiles; Peggy Rose; Jennifer Harrison; Jay Will; Julie Gorez; Shannon Denny; Rick Wright, LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Marty Nieman, Golf Manager; and Drew White, ALCO TV.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Glidden and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the February 15, 2023 Board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Shannon Eason updated the Park Board on the Old Bandstand Preservation Project which received no bids. She reported a request to negotiate a contract will be presented to the Park Board at their March 15, 2023 meeting.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the 2023 Spring Adult Softball League rules and fees from the table.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Glidden and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2023 Adult Softball League rules and fees.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the Park Department's 2022 Annual Report.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's event in Washington Park.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for by Mr. Freese, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2023 Pridefest event in Washington Park. Mrs. Sperling abstained from the vote.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Glidden and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Restrictive Covenant for Water Tower Park to comply with the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant funding the Water Tower Park Renovation Project.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 1003 transferring money in Zoo Fund 2204.504.

Assistant Superintendent Eason reported, after technical review of the Healthy Living grant application for phase III of the Singing Sands Trail by Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte staff, she was informed the grant funding is only good for one year. Mrs. Eason will reapply next year and asked the Park Board for approval tonight to submit in the next grant round.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the submission of the attached Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte Healthy Living grant application in the amount of \$250,000.00.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Glidden and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the submission of the attached Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte Healthy Living grant application in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the Fedder's Alley All-Inclusive Playground and Fitness Park Project.

Superintendent Shinn reported on the Old Lighthouse Museum's 50th Anniversary, maintenance operations, the Oasis Splash Park conversion project, zoo operations, the Senior Center Renovation Project, golf maintenance operations, and the hiring of a new Golf Manager.

Superintendent Shinn reported vandalism occurred at Oak Hills, Pullman and Adams Parks.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese 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 \$93,920.52.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #4, 02/05/23 through 02/18/23, in the amount of \$61,257.79.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted youth baseball sponsorship donations in the amount of \$350.00 each from Apex Auto, Frontier Lawn & Recreation, DeVries Tire, Jimmy Johns, Moore's Auto Repair, Weber Family Dentistry, Arby's, Captain Ed's Furniture Store, and Dan's Landscaping.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

Zoo Fund 2204-504

Decrease account no. 422.034	Zoo Food	\$428.00
Increase account no. 422.031	Household Supplies	\$428.00

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$57,776.44 paid through the February 21, 2023 Board of Works meeting.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.


 Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


 Tim Glidden, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason