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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. via a Zoom meeting.

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, and Lange, and Ms. Espar (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were Ed Shinn, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Laura Nirenberg, Park Board Attorney; Pat Voltz, Maintenance Director; Kaleb Goodwin, City IT; Dalia Zygas, City Councilwoman; and Mike Dempsey, ALCO TV.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the May 5, 2021 Park Board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Eason reported on Krueger and Barker Middle School students who chose recycling in our neighborhood parks as their 2021 "Better World Day Project." The students and faculty contributed 162 community service hours on Friday, May 7, 2021 at six parks. These hours fulfill their volunteer service hour commitment for the MOU between the Park Department and Krueger Middle School to construct 20 picnic tables with park labor to be donated to the school for an outdoor classroom.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the quote submitted by Cardno to plant marram grass on the sides of the beach mats located at Louisiana, Georgia and Illinois Avenues and awarded the attached contract in the amount of \$27,125.00.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached preliminary design for the outdoor kitchen on the upper deck of North Pointe Pavilion.
- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the Park Department's 2021 1st quarter report.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved discounted parking fees for advance zoo group reservations of \$4 per car and \$8 per bus.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached vendor agreement with Yolo Glow to sell novelties in Washington Park on July 4, 2021.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached changes to the landscaping at North Pointe Pavilion, saving the department approximately \$6,500.00 annually.
- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Michigan City Area School's request to offer a free feeding program at Joe Hawkins and Tall Timbers Parks from June 14 through July 30, 2021.

Superintendent Shinn proposed a \$5 per game wage increase for umpires.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted against by Mr. Latchford and Ms. Espar, the proposed umpire wage increase failed to pass.

Assistant Superintendent Eason reported there will be no lifeguard team this summer due to lack of qualified applicants. There will be a customer service team who will assist with education, rule enforcement, missing children, and minor medical incidents on land. They will also assist Michigan City Police and Fire Department's with incident control.

- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached changes to the lifeguard position job descriptions.

Superintendent Shinn reported on new full-time employees Eric Williams and Terry Greetham and summer intern Dominic Yanke, the zoo, senior center, Washington Park hours of operation, sticker operation hours, the installation of new tiger teeth at exits in Washington Park, and Patriot Park.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, 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 \$61,170.71.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #10, 04/18/21 through 05/01/21, in the amount of \$47,740.24.

- On a motion made by Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation from Zoo World Zoological LLC for the sale of a Lowland Paca in the amount of \$873.12 and from James Mullins in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 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.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Kent Lange, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason