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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 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, and Lange, and Ms. Espar (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were Ed Shinn, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Laura Nirenberg, Park Board Attorney; Jamie Huss, Zoo Director; Dalia Zygas, City Council; Tom Jaroll; Patrick Wilkins, Sunset Grille; Terry Greetham, City Event and Recreation Coordinator; and James Welford, City IT.

Superintendent Ed Shinn reported a part time, non-seasonal, Senior Center Aide position has been reinstated at the request of the Senior Center Advisory Board, CPR, First Aid and AED training will be conducted for all Senior Center staff and any interested members, zoo attendance and revenue continues to rise, the Youth Baseball League is going well with a few issues being addressed with coaches and staff, The Michigan City Soccer Club is no longer in existence and we are working with a new group to host soccer in 2022, and the Superintendent reported on the operations of the Park Maintenance Department.

Assistant Superintendent Eason stated the stakeholder planning team has been finalized for the wetland observation platform project on the Singing Sands Trail. Planning meetings will begin in the next few weeks. Partners include the Michigan City Park Department, the National Park Service, NIPSCO, the Indiana Audubon Society, the Michigan City Public Art Committee, and The Bike Stop Cycling Club.

Assistant Superintendent Eason thanked Mike Szromba of Windy City Kite Sports for conducting a kiteboard safety clinic in Washington Park this morning for 21 staff members from the Michigan City Fire Department and Michigan City Park Department.

- 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 June 2, 2021 Park Board meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the installation of shade sails on the upper deck of North Pointe Pavilion. The project will be a permanent addition to the pavilion, paid for by Patrick Wilkins, and owned by the Park Department. The Park Board approved a tenant credit, not to exceed \$27,000.000, for the project.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the placement of a temporary enclosure on the upper deck of North Pointe Pavilion to use as an outdoor kitchen, contingent on the manufacturer certifying the installation in writing. The structure will be paid for and become the property of Patrick Wilkins.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved changing the hours of the Washington Park Zoo to Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 am to 5 pm.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 933 adopting a policy for electronic participation in meetings.

Mr. Lange commented on the attached correspondence received by the Park Board regarding the fee for an annual parking sticker for a Senior Center Member.

- ❑ 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 \$99,297.26.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #12, 05/16/21 through 05/29/21, in the amount of \$57,722.59.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation to the Washington Park Zoo in the amount of \$100.00 from Victoria Williams.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$1,089.24 charged to the department's credit card.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.


 Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


 Kent Lange, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason