

## WASHINGTON PARK 1911 BANDSTAND PRESERVATION PROJECT

The original Washington Park band shell was donated by Michigan City Industrialist John H. Barker in the 1890's. The original band shell was destroyed by fire in 1911.



*Original 1890's Bandstand*



*New Bandstand Rededication Ceremony July 6, 1911*

The iconic "Old Bandstand" in Washington Park will soon be getting a complete facelift to preserve the structure well into the future.

Thanks to grant funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan Coastal Program and the Barker Welfare Foundation, and generous donations from the Michigan City Questers and the Michigan City Historical Society, this construction project will begin in the next few months with no taxpayer money required.

A complete assessment of the current conditions has been completed and construction will include replacement of the existing electrical system with LED lighting for energy conservation, repairs to the concrete foundation piers, tuck pointing of brick foundation walls and the brick pier at the center of the basement, replacement of steel column roof bracing, replacement of wooden roof eaves, railings, balusters, ceiling, and trim, repairs to exterior stucco, repair and sealing of the concrete floor, and painting of the entire structure.

For more information about this exciting project, please contact Assistant Park Superintendent Shannon Eason at (219) 873-1506 or [season@emichigancity.com](mailto:season@emichigancity.com)