

The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, July 2, 2009 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: Jan Orlich, Superintendent; Jeffrey Katz, Park Board Attorney; Joe Doyle, City Council Liaison; Shannon Eason, Director of Administrative Services and Special Projects; Bill Greene, School Board Liaison; Pat Donoghue; Linda Simmons, LaPorte County Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Barb Malewicki; Juanita Kreidler; Laurie Wink, The News Dispatch; Ron Miller, W.E.F.M.; and Anna Galloway, ALCO TV.

Mr. Latchford welcomed the new Park Board Attorney Mr. Jeff Katz. Mr. Latchford gave a brief introduction and stated the majority of Mr. Katz' experience has been as a business transaction attorney and real estate developer including specialization and retail industrial centers and residential development acting as both general contractor and project manager for all of his projects. Mr. Latchford stated the Park Department will greatly benefit from his experience in these fields and considering the number of projects that we have underway and the number of projects we are planning. Mr. Latchford stated additionally Mr. Katz has extensive history and working knowledge of the Indiana Law regarding Municipal and State Government. Mr. Katz has been the Port Authority Attorney for over 15 years and during his tenure he successfully handled the riverboat development agreement and Sprague Point negotiations with Blue Chip Casino and represented the Port Authority in their 10 million revenue bond issuance. Mr. Latchford stated finally, we believe that with Mr. Katz as attorney for both the Port Authority and Park Board that he can enable enhanced communications and expeditious resolution of any and all issues and problems that may arise between the boards and he will help with the collective effort to achieve our goal of making Michigan City the recreation destination. Mr. Latchford offered a warm welcome to Mr. Katz.

Mr. Katz thanked Mr. Latchford and stated he looks forward to working with the Park Department and staff.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the June 18, 2009 Park Board meeting.

Park Superintendent Jan Orlich welcomed Mr. Katz and stated she looks forward to working with him. Ms. Orlich stated she is happy to report to the Board Park Board President Phil Latchford, Attorney Pat Donoghue, Golf Director Jason Richardson and she attended the hearing that was scheduled today with the Alcohol Commission. Ms. Orlich reported Michigan City's north and south courses did receive the approval to sell beer and wine. Ms. Orlich stated she is unhappy to report that Mrs. Kirby was not in and will not be back until Monday. Ms. Orlich stated we reached out to Michelle Traughber again, who is the Indiana Excise Police. We tried to contact another processor named Julie Burton who also was not in. Ms. Orlich stated none of them will be back until Monday, July 6, 2009 and without the letter of authority we are unable to serve alcoholic beverages and we will pursue that again Monday morning. Ms. Orlich reported she contacted Mr. Tom Cipares in regard to the liquor liability for Washington Park beach concessions and the premium would be an additional \$411 providing a formal alcohol awareness program attended by employees would take place. That would bring our total premium for all three of our locations to \$2,402.00 plus a 2.5% surplus tax and a \$100 broker fee. Ms. Orlich reported she spoke with Mr. Cipares regarding the concession trailer. Ms. Orlich stated once it arrives she will pull serial numbers and get the specs of the trailer to Mr. Cipares so we will be insured promptly. Ms. Orlich stated expected delivery for the concession trailer is the beginning to the middle of next week. Ms. Orlich stated we have secured refrigerators, freezers, greaseless fryers and things like that to get started. Ms. Orlich stated she met with Gordon Foods today and we have a temporary order in place and our only hope is that Pepsi can respond to our needs for next weekend so we can be up and running before the fireworks. Ms. Orlich stated the deck is being constructed and it is about half done and it will be completed next week and that will be the first phase which is the bottom floor. Ms. Orlich stated phase II which will be the upper deck will probably be addressed at the end of the season or beginning of spring next year. Ms. Orlich stated she is currently working on the application for the Washington Park application for a beer and wine permit and she hopes to send that off within the next week or so. Ms. Orlich stated she reported to Mr. Latchford in a phone conversation in regard to 1126 Lake Shore Drive about a tree being down. Ms. Orlich stated she contacted Michigan City Forester Frank Sileheimer and he was contacted by the owner of that property and the tree actually encroached on his home and to avoid any damage he did send out A1 Loggins Tree Service to do the trimming of that tree so that was taken care of. Ms. Orlich reported all of the fields at Patriot Park have now been recrowned and she and Mrs. Eason are working on some type of recrowning schedule so we are not in a predicament like we have been in the past. We will rotate the fields every couple of years to be recrowned in the future. Ms. Orlich stated she had reported to the Board in error at the last meeting that the mulch and some of the work was done at Gardena Park and it wasn't. Ms. Orlich stated she is happy to report the mulch was put down in the swing areas. The swings that were in disrepair were repaired and replaced and we did contact Ray Cermak to find that same brick and he is doing so and he is going to report back to us within a week. Ms. Orlich stated she went out there and noticed some of the timbers around that brick work rotten and that could have caused the problem. Ms. Orlich pointed that out to Mr. Cermak and he is going to get back to us to let us know what he can do about that. Ms. Orlich reported at the last Park Board meeting the Board had given Country Lane Carriages approval to provide carriage rides

throughout the park and on Lake Shore Drive. Ms. Orlich contacted Rachel and Danielle, the girls who represented Country Lane Carriages and she discussed the spike system that we have at our exits and that is a concern. Ms. Orlich also received complaints from people who live along Lake Shore Drive and their feeling is that the carriages will slow down Lake Shore Drive which is already pretty slow to begin with in the summer months. Ms. Orlich stated she hasn't been here that long but in her opinion Lake Shore Drive is slow in the summer months with all of the traffic and she would hate for people to be slowed up any more due to the carriage rides and get disgusted and say I don't want to go to the park. Ms. Orlich asked the Park Board to rescind the agreement due to a traffic problem. Ms. Orlich stated she did discuss that with Country Lane Carriages and told them she had an issue in regard to the traffic tie ups it would cause on Lake Shore Drive. Ms. Orlich asked the Board for their questions, concerns or opinions in regard to that.

Mr. Milcarek asked if the Board is in some way committed besides a verbal commitment because we don't have a contract with them. Mr. Milcarek asked if we were going to have a contract with them.

Ms. Orlich stated we were going to have an agreement and she believes they do have the agreement but Rachel and Danielle had some concerns too, basically, the spike system. Ms. Orlich stated she did offer them the opportunity to maybe utilize the carriage ride if it was contained strictly inside of the park area but she believes this might have something to do with Harbor Grill and maybe they wanted to stop there and that would impede traffic down Lake Shore Drive. Ms. Orlich stated Rachel and Danielle had some issues also; they reported to the Board they would be on the agenda for the Board of Works meeting and in checking the agenda for July 6, 2009, they are not on the agenda, so they have issues themselves and they did not discuss those with Ms. Orlich.

Mr. Latchford stated he doesn't know if we need to rescind at this point; he would like to keep the options open; even with the spikes he would like to offer the service in Washington Park. Mr. Latchford stated he understands completely with the curbs that are on Lake Shore Drive and if they are going to take the whole run down Lake Shore Drive it could back traffic up but there could be some alternative routes that we can look at within the park.

Ms. Orlich stated she discussed that with them and she discussed it with Mrs. Eason and we asked if they would be interested; we could post an area where there could be a pick up and they could go down to Fedder's, turn around in Fedder's and come back, and we did offer that to them and as of yet they have not returned Ms. Orlich's call.

Mr. Latchford stated maybe we should just wait and see knowing we have not signed an agreement and the Board was obviously in favor of having that service down here and if we can't work out the routes then it may not happen but Mr. Latchford would not like to put a halt to it at this point but would like to leave it open and available.

Ms. Orlich stated by rescinding the agreement she basically meant on Lake Shore Drive.

Mrs. Eason stated as a matter of record the Board approved that in concept only contingent on Board of Works approval and contingent on agreeable contract terms which were never reached.

Ms. Orlich stated we will look to hear from them first and she'll report back to the Board. Ms. Orlich updated the Board on the splash park stating $\frac{3}{4}$ of the perimeter was poured; that was an aggregate pour and it turned out very nice. Ms. Orlich was surprised at how nice it looks. Ms. Orlich stated she had Francis Rooney out there to inspect the grounding on the toys and he gave us his blessing and half of the pad itself was poured. Ms. Orlich stated she was there today to decide on the brush that was going to be the slip resistant coating that would be on the top and we went with a medium brush so as not to cut the kid's feet but enough so that it is somewhat slip resistant. Ms. Orlich stated masonry is still going on; the men's bathroom has been divided so there is an entrance from the splash pad to the restrooms, but you can't go through from the parking lot; that division is made. They are working on the women's restroom and right now we are piping everything to the mechanical room to get the skid in place for operation. Ms. Orlich reported electric needs to be run to the panel and once that is run Frances Rooney will be called out again to inspect that. Once the inspection goes through she will contact NIPSCO and schedule the directional bore. Ms. Orlich stated NIPSCO did inform her that was a two to four week wait. Ms. Orlich stated we are working with an engineer by the name of George Mrak and Mr. Mrak informed her once Mr. Rooney gives the ok there is some paperwork that has to be filled out but if we get green tagged and we are ready to go, we should let him know and he'll put our order in right away and wait for Mr. Rooney's paperwork to follow so at least we can get a few days jump on that. Ms. Orlich stated she will report back to the Board in regards to that. Ms. Orlich reported she will be meeting with Falatovics on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 to discuss the contract we currently have with them for the retaining wall at the amphitheater; we are moving forward with that part of the construction. Ms. Orlich stated her biggest concern is the mobilization of their equipment so as not to impede on the concerts or other special events that we have at the amphitheater. Ms. Orlich stated they will meet on July 7, 2009 and construction will start shortly thereafter. Ms. Orlich reported on June 29th and 30th, 2009 America in Bloom judges were in town; they judged Washington Park, Millennium Plaza and the zoo amongst other city destinations and they were very impressed with the City Kids Day Camp who were provided with seeds and herbs to plant with Mr. Greene's plantings on the side of this building. The kids did that; they loved it and they had pictures taken. Mrs. Eason provided the booklet for the America in Bloom judging which turned out really great. Ms. Orlich reported the Parking Supervisors, the Administrative Director and herself attended citation training at the Michigan City Police Department for the purpose of proper procedures on how to issue a citation. The Park Department will be responsible for writing citations for section 14-2 which prohibits animals on park property, section 14-13 prohibiting the feeding of wildlife on park property and incidentally, the signage has been ordered and once that signage comes in it will be placed along the Port Authority and Park Department properties, section 54-1 which prohibits open burning, and section 82-64 prohibiting glass containers in Washington Park, California Avenue parking lot and Sheridan Beach properties. Mrs. Eason provided detailed information for writing citations including how to write the summons, how to schedule court dates and a list of citations and definitions for the staff that will eventually be sworn in to write those citations. Ms. Orlich reported Jason Richardson had added Fore!Reservations marketing to his operations and he wanted to report he has seen an increase in Internet tee time bookings; we have increased 205%

over last year. We have currently booked 238 rounds online this year; last year there were 78 rounds booked. Ms. Orlich stated this brings in a total revenue of \$1,004.00 and we will continue to use Fore!Reservations. Ms. Orlich stated there is no vandalism to report.

Mr. Milcarek asked Ms. Orlich if there are plans to spread more mulch at Gardena Playground.

Ms. Orlich answered yes; four more loads according to Maintenance Director Darren Westphal. Ms. Orlich stated the problem with the swing areas at Gardena is that in the fall zone, the safety fall zone that is required, if we cut under the swings with a back hoe and we drop the rubber mat and then fill it with 6" to 8" of mulch it would last a lot longer. That is something Ms. Orlich would like to work out with Mr. Westphal during the fall. Ms. Orlich stated once you put the mulch down and have a couple of kids swinging back and forth on it, the mulch is gone.

Mr. Milcarek stated it looked like the circular playground that is fenced in was mulched at one time and it needs a couple of loads of mulch to make it look like it did originally.

Ms. Orlich stated we just put four loads in and we have four loads coming and there is a problem with that so we do need to address that so it isn't a continuous maintenance issue.

Mr. Milcarek stated it looks like we used mulch in a good portion of the playground to keep the weeds and grass down. Mr. Milcarek stated a young man, he doesn't know his name but he was about 7 years old, went over all of the problems and requests and he showed Mr. Milcarek everything that needed work and some of the grips on the climbing wall have been removed and some need to be repaired and Mr. Milcarek promised him we would look into that and get that fixed. Mr. Milcarek stated he was so cute and so sincere and he told him if he needs something to let us know.

Ms. Orlich stated she will address that.

Mr. Latchford stated the rotation of the field crowing at Patriot Park is a great idea; just like we developed at the golf course with rotating the carts and having a rational, systematic replacement program is great and I would like to commend you for coming up with a schedule.

Ms. Orlich stated there are few things to discuss if we can interject and I am going to ask Mrs. Eason to help out this. Ms. Orlich stated Patriot Park's budget comes from three different areas and what we would like to do is to consolidate Patriot Park into one budget and at the end of this year the contract is over for the concessions and we hope to possibly use the profit of the concessions to go back into the operating budget for Patriot Park and make that one budget.

Mrs. Eason explained at this point, with three funds, we don't have a grasp on Patriot Park as a cost center; we don't know if we are making money or losing money. Mrs. Eason stated the recreation budget pays for part of it and maintenance pays for part of it so we would like to clean that up so we can get a good picture, like we do with our rental halls, and get some comparison data.

Mr. Latchford stated we did the same thing with the Senior Center a couple of years back.

Mrs. Eason stated that is correct.

Mr. Latchford stated in regards to the boring for NIPSCO, why can't they come out and do the majority of the work and then hook up the two ends so we don't have to wait so long.

Ms. Orlich stated they have one boring machine which is in Gary.

Mr. Latchford asked couldn't it be bored and the lines hooked up after the final inspection.

Ms. Orlich stated no, they will not do that; they will not move without it being green tagged by the electrical inspector. Ms. Orlich stated Mr. Katz is shaking his head yes, so he must have been through this before. Ms. Orlich stated they would at least put us on the schedule even though they won't have the paperwork from Mr. Rooney and once we are green tagged Mr. Mrak will put us on that schedule immediately.

Mr. Latchford asked if there is a projected date of when the splash pad will be opened for the people to enjoy.

Ms. Orlich stated it is hard to say; the splash pad is such an integral build and as a matter of fact when she took the plans to Mr. Phelps he was blown away; he was amazed at the complexity of the build itself. Ms. Orlich stated she doesn't want to do anything that would rush it to a point where we would see a maintenance issue down the road. Ms. Orlich stated she has gone over everything with a fine tooth comb. She has found a few issues and she does contact Mr. Fedorchak, things that she thinks were not constructed properly and those are being taken down and redone so she doesn't know; she is going to push it to August and she thinks were are going to have just enough time to open, run it, hopefully get some of the kinks out, winterize it and prepare everything for next summer. Ms. Orlich stated she is pushing for the end of July and she pushes them every day.

Mr. Katz stated he has no attorney's report.

Mr. Latchford noted Mr. Donoghue is here tonight and he is helping with the transition period and Mr. Latchford thanked him very much for that.

Mrs. Eason reported our 2010 budgets were due to the City Controller on June 30, 2009 and they have been turned in. Mrs. Eason apologized the Board didn't get those prior to the deadline but we got the budgets in between meetings and that is the way the schedule worked out. Mrs. Eason stated if the Board has questions, problems, or concerns regarding the budget, please get those back to us immediately so we can prepare for that when we meet with the Controller. Mrs. Eason stated the 2010 through 2012 capital improvements projects were given to the Board today and those have not been presented to the Controller. The Controller extended the deadline to Monday, July 6, 2009 so the Board would have a chance to review those. Mrs. Eason stated

again, if the Board has comments, and she knows it is a lot of reading, but we need those back next week.

Mr. Latchford thanked Mrs. Eason for providing the five year summary of the department's budget.

Mr. Dabney stated the Controller wanted this done even before the State budget so this is a total estimate, is that correct, or are we solid with these figures.

Mrs. Eason stated the revenue projections are based on solid data, but they are projections and the same with our expenses. Mrs. Eason stated we have spent a lot of time in the last 18 months looking at our expenses and cutting what we can and pretty much the park staff knows their budgets line item by item and can back up anything on there. This was not a cookie cutter approach of just moving numbers forward, these are actual projections.

Mr. Dabney stated he was wondering since the State budget just passed yesterday if we relied on that to do what we do.

Mrs. Eason stated no, not at all, it is unrelated as far as us processing this.

Ms. Orlich stated the State just approved the 2007 budget a week or so ago.

Mr. Dabney stated thank God we are not related to the State budget.

Mrs. Eason stated we are but not from a Park Department standpoint. Once the budgets get turned into the Controller, then the Controller has to determine where the taxes are coming from and how to apply them. Mrs. Eason stated in the summary she provided to the Board it does address on the last page taxes for previous years paid in current years which throws our net figures off; at the bottom of the report it moves the taxes back into the correct years.

Zoo Director Johnny Martinez reported he would like to inform the Park Board members that they are in the process of relocating our existing three member group Hamadryas Baboons. Mr. Martinez stated back in 2006 when we decided to renovate the building we decided we wanted to go to more of a monkey or primate type collection for the reason that at that time we only had Ring Tailed Lemurs and the Baboons. Mr. Martinez stated the Baboons themselves are quite large and quite dangerous and have the capability of injuring people and they are not too easily managed other than one of them which was hand raised by our Assistant Director. Mr. Martinez stated one of the animals is an animal that was relocated to us from Knoxville Zoo; it is a neutered male and has no breeding potential. Mr. Martinez stated after producing two offspring at the zoo our, we still have our existing female and male. The male was neutered shortly thereafter and only has display potential, but no breeding potential. The female is a viable female and she can be utilized in a species survival plan for the Hamadryas Baboons and it was suggested to us that we would relocate her to Phoenix Zoo where she could continue to reproduce. The two males unfortunately have no reproduction value because they are both neutered but Knoxville Zoo is the owner of one of those animals has recently built an exhibit for

a bachelor group of males. They have six males there and they will add our two to that group. Both of these zoos are AZA accredited zoos. They are state of the art exhibits and we are in the process of sending these animals to them. Mr. Martinez stated we hope to get them there before the heat of the season.

Mr. Latchford asked how they would transport them.

Mr. Martinez stated they will be driving the animals to the facilities. Mr. Martinez stated the airlines will not accept them and it is too hot in a metal container so we have to take them down in an air conditioned vehicle.

Ms. Orlich stated the baboons were indoors; we didn't have an outside facility to display them.

Mr. Martinez stated that is correct; we didn't have the proper facilities to maintain them so they were kept inside the lion house since the fall of 2006. Mr. Martinez stated they have been kept indoors and off display in the feline area and they had no access to any outside area. Mr. Martinez stated we don't have a facility to maintain them properly or safely. Mr. Martinez stated on a high note, on June 1, 2009 we opened our new Australian Aviary walk-through exhibit and it has been well received. Mr. Martinez stated this is an interactive exhibit where people can purchase a seed stick for \$1.00 and hand feed the birds as they are flying around. Mr. Martinez stated there are over 200 birds in there; there are 3 cages of Cockatoos and free flying Parakeets and Cockatiels. Mr. Martinez stated the kids love it and it has been well received. Mr. Martinez the aviary was started on February 15, 2009 and was completed with in-house labor. The only outside help they had was from inmates who assisted them with the brick work. Mr. Martinez stated they used recycled bricks from the City of Michigan City. This was a really nice project and we are really happy with it. Mr. Martinez stated they just completed the construction of an Emu and Black Swan exhibit. Mr. Martinez stated it is an insulated building which they didn't have before and now we are properly able to take care of them. Mr. Martinez stated they also created an Alligator shade structure; an 8' x 10' facility in their yard that these animals can get underneath. Mr. Martinez stated reptile's bodies are controlled by the existing temperature; if it is 96 degrees outside their body temperature is 96 degrees; if it is 110 degrees they are 110 degrees so they have to regulate their body temperature by either hiding in the shade or getting in the water and this is why we provided a shade structure for them. Mr. Martinez stated they are in the process of working on winter holding areas. Mr. Martinez invited everyone to the zoo to see the exciting things they have plans for.

Mr. Latchford stated he was at the zoo and the aviary exhibit is fantastic and it seems to be well received.

Mr. Martinez stated they have hopes of vines covering the actual structures to hide the framing and they want to put live trees in there but that will be a slow process so the roots can be established before the birds put pressure on them.

Mr. Latchford asked Mr. Martinez how attendance has been.

Mr. Martinez stated attendance is picking up; it was slow, we had such a crazy month with a lot of rainy weather and overcast days but anytime the sun was shining we were flooded. Mr. Martinez stated yesterday they had 13 school buses from the LaPorte County area visiting and they were packed again today. Mr. Martinez stated we are looking for large attendance over the July 4th weekend and once we get the splash pad going that will be a big assist. Mr. Martinez stated they are piggy backing on with things like Run Wild for the Zoo 5 K race this Saturday; every participant in that gets into the zoo free. Mr. Martinez stated they are allowing these kinds of piggy back things with various entities because even if they don't pay admission they will buy something at the concession stand or the gift shop and this assists the zoo and community.

Ms. Orlich stated she noticed the Fire Department goes to the concession stand, park maintenance employees go to the concession stand so your concessions have been received well this year.

Mr. Martinez stated they have received nice comments as to the caliber of the food that is being offered and they also have great management skills in Shawne Sheldon, our retail manager; she has attended several food shows and she has corresponded with other zoos to see what they are doing. Mr. Martinez stated they try to make everything affordable, whether it is in the gift shop where we offer 25 cent items for grandmothers bringing three kids to the zoo and we also have \$25 items. Mr. Martinez stated our Education Curator Ben Gillem has, in the month of June alone, received over \$2,000 for birthday parties; the interest in this has increased tremendously.

Mr. Latchford thanked Mr. Martinez and told him he is doing a great job.

Mr. Donoghue stated, regarding encroachments, he did get some correspondence while he was on vacation and he has not had a chance to evaluate it yet. Mr. Donoghue stated it comes from the property owners who are abutting the retaining wall out at the end of Sheridan Beach. Mr. Donoghue stated he will report on that at the next meeting.

Mrs. Eason reported we are requesting cash start up banks for the Oasis concession stand, the admission window and the Washington Park concession stand. Mrs. Eason stated these are a little bit more than what we typically have at the zoo but we expect quite a bit more business in Washington Park and we don't want the employees to have to run back and forth to get change so we made them higher. Mrs. Eason stated the checks would be made out Jan Orlich, receipted, and then returned to our account at the end of the season.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board agreed to establish start up banks for concessions and the splash pad admission window.
- ❑ **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 \$86,323.24.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #13, 05/31/09 through 06/13/09, in the amount of \$85,161.93.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Milcarek, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment out of the Zoo Endowment Fund in the amount of \$1,493.00.

Mr. Milcarek reported the Board of Works paid invoices totaling \$108,397.28 at their July 6, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Milcarek reported charges totaling \$349.00 were charged to the department's credit card.

Mr. Milcarek commented besides the young man at Gardena Park he met some people at Lowes and he heard them talking about our golf course. They are from Illinois and they raved about it saying it is really a great course and is in great condition.

Mr. Freese welcomed Mr. Katz and he looks forward to working with him. Mr. Freese stated he has also heard some great positive comments about the golf course which is good news because the people he heard it from are often times very critical and they play a lot of golf. Mr. Freese stated Mr. Richardson and his crew are really doing an awesome job out there considering all of the rain we have had. Mr. Freese agreed with the comment that Mr. Martinez is doing a great job.

Mr. Latchford commended the park staff as we venture into new areas, the splash park, beer and wine licenses, and the concession operations. Mr. Latchford stated it is easy to sit back and continue to do the same thing over and over but when you go out on a limb and try new things it takes energy, effort and coordination and he commended everyone for the extra efforts.

Mr. Doyle stated there are several events going on this weekend including the parade and the Drum & Bugle Corp show and our new Superintendent will be out there at the parade. Mr. Doyle commended Ms. Orlich and the rest of the park employees because there are a lot of neat things happening.

Mr. Greene stated the School Board and the administration are taking care of Ames Field and working hard to get that field ready for Sunday's Show. They are supposed to wind it up tomorrow; they have been working a lot of overtime. Tomorrow they are not supposed to work but they have to work because it looks bad but he is sure it will be ready and if you want to see Ames Field with the new turf you should come to the Drum Corp Show; you will really be entertained. Mr. Greene reported tickets are available on the east and west sides; the center section has been sold out.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39p.m.

Jan Orlich, Superintendent
Michigan City Park Department

Tom Milcarek, Secretary
Michigan City Park Board

Attachments to the July 2, 2009 Park Board meeting:

1. Request for Start Up Banks for Oasis Splash Park Concession Stand, Admission Window and Washington Park Concession Stand
2. Claims Docket Allowance for Vouchers Dated 07/02/09

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason