

The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 20, 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, and Mr. Dabney (3)

Absent: Mr. Milcarek (1)

Also present were: Jan Orlich, Superintendent; Jeff Katz, Park Board Attorney; Joe Doyle, City Council Liaison; Shannon Eason, Director of Administrative Services and Special Projects; Jeremy Kienitz, Recreation Director; Bill Greene, School Board Liaison; Jason Miller and Jack Arnett, LaPorte County Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Bruno Uryga, Early Birds of Hoosierland; Barb Malewicki; Deb Sederberg, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

Mr. Latchford reported Mr. Freese would like to abstain from voting on the minutes of the August 20, 2009 Park Board meeting because he was not present at that meeting. Mr. Milcarek is absent tonight so we will table the minutes to September 3, 2009 Park Board meeting.

Superintendent Jan Orlich reported on the splash park and its current status. Ms. Orlich reported she has Gluth on site and they will complete the roofing possibly by Tuesday, August 25, 2009. Northwest Indiana has been on site and the south and east side of the fencing is up; the west side still has to be constructed and the 12' wrought iron entrance has been ordered and should be in within a week or a week and a half and as soon as it comes in that will also be constructed. Ms. Orlich stated an o-ring from filter 2 was factory damaged and she is waiting for another o-ring to come in. Ms. Orlich is waiting for Hayward Filter to allow us to install the o-ring to make sure that does not void the warranty. Ms. Orlich reported the carpentry is almost complete; the drop ceilings have been installed in the bathrooms and concession area; the hardware has been installed with the exception of the bathroom partitions and those should go up in the next day or two. Ms. Orlich stated the pole lights have been installed in the splash pad; the security cameras have come in and we are waiting for Sentinel to install them. Ms. Orlich stated both backflow preventers have been tested; the 1 1/2" had passed but the 2" did not and she believes there is a problem with the check valve and she informed the plumber who will be on site tomorrow to

take a look at that and see what he can do to rectify that problem. Ms. Orlich stated the two house hydrants located on the east and west side of the pad have not been connected yet but will be connected by the plumber. Ms. Orlich stated the water heater located in the mechanical room was moved to the furnace room due to it being a gas heater; it sparks to light and she has chemicals in that room and she does not want to cause any type of combustion in that room so we are moving the water heater to the furnace room. Ms. Orlich contacted the inspector and the inspector approved that move as long as we take the chimney to the water heater out 3' above the roof and that will be done very shortly. Ms. Orlich reported Woodruff installed the weights which were not included on the floats in the lift station; Ms. Orlich tested it today and it is working properly. Ms. Orlich stated the valve was installed in the sediment tank yesterday and that controls the water either to the sanitary sewer or to recirculation. Ms. Orlich stated she will be meeting with Chuck Hobbs and Jerry Fedorchak regarding the crack in the splash pad. Ms. Orlich spent the day with Tony from Concrete Constructors and they are considering jack hammering that portion up and re-pouring that and as soon as Ms. Orlich gets an update from Chuck Hobbs of Concrete Constructors and Jerry Fedorchak she will report that to the Board. The Park Department has planted 75 arborvitae on the north side of the splash pad to basically separate the pad from the maintenance access road and bring some green into that area and it will serve as a barrier for children not to cross into the maintenance road. Ms. Orlich reported Water Odyssey sent a representative to the splash pad on August 12, 2009 to go over the mechanical operation and winterization of the pad and upon his visit we noticed the tidal barrel was not operating correctly. Ms. Orlich reported after a day and a half of investigating that by two plumbers, a supervisor and a mechanical engineer from Hattersley we found that the gasket inside the tidal barrel was installed backwards by the factory. Hattersley does have to charge for that. The process was going to be Hattersley charging us and we would charge that back to Water Odyssey but after talking with Tim Ellis of Reese Recreation who we purchased the equipment from, the bill will bypass us and go directly to Water Odyssey. Ms. Orlich stated, of course we are not responsible for that bill and she wanted to make sure we weren't charged and that it got to the right people.

Mr. Freese stated he appreciates all of the effort Ms. Orlich has put into the splash pad; it has taken longer than some of the citizens would have expected but it will certainly be done correctly. Mr. Freese thanked Ms. Orlich.

Mr. Latchford asked if there is any way for Ms. Orlich to tell, with the items still open, if it can be opened this summer.

Ms. Orlich stated after completion, which she would expect would be within the next week to ten days, she will have to have all the inspectors there to green tag everything and after the City inspectors are done she has to have the LaPorte County Health Department and the State Swimming Pool Committee inspect the pad and give us the green light to go ahead and if there is anything we have to do, we will have to rectify it immediately so we can open. Ms. Orlich stated if the weather continues to stay decent we might possibly open Thursday through Sunday; Mom's with small children who are not in school would enjoy the afternoon hours at the splash pad so we will be open for that and we will stay open on weekends, weather providing, until we winterize the pad. Ms. Orlich stated that is provided that we don't jack hammer that section up.

Ms. Orlich stated she would prefer to take care of the pad and she knows some of the citizens are upset but she personally wants to make sure everything is correct before she opens it. Ms. Orlich stated she reported before that City Engineer Bill Phelps took a look at it and his recommendation was to run the pad that way and see what happens with the water on it and see if it would crack anymore in the winter and then possibly address it next year. Ms. Orlich stated she is still waiting for Jerry Fedorchak and Chuck Hobbs to make their appearance here to see what their considerations are.

Ms. Orlich informed the Board we had our first meeting regarding the Golf Task Force findings. Ms. Orlich reported Jason Richardson, Randy Durham, Shannon Eason and herself met to discuss the report prepared by the Task Force and some items on the report have already been addressed and implemented during the 2009 season. Ms. Orlich stated we are still working on other items in the report and once everything is compiled we will report back to the Park Board, Golf Task Force and other interested parties for your review.

Mr. Latchford asked in the mean time if it is possible to get some sort of condensed report.

Mrs. Eason stated the draft report should be completed by Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Mr. Latchford asked Mrs. Eason to share that with Tom Thomas and the Task Force so they can evaluate it too.

Mrs. Orlich stated we will do that and that will create an open line of communication with them.

Ms. Orlich stated the Super Power Boat race was a huge success; we had a post meeting with all City Departments that participated in the collaboration, set up and the control of the race. Ms. Orlich stated LaPorte County CVB is here tonight and she believes they estimated between 50,000 and 60,000 spectators which exceeded everybody's expectations. Ms. Orlich stated on the Park Department's end we had a couple of ambulances in for heat exhaustion. Ms. Orlich stated the crowd was really a great crowd to deal with and we had very few problems; we had a couple of lost kids but it was a great event and we were happy to work the event. Ms. Orlich stated in doing so, the Super Boat National Organization gave the Park Department a plaque for their support and efforts for the race. Ms. Orlich believes one was also given to the Port Authority and one to the City of Michigan City.

Recreation Director Jeremy Kienitz stated he would like to give the Board a report on this weekend's Triathlon which will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009. Mr. Kienitz reported pre-race registration will be Friday evening from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Washington Park and then again from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturday morning with the race beginning as close to 7 a.m. as possible if we can stay on time and get all of the people here registered and get them checked in on time. Mr. Kienitz stated there will be some road closures from approximately 7 a.m. to about 1 p.m.; there will be some changes around 10:30 a.m. when we switch from the adults to the kids. Mr. Kienitz stated he has sent out press releases for the road closures. Mr. Kienitz stated the bridge coming into Washington Park will be closed at 7 a.m.; from Highway 12 to the bridge will be closed because that is part of the route but there will be access into Washington Park; lot#2 will

be open for public parking and can be accessed from Center Street so there will be access to Washington Park; it will not be shut off completely at any time; we will allow visitors to come to the beach that morning. Mr. Kienitz stated as of 5 p.m. today we have 259 participants registered which is a very good number and he is very pleased with it. Mr. Kienitz stated they currently have 89 adults in the Olympic distance; 103 in the sprint distance which, in essence half of the Olympic distance; there are 5 teams in the relay which is a total of 15 people and each person on the team will take one leg of the race, swim, bike or run; there are 37 kids ages 6 to 10 years; and 15 kids ages 11 to 15 years old. Mr. Kienitz stated online registration will go through 12 p.m. tomorrow and they can also register down here from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturday morning. Mr. Kienitz stated they have forty plus sponsors, whether for in kind services or monetary donations and this is very much appreciated. Mr. Kienitz stated they have 50 to 60 volunteers and they are still looking for more. If you want to volunteer, call the Park Office and we will get you set up for Saturday morning. Mr. Kienitz stated they will start setting up tomorrow morning at 7 a.m.; Mr. Westphal and the maintenance staff will be out here and we will have the whole transition area, swim area and finish lines completed by early afternoon and then we will get ready for registration. Mr. Kienitz spoke on behalf of the Park Department staff and the LaPorte County CVB stating this has been 7 months of a lot of hard work and collectively working together and he is glad Saturday is two days away. Mr. Kienitz invited everyone to come out and enjoy the day; it is going to be a fun event and he is really looking forward to it.

Mrs. Eason asked Mr. Kienitz to post the road closure information on our website.

Mr. Latchford asked Mr. Kienitz if the kid's event is at the same time.

Mr. Kienitz responded when they first put out the brochure they were a little unsure but we needed to get the information out. The kids will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m.; we can still have a few people out on the run for the Olympic or sprint distance and the kids will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. with the swim portion of the race and they should be done before noon.

Mr. Latchford asked what happens if the bridge goes up.

Mr. Kienitz stated the timing company will have people stationed on each side of the bridge and if the bridge goes up they will start the stop watch and as a person comes in they will write their number in and then out when the bridge goes down and at the end of the race the timing company will subtract that time out.

Mr. Latchford asked how many participants we had last year.

Mr. Kienitz stated they had an extra event last year; the super sprint which was a very short race on Saturday and there were about 60 people in that so if you subtract that number out we are north of where we were last year. Mr. Kienitz stated he is very happy with this year's numbers; last year there were approximately 304 participants so we are doing good.

Mr. Latchford asked Mr. Kienitz if he expects many race day sign ups.

Mr. Kienitz stated he has received five or six phone calls from people who stated they would sign up on race day so we'll probably get five or ten. Mr. Kienitz stated the forecast is a high of 74 degrees which is great as long as the rain goes away.

Mr. Latchford asked if the swim in the lake is parallel to the shore and when will you decide if the swim can't happen.

Mr. Kienitz stated that will all happen race morning probably a half hour prior to the start; as we all know the lake can change at any time. Mr. Kienitz stated the adult race will start on the far side of the parking lot down from the ramp and it will be parallel to shore for 350 meters then 25 meters out, back 350 meters and 25 meters back to shore. Mr. Kienitz stated the back part of the swim course is along the no wake buoys. Mr. Kienitz stated the kid's course is parallel to the shore in waist to chest deep water so they can swim or run if needed. Mr. Kienitz stated if we have rollers or rip currents we will pull the swim and go to a run-bike-run event; safety first.

Mr. Latchford wished Mr. Kienitz good luck.

Mrs. Eason reported she had a conversation a couple of weeks ago with Sheridan Beach resident Judy Silver. Ms. Silver owns a dog and would like the Board to reconsider our "no dog" policy in Washington Park along the sidewalk on Lake Shore Drive. She has also suggested that dogs be allowed in Sheridan Beach, for property owners, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily. Ms. Silver would like the Board to consider her request and she will be at the next Board meeting to talk to you about that.

Mrs. Eason stated regarding the Sahara Restaurant Major Event Lease Agreement, that all requirements were met today so that event will go on as scheduled on Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mrs. Eason reported stated she spoke with a property owner about a long standing issue. Cecilia Brinkman owns property on Michigan Blvd. that abuts Tower Park. There is a fence that runs about three quarters of our property but the property line behind the buildings she owns is not fenced and she has been experiencing a lot of vandalism this summer. Mrs. Brinkman's request is that we continue that fence to the edge of our property line. Mrs. Eason stated she and Ms. Orlich looked at it and the fence that is there is in pretty good condition; there was a small area that needs to be repaired. Mrs. Eason stated she spoke with Mr. Westphal and his thoughts are that this is a police issue; the kids our entering her property from our property but the illegal activity should be handled by the Police Department, not the Park Department. Mrs. Eason stated however, Mr. Westphal is willing to look into the matter in the spring when he has more time and he could possibly use some fencing that was taken down from Gardena or some of the fencing we took down at the old tennis courts in Washington Park. Mr. Westphal would like the Board's thoughts on this issue and wants to know if this is something he should schedule in the spring.

Mr. Latchford asked Mrs. Eason if she has any idea why the fence stopped where it did.

Mrs. Eason stated she is guessing because of the landscape; the area that is fenced is fairly level and the area that is not fenced is a 4 or 5 foot ditch area that is covered with brush, poison ivy and trees. The kids are getting on the high area on our side and they can jump over the ditch to land on her roof and from there they wreak havoc on Mrs. Brinkman's property.

Ms. Orlich stated she doesn't think the kids are accessing her property through the area where there is no fence because it has heavy brush and there is a lot of poison ivy and a lot of trees. Ms. Orlich thinks they are actually accessing it from the area where we do have the fence; it is an easy climb.

Mr. Latchford stated he would like to be good neighbors; he would like to take a look at it and maybe if we have the materials we could help her.

Mrs. Eason stated she would like feedback from the Board noting Mr. Westphal was not opposed to doing it he just wants to make sure the Park Board wants to spend money on labor and material costs. Mrs. Eason stated she did promise Mrs. Brinkman a response within the next month so she asked that the Board make a decision fairly quickly.

Mr. Freese asked approximately how many feet of fence we are talking about.

Mrs. Eason guessed forty or fifty feet.

Mr. Freese stated that is a pretty good size area.

Mrs. Eason stated the expense there is going to be excavating the area, removing the brush and leveling the area before we could even install a fence there.

Mrs. Eason stated we received our 2010 budgets yesterday. These are the budgets the Controller and Mayor submitted to the City Council. Mrs. Eason provided the Board with copies of the budgets along with the numbers we submitted to the Controller with a variance of the two. Mrs. Eason stated there was very little variance; they mainly kept our requests. Mrs. Eason asked the Board to keep in mind this has not been before the City Council yet.

Mrs. Eason presented Resolution No. 678, which did not make the agenda, transferring money in the zoo fund.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 678 transferring money in the zoo fund.

Mr. Dabney stated regarding the fencing, and we will take a look at it, but we talked about the expense and maybe if we decide to do something there we could share the expense. Mr. Dabney stated he thinks he knows exactly where that is.

Mr. Latchford stated as far as the dogs in the park, and he has his own personal opinion, but he suggested we have a public workshop so we could get some input. Mr. Latchford stated the workshop could be held after the next Board meeting.

Ms. Orlich stated a homeowner sent her an email regarding walking their dogs; they want beach access and they want their dogs to be able to go to the beach and swim in the water without taking them to Michigan and Ms. Orlich told the homeowner she would respond to her email.

Mr. Latchford stated now is not the appropriate time to go into that topic but he would be happy to hold a workshop.

Mrs. Eason stated she will schedule the workshop on Thursday, September 3, 2009 immediately following the Board meeting.

Mrs. Eason presented Resolution No. 677 titled "A Resolution Setting Salaries for Park Department Employees of the City of Michigan City, Indiana for the Calendar Year 2010." Mrs. Eason reported there are no raises reflected for full time staff. Mrs. Eason stated many of the seasonal positions have been adjusted to reflect minimum wage requirements that began July 24, 2009. Mrs. Eason stated there were many amounts that were reflected differences of a few cents for certain jobs across different departments and Payroll Clerk Kim Petrick cleaned that up. Mrs. Eason believes the amounts came from many years of getting increases in percentages instead of amounts. Mrs. Petrick rounded amounts and cleaned them up so they are fair across the Board from department to department. Mrs. Eason stated the controller would like this in the office in time to put it on the City Council's agenda for their September 21, 2009 meeting.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled Resolution No. 677 to the September 3, 2009 Park Board meeting.

Mrs. Eason reported the Board received a request from a youth group in LaPorte County and they are asking permission to walk through Washington Park to the gazebo for an educational session exposing the truth about the tobacco industry. Mrs. Eason recommended approval of the event noting they are not asking for anything from the Park Department; they will be walking through our property on Saturday, October 10, 2009. Mrs. Eason stated she believes this is for a good cause.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Dabney, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request to host Voice Walk in Washington Park on Saturday, October 10, 2009.

Mr. Eason stated Jack Arnett and Jason Miller of LaPorte County Convention and Visitor's Bureau are here tonight to give the Board an update on the Super Board Grand Prix.

Mr. Arnett stated the Superintendent covered most of everything really well. Mr. Arnett stated he and Mr. Miller wanted to take a minute to thank everyone. Mr. Arnett stated he doesn't think he has to tell the Board what a great team you have. Mr. Arnett stated he was joking with Mrs.

Eason, Ms. Orlich and some others over the three days about not going home and how much time we spent here; literally Darren Westphal never went home; he stayed on site to make sure that the vendors wouldn't have any problems with electricity and to make sure there weren't any hiccups along the way and that is about as dedicated as you can get; he literally stayed here in a camper so things would run smoothly. Mr. Arnett reported to the Board that their team was here from daylight to dark all three days and it was such a great feeling to work together and it goes back to when Mr. Doyle gave us permission to work under their umbrella to start with and everything fell in place great and we are really couldn't be happier with things. Mr. Arnett stated they are looking at getting an economic impact study; they are going to have to back into it because they didn't put it in place ahead of time; next year they will do this ahead of time. They will work with a company that does this very well. Mr. Arnett stated they will probably have something to give to the Park Board and everyone else in a week to ten days and it will be the best that they can do after the fact. Mr. Arnett stated he thinks it is important with these kinds of events to follow up with that kind of information. Mr. Arnett thanked everybody; your team was fantastic and to say it couldn't have happened without your team is an understatement.

Mr. Miller stated Mr. Arnett is right about Mr. Westphal; a funny thing that really impressed the folks from out of town was that a pump in the bathroom facility on the Super Boat International race control semi went out on Friday and we were ready to search all over the County to find him a part and Mr. Westphal heard us talking about it and he took a screw driver over there and had it fixed in five minutes and they are still talking about that on some websites. Mr. Miller stated he said in our debriefing meeting today and he has said it a million times, these guys have been doing this for years; 10, 20, 30 years, going to these races, and this is by far the best working relationship any of them have ever had with a facility and the city that houses that facility. Mr. Miller stated whether it was the Park Department, the Port Authority, the Police Department or the Fire Department, every one of them couldn't say enough about how amazing and smooth it was to be here in Michigan City; they struggle mightily in many of their sites dealing with park departments and cities and things as simple as not being able to have vendors in certain spots. Mr. Miller stated they said working with Michigan City and the infrastructure here was the best event they have ever been to and you should all be proud as well because they loved this facility and they can't wait to get back; they really loved it. Mr. Miller stated a lot of it was novelty to them because a lot of them have never seen Lake Michigan before. Mr. Miller stated the mere fact that everything is right here and everything went so smoothly really made them happy; they couldn't be happier and they wanted us to let you and everyone in the City about this because it is definitely going to bring them back and it will make it easier for them to get other racers to come next year. Mr. Miller stated next year we will have the thirty boats that we thought we were going to have this year and that is a testament to all of you so thank you very much.

Mr. Latchford stated it is nice to hear a great report but it is also extremely rewarding that the staff down here gets recognition; they do a great job day in and day out and when the big events come in they step up to the plate and do it seemingly better. Mr. Latchford stated it is nice to have that acknowledgement of their work. Mr. Latchford asked if they will return next year.

Mr. Miller stated yes and hopefully when he leaves tonight he will get a voicemail or an email with the specific dates because we know it is imperative that we get that as soon as possible and hopefully by tonight or tomorrow we will have that.

Mr. Katz stated at least 8 of them will have to come back because they will never admit that Lake Michigan won.

Mr. Miller stated Mr. Katz is right about that and they said as much.

Mr. Latchford congratulated Mr. Miller and Mr. Arnett on a great event; it was a great thought to bring them here.

Mr. Dabney asked when they are going to air the race.

Mr. Miller stated the series starts on October 3, 2009 and he believes our specific episode is either going to be October 31 or November 7, 2009. Mr. Miller stated this will be a nine episode series showing every race starting October 3, 2009 on CBS.

Ms. Orlich stated she doesn't believe there was a hotel room to be had anywhere in the City, because she tried to get one.

Mr. Arnett stated they rolled over rooms to Lake County, Porter County and St. Joe County on the Tuesday preceding the race.

Mrs. Eason commented that last weekend, the weekend following the boat race we had an influx of Illinois and Michigan license plates in Michigan City and in Washington Park. Ms. Eason stated we had record parking revenues last weekend, topping the fireworks and the boat race. The Art Festival was going on and the Nina and Pinta were here but our weekend was triple what it normally would be. Mrs. Eason believes a lot of people came here for the race that haven't been here before and discovered this great beach maybe an hour away from their house and they are coming back and that was true all through Beverly Shores down the beach. Mrs. Eason stated the economic impact of this event wasn't just for one weekend; she thinks it continues.

Mr. Kienitz presented the Adult Volleyball Program which consists of men's, co-ed and women's leagues at a cost of \$350 per team. Mr. Kienitz stated that fee is the same as last year. Mr. Kienitz stated last year and in years passed we also had a \$400 fee for out of town teams where the majority of players were from out of town. Mr. Kienitz stated he did away with that this year because no other programs have that, we were the only program that did. Mr. Kienitz stated if he did the math correctly, the \$350 per team will not put us in the red in our programming so he saw no need to continue that. Mr. Kienitz stated officials will be paid \$18 per game and Directors will be paid \$9.75 per hour and those are the same as last year. Mr. Kienitz stated this is for a 14 to 18 match regular season with a double elimination tournament. Mr. Kienitz explained the reason for the variation in games is because we always run into snow days and days we have to cancel because of rescheduling through the school system. Mr. Kienitz presented the Adult Basketball League with a fee of \$525 per team, \$20 per game for officials,

\$8 per game for scorekeepers, supervisors at \$9 per hour and the Director at \$10 per hour which is the same as last year. Mr. Kienitz stated this is for a 12 game regular season with a single elimination tournament.

Mr. Freese stated regarding the out of town players he is glad Mr. Kienitz is decreasing that, he thinks it speaks well of the Park and Recreation Department to draw out of town people to Michigan City to see what it is all about just as long as Michigan City players are not excluded because there are too many other teams which isn't the case. Mr. Freese stated in the basketball rules, section II, item a, it addresses a participant making an appeal to a decision and in section II, item g, it addresses an age requirement and Mr. Freese did not see those addressed in the volleyball rules and he asked Mr. Kienitz if he could include that in the volleyball rules.

Mr. Kienitz answered yes, he definitely can.

Mr. Latchford stated just to establish consistency between the rules for all of the programs, the basketball addresses sportsmanship and he asked if that can be addressed in all rules. Mr. Latchford asked if the team managers sign off on both the volleyball and basketball rules; do they sign that they received and understand the rules.

Mr. Kienitz stated they started that last year; when they come to our captain's meeting they sign in and that is when they receive their rule packet, scorebooks, schedules and whatnot.

Mr. Latchford asked if they sign in before they receive it.

Mr. Kienitz stated yes. Mr. Kienitz stated to be clear we could give everything out at the Manager's meeting and prior to their first game they would have to sign before they play.

Mr. Latchford stated at some point they should acknowledge that they have read and understand the rules.

Mr. Kienitz stated usually the manager's meeting takes place and within a couple of days, or within the next week we are starting.

Ms. Eason stated she has been at manager's meetings and you go through the rules. Ms. Eason stated the rules could be handed out, gone over in the meeting and at the end of the meeting they would have to sign them on their way out so it could be done in one night.

Mr. Kienitz stated the only other thing we add is they are responsible for getting the rules to the teammates, they are responsible for their team as well as every individual member is responsible for themselves and we can definitely make that happen so we have a record that they have read and understand the rules.

Mr. Dabney asked Mr. Kienitz if each player has to sign or just the manager for the team.

Mr. Latchford stated the manager is responsible and would sign they understand the rules.

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached fees and rules for the 2009/2010 Adult Volleyball and Basketball Leagues with the revisions to the rules discussed above.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Dabney_ 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 \$89,239.94.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #16, July 12 through July 25, 2009, in the amount of \$97,990.75.
- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payroll #17, July 26 through August 8, 2009, in the amount of \$96,504.60.

Mr. Freese read the following minor transfer into the minutes:

DECREASE RECREATION NON-REVERTING		
1311 0000 02 423.003	Small Tools	\$10,000
INCREASE RECREATION NON-REVERTING		
1311 0000 02 422.035	Misc. Supplies – Triathlon	\$10,000
DECREASE ZOO		
1301 0804 03 435.005	Sewage	\$ 3,000
INCREASE ZOO		
1301 0804 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$ 3,000

- ❑ **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Dabney and voted unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment invoices totaling \$4,360.98 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.

Mr. Freese reported the Board of Works paid invoices totaling \$38,517.11 at their August 17, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Dabney commented about the boat race and stated he was down here quite a bit, walking around, and it seemed like everywhere he turned he ran into Ms. Eason or Mrs. Orlich; they were all over down here working that weekend and it was very hot out there and they were all over the place and that was really good to see. Mr. Dabney stated the kids that were working with them that day were really on it. Mr. Dabney congratulated everyone because there was a lot going on.

Mr. Latchford asked Ms. Orlich how the turtles worked for the Art Festival.

Ms. Orlich reported Mr. Westphal was out of town so we opted not to use the turtles; we used the in-house turtles. Ms. Orlich stated Mr. Doyle stepped in to help us out with the problems with the turtles. Ms. Orlich stated we will not operate the turtles until we receive the operating manuals from Tom Offerle of SCO Engineering. Mr. Doyle did make a call and we hope to receive those but until we receive them we don't want to utilize them. Ms. Orlich stated we didn't have any problems using our own turtles. Ms. Orlich stated she still has a couple of issues with the turtles that she has gone over with Mr. Westphal. Ms. Orlich stated she would like to bring Tom Offerle back in; there seems to be a problem with the pits where you reach down to connect the electrical connection. Ms. Orlich stated due to the high water table those are either covered in sand or under water and they can't be used. Ms. Orlich stated common sense would tell you to place them 4" to 6" from the top. Ms. Orlich doesn't know what it would take to change those but she thinks it should be addressed and if they are under water it is a hazard to our people. Ms. Orlich stated she also does not want to operate them without a manual. Mr. Westphal was off and she didn't want any problems over the weekend so we used our turtles.

Mr. Latchford wished good luck to Mr. Kienitz on the Triathlon this weekend. Mr. Latchford stated we have some big weekends coming up with the Triathlon, the Boat Show, Smooth Jazz Festival and Labor Dayz and invited everyone to come down and enjoy the activities.

Mr. Katz stated he observed the boat race from the water and he has never seen a flotilla of boats like that moored out there and he can only say for the participants in the race is they are lucky that there is the east breakwater there because sitting outside the breakwater there were 4' swells and it would be very interesting to see them try to turn in that. Mr. Katz commended the Port Authority, DNR, the Coast Guard and Long Beach Police because with the private flotilla it was a very difficult task to keep the boats out of the race. Mr. Katz stated there were a lot of jet skis and he saw a number of boats snap their anchors and they were floating precariously in the midst of other boats. It was a commendable operation by all of the support staff on the lake.

Mr. Doyle stated it pretty well speaks for itself of what happens in Michigan City and in Washington Park and he is really glad to see this opportunity with the Tourism Board; it shows when people work together how much can be accomplished. Mr. Doyle stated for the people who say there isn't much to do, he doesn't know where they are at. Mr. Doyle commended everyone involved on a very good job; everyone worked together and shared their expertise. Mr. Doyle stated he agrees with Mrs. Eason that he thinks a lot of people that came here have not been here before and will come back. Mr. Doyle stated these people will find it very inexpensive, especially with the economy the way it is, they can spend a day with friends and family and do things here you can't find anywhere else so congratulations.

Mr. Bruno Uryga thanked the Park Board for letting him appear before them tonight. Mr. Uryga explained he is a resident of LaPorte County and he is here tonight representing the Early Birds of Hoosier Land which is an organization that promotes the 1955, 1956, and 1957 Ford Thunderbirds. Mr. Uryga stated they have approximately 85 members in their organization which covers the entire State of Indiana. Mr. Uryga stated he joined last year and he has invited them to come to Michigan City on September 12 and 13, 2009. Mr. Uryga stated on the way to Michigan City they are going to stop at the Historical Museum in LaPorte and the museum has

offered to give them a group rate of \$3 each; their normal fee is \$5. Mr. Uryga stated they will then go to Rodini's Restaurant; he wanted to bring business to Michigan City and he has known Larry for many moons. They are going to open early to let us have a buffet and a short meeting and from that point we will see if people want to go to Rag Tops Museum, and they are giving us a couple of bucks off, or if they want to go to Washington Park. Mr. Uryga stated a lot of people haven't seen the lake and that brings him to the comment that his father has a lady friend that came up from Georgia. She was born in Peru, Indiana and never saw the lake and they took her to Beverly Shores and she couldn't believe how huge the lake was. Mr. Uryga stated this coincides with everything you people have done here with the boat races and all of the stuff that goes on over here. Mr. Uryga stated he is asking, on behalf of the membership, a \$2 discount for the group to come in to Washington Park noting there will be a minimum of probably 10, 20 or more cars. Mr. Uryga stated this Saturday they are going to Jeffersonville, Indiana, which is right on the Ohio River to tour an LST. Mr. Uryga stated every month the club goes to different places and they do different things and he asked them to come up to Michigan City. Mr. Uryga thought he would appear before the Board and ask because a lot of these people are from the southern part of Indiana and they are coming here and maybe they might want to move up here or move some of their companies up here. Mr. Uryga stated it all blends in with everything that you have been talking about; bringing people into Michigan City. Mr. Uryga asked the Board to consider his request noting they are not asking for a lot and if you don't want to do that, that is fine also but since the other places have offered to do something he thought it might be a gesture on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Latchford stated we would welcome them and would love to have them down here.

Mr. Arnett stated the LaPorte County Convention and Visitor's Bureau would love to pick up the tab for those vehicles to come in if they can arrange to monitor it. Mr. Arnett stated they are doing exactly what we all should be doing and that is bringing stuff into our community so if they can arrange to monitor how many vehicles, Mr. Uryga could stop out at the Bureau.

Mr. Uryga stated the LaPorte County Convention and Visitor's Bureau is making up kits for him to take down to Jeffersonville to distribute to the people; the kits have information on different things that are going on in Michigan City.

Ms. Orlich thanked Mr. Arnett for his donation.

Mr. Uryga stated he doesn't see any shaded areas on the beach for people who can't take the sun all day and may have heat stroke or what have you, and he thinks we should have a couple of open shelters out there. Mr. Uryga stated he remembers years ago his first job was at the Oasis Grill when he was in high school and he remembers all of the park benches and the shade trees.

Ms. Orlich stated we still have shelters throughout Washington Park.

Mr. Uryga stated he is talking about the beach area; if someone is on the beach they wouldn't have to walk so far; this is just a suggestion for the comfort of the public. Mr. Uryga stated possibly for the boat next year you could set up a couple of big tents.

- **On a motion** made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Jan Orlich, Superintendent
Michigan City Park Department

Tom Milcarek, Secretary
Michigan City Park Board

Attachments to the August 20, 2009 Park Board meeting:

1. Proposed 2010 Budget
2. Resolution No. 678 Transferring Money in the Zoo Fund
3. Voice Walk Request
4. 2009 Adult Volleyball League Fees & Rules
5. 2009 Adult Basketball League Fees & Rules
6. Claims Docket Allowance for Vouchers Dated August 20, 2009

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