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Mayor Announces Appointee to Park Board

Michigan City, IN (January 8, 2004) – Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced today the appointment of Mr. Philip Freese to a four-year term on the Park Board.

“I am certain that Mr. Freese will prove to be an invaluable member to this board, as he will bring an added dimension to our recreational needs at the Parks and Recreation Department,” said Mayor Oberlie. “Phil Freese is an educator who understands children outside of athletics. Our youth are an important part of this community, and their ever-changing needs are considered by the Park Board when planning for comprehensive, quality recreational programming that promotes appreciation and use of our parks and resources. Mr. Freese has experience with adolescents both on and off the sporting fields, and this expertise will enhance our Park Board.”

Mr. Freese earned Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees in education from Indiana University and taught in the Michigan City Area Schools for 31 years. A devoted sporting enthusiast, he has coached junior varsity and varsity baseball, men's and women's basketball, junior varsity and varsity football, American Legion baseball and Little League baseball and basketball. Mr. Freese is a U.S. Navy veteran; he volunteers as a driver for Meals On Wheels and is a long-time donor to the American Red Cross. He is currently employed in the Behavioral Medicine Unit for Adolescents at St. Anthony Memorial Health Center in Michigan City where he stresses social interaction and self-understanding.

“I am very excited about the opportunity to serve my community through the Park Board,” said Freese. “We will work together to achieve an increasing public awareness, appreciation and usage of our parks, facilities and programs.”

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