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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 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 and Lange, and Ms. Espar (3)

Absent: Mr. Freese (1)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Jenilee Peterson, Michigan City School Board; John Nekus, Hobie Fleet 126; Karl Swihart, National Softball Association; Mayor Duane Parry; Elizabeth Emerick, Washington Park Zoo; Rick Wright, Phil Gushrowski, and Jack Arnett, LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Kathleen Stransky; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the January 8, 2020 Park Board meeting.

Superintendent Kienitz reported on the completed Energy Savings Group projects and updated the Board on the Old Lighthouse Museum project.

- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the National Softball and Baseball Players Associations for the use of Patriot Park during the 2020 tournament season.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 10, 2020 in Washington Park for consideration of \$1.00.
- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2020 Food Truck Festival on May 23 and 24, 2020 in Washington Park.

- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2020 Pridefest on June 20, 2020 in Washington Park.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2020 H16 and H20 North American Championship Race on September 14 through September 20, 2020 in Washington Park.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2020 Hobie Fleet 126 Regattas on June 27, July 18, August 15, and September 6, 2020 in Washington Park.
- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2020 Lake Michigan Catamaran Championship Race on June 18 through June 21, 2020 in Washington Park.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the quote submitted by AccessRec for the purchase of beach mats to be installed on the public access beach paths at California, Louisiana, Georgia, and Illinois Avenues.
- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the submission of an EPA Trash Free Communities grant application.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached animal placement and requisition request submitted by the Washington Park Zoo.
- ❑ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the Request for Quotes for the capital purchase of a Ford F-150 pickup truck for the zoo from the agenda.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the department's 2019 4th Quarter Report for public comment.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2020 Michigan City Youth Baseball/Softball League and Fees.

Superintendent Kienitz reported Mayor Parry held his first Department Head meeting and the city was informed all capital requests will be denied in 2020, monthly expense reports have to be submitted to the Controller and the Mayor's Office and we will be held to essential spending only in 2020. Mr. Kienitz updated the board on the condition of Washington Park and the beach after the storm on January 11, 2020 and the clean up efforts after the storm. Mr. Kienitz reported the Karstens Chili Cookoff will be held on February 22, 2020 at the DAV.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar 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 \$72,629.99 and payment of invoices totaling \$4,230.00 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$1,655.94 charged to the department's credit card.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Kent Lange, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason