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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 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, Freese, and Lange, and Mrs. Sperling (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were Ed Shinn, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Laura Nirenberg, Park Board Attorney; Pat Voltz, Maintenance Director; Larry Spaeth, Dunescape Beach Club; and Kaleb Goodwin, City IT Department.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the February 16, 2022 Park Board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Shannon Eason presented the attached, final version of the Park Department's 2022-2026 5-Year Master Plan.

Assistant Superintendent Shannon Eason gave the attached presentation on the proposed wildlife observation deck on the west end of the Singing Sands Trail.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 951 approving the Park Department's 2022-2026 5-Year Master Plan.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese, and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department and the Michigan City Zoological Society, Inc.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Sole Source Vendor letter to IDEM.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Park Department's 2021 4th Quarter Report.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Park Department's 2021 Annual Report.
- ❑ On a motion made by Freese, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the Youth Baseball Director job description.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached revision to Policy No. 212 in the Park Department's Policy and Procedure Manual.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Notice to Proceed to Holladay Construction for the Zoo Big Cat Exhibit Expansion Project.

Superintendent Ed Shinn reported on the maintenance department, youth baseball, the golf course, the Senior Center and the zoo. He announced the department is hiring for seasonal positions.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese 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 \$35,516.65.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #3, 01/23/22 through 02/05/22, in the amount of \$53,41.25.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the following donations:

Frances Howard	Zoo Donation-in memory of Tim Bennett	\$ 100.00
Applegate & Company	Zoo Donation-in memory of Tim Bennett	\$ 25.00
Michigan City Zoo Society	Zoo Donation-in memory of Tim Bennett	\$ 100.00
Michigan City Zoo Society	Zoo Donation-artwork donation	\$ 1,322.05
Michigan City Zoo Society	Zoo Donation-Parakeet house renovation	\$37,500.00
Frontier Lawn & Rec.	Donation-Youth Baseball team sponsorship	\$ 350.00
R & B 421, Inc. (Arby's)	Donation-Youth Baseball team sponsorship	\$ 350.00
Penelope Russell	Zoo Donation-in memory of Tim Bennett	\$ 50.00
Castle Ford Lincoln	Donation-Youth Baseball team sponsorship	\$ 700.00
N.J. Sipress	Zoo Donation-in memory of Norma Whybrew	\$ 50.00
Julie Roda	Zoo Donation-in memory of Norma Whybrew	\$ 50.00

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Kent Lange, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason