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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 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, Glidden, 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; Dominic Yanke, Park Intern; Larry Spaeth; Terry Greetham, City Event Director; Jamie Huss, Zoo Director; Scott Miller, LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Bryant Dabney, City Council Liaison; Dave Dipart, Becky Dipart, Eva Huss, and Julia Cole, zoo staff; and Drew White, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Glidden and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the June 21, 2023 Board meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the 2024 budgets and capital requests and the Bolt for the Heart event banner request from the table.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Glidden and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2024 budgets and capital requests.
- On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the Bolt for the Heart banner request.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Glidden and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 1009.

Superintendent Shinn thanked all of the park employees for their great work during this busy season. Mr. Shinn reported Ryan Stimley of Vertical Custom Creations donated \$22,000.00 of in kind work for the concrete pathway under the Eastland Memorial at the Old Lighthouse Museum and \$30,000.00 of work on the new Big Cat Exhibit at the zoo. Mr. Shinn updated the Board on

the new pickleball courts going on the tennis courts on Franklin and East Ripley Streets in partnership with the Michigan City Area Schools, the youth baseball league, the opening of the Oasis Splash Park, the Senior Center spaghetti dinner, the fireworks, a port-a-pot that was tipped over at Gardena Park, and fire damage to Peanut Bridge.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mrs. Sperling and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following 2024 event dates requested by City Event Director Terry Greetham:
Singing Sands Sand Sculpting Festival June 7 through June 9, 2024
Oktoberfest August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2, 2024
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, 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 \$55,563.87.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #13, 06/11/23 through 06/24/23, in the amount of \$119,953.28.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation from the Michigan City Exchange Club to the zoo in the amount of \$200.00.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfers:
Park Concession Fund 2507.000
Decrease account 422.031 Household Supplies \$1,000.00
Increase account 423.031 Small Tools \$1,000.00
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Tim Glidden, Park Board Secretary