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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. at Krueger Memorial Hall, 801 Liberty Trail, 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 Ms. Espar (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were Ed Shinn, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Barbara and Michael Hughes; Ron Miller, W.E.F.M. Radio; Bruce Manner; Dan Messina, Mike Gardner, Earl Cunningham; Jay Silver, Mike Dempsey 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 June 17, 2020 Park Board meeting, the June 22, 2020 Executive Session, the June 23, 2020 Park Board meeting, and the July 8, 2020 Special Park Board meeting.**
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2020 Soccer in the Sand License Agreement.**
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board approved the request submitted by Mr. Earl Cunningham to turn the ice-skating rink in Washington Park into a pickleball court. Mr. Cunningham will provide volunteers to stripe the courts.**
- On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Mr. Lange and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2020 Food Truck Festival License Agreement.**

Assistant Superintendent Shannon Eason updated the Board on the status of the Old Lighthouse Museum Project, the progress of phases I and II of the Singing Sands Trails, and the Erosion Control and Public Access Beach Mats Project. Mrs. Eason stated the department is working on the 2021 budgets and they will be presented to the Park Board at their next meeting on August 5, 2020. Mrs. Eason updated the Board on cancelled events due to the pandemic. Mrs. Eason

reported a car hit the Greenhouse on June 14, 2020 causing approximately \$6,000.00 in damage. We are waiting to hear back from our insurance company as to how to proceed with repairs. A car ran over the lion stop sign in front of the zoo causing \$512.00 in damage. Police reports were filed for both incidents.

Park Superintendent Ed Shinn reported on a meeting he had with Battalion Chief James Young regarding the clarification of rules in Washington Park and ways to enforce them including grilling, dogs, and ATV's on the beach, the inspection of Krueger Memorial Hall for need structural repairs, discussions with the Port Authority and Army Corps of engineers to implement ideas to enforce the prohibition of any activity on or around the pier and lighthouse during adverse weather conditions, such as build-up of sand, the request for a permanent stop sign at the crosswalk to the zoo, recommended improvements to the Old Bandstand, an enormous amount of exterior work needs to be completed at the north golf course pro shop, tree trimming and removal needed at the golf. Superintendent Shinn reported a building contractor cut down trees and shrubs that were growing on the lot line delineating the access of stop 11 and a new home. The contractor cut them in order to lay down construction material to build the home adjacent to the access. The removal of this foliage has upset the new homeowner and their neighbors. I hand delivered the proper documentation to the homeowner (supplied by our City forester, Jessica Arnett) so the proper trees and shrubbery will be planted by the contractor. Both homeowners are happy with the forester's recommendations. Patriot Park has difficulties with handling the influx of cars parking for tournaments relative to the designated parking capacity. I visited the park during the most chaotic time of day to witness the same. As the solution to this problem would be very expensive, I will be bringing the maintenance director of the Park and our City's street dept director together to see if any added signage might help eliminate damage to the facility's grounds.

- ❑ 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 \$7,074.56 for June 3, 2020.
- ❑ 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 \$40,739.24 for June 17, 2020.
- ❑ 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 \$64,277.03 for July 1, 2020.
- ❑ 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 \$65,614.44 for July 15, 2020.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #13, 05/31/20 through 06/13/20, in the amount of \$56,867.46.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #14, 06/14/20 through 06/27/20, in the amount of \$61,398.36.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted donations from Moore Investments, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00; from City of Lake Forest for the zoo from the sale of an opossum; and from Barbara Zernick in the amount of \$50.00, Gregory Fruth in the amount of \$25.00 and from Christin Krochta in the amount of \$25.00 in memory of Mike Klement.
- ❑ 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 \$4,254.30 through the July 7, 2020 Board of Works meeting.
- ❑ On a motion made by Kent Lange, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$3,600.51 charged to the Park Department's credit card.

Two Sheridan Beach homeowners request a variance to the size of vehicle permitted in the Park's Off-Road Vehicle Policy.

The Park Board instructed the Superintendent to bring a recommendation regarding the variances to the next Park Board meeting.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.


 Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


 Kent Lange, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason