



**CITY OF GARY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS**

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, Alan Harrell

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Superintendent of Parks & Recreation

**Board of Park Commission
Regular Park Board Meeting
Tuesday April 12, 2022
455 Massachusetts Street
10:15 A.M.
Minutes**

Call to Order

Certification: Let the record reflect there was no executive session held and therefor no items were voted on.

President Gardner called the board meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Roll Call: The following were present: Commissioner Willie "Bill" Cook, Commissioner Alan Harrell, Commissioner Renee Patterson.

A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance Recited.

Approval of Parks Board Minutes

Commissioner Cook entertained a motion approve the Park Board minutes as presented for March 22, 2022. Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Parks Claims Listing:

Commissioner Cook entertained a motion to approve claims ratification list as presented for March 22, 2022. Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the claims list. The motion was seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Payroll:

Commissioner Cook, entertained a motion to approve the Parks Board payroll for March 25,2022 and April 4, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

Motion carried 3-0.

Legal: There were 5 contracts to be approved.

Star Disposal Contract: An amendment to the current contract for trash services. The term of the amended contract changed to December 1,2021- December 31, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Commissioner Cook entertained a motion to approve the amendment to term date on the contract. Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

Motion carried 3-0.

EDI: A professional services contract to provide electrical maintenance repair services at various park locations. The term of the contract begins April 1,2022 thru December 31,2022 for an amount not to exceed \$11,200.00. Commissioner Cook entertained a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

Motion carried 3-0.

Cut Rite Lawn Care: A professional services contract for Cut Rite Lawn Care to provide lawn care services at Marquette Park. The contract is to commence May 1, 2022 –December 31, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Commissioner Cook entertained a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

Motion carried 3-0.

DDS Security Services: A professional services contract for security services at Marquette Park. The term of the contract is March 31,2022- March 31, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 Commissioner Cook entertained a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

Motion carried 3-0.

Eco Realm: A professional services contract for plant management services at Marquette Park. The term of the contract is September 1, 2021- December 31,2022 for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00. Commissioner Cook entertained a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

Motion carried 3-0.

Administrative Reports

Executive Director Marquette Park Pavilion: Kamishia Jackson- Mrs. Jackson gave updates for the month of March. The totals were given as follows:

There were 2 pavilion events, 9 facility tours, and 15 bookings.

The total revenue for the month of March was \$10,925.00.

Mrs. Jackson stated that Marquette Park is hiring for Ticket Specialist for the summer season. If anyone is interested, call Human Resources at 219-881-1346.

Mrs. Jackson presented Christopher Murphy from Structure Point for any questions that the board may have concerning their quote for an inspection on the bridges.

Brief Discussion.

Mrs. Jackson presented the company Beach Buds. Beach Buds wanted permission to serve liquor at their concession stand. No decision was made.

Brief Discussion.

Aquatics Manager: Tawanna Lyons- Ms. Lyons stated that lifeguard classes had begun on April 4, 2022. She has confirmed 12 lifeguard confirmed as on April 7, 2022. She has had some discussion about adding Saturday classes for college students due to schedule conflicts during weekdays. The lifeguard stands will be stood up and assess for damage to move forward.

Ms. Lyons stated that she is still working on a getting a full detailed list of the repairs needed for Reed Park and Tolleston. More time was requested.

Parks Manager: Don Plogh- Site assessments were done on the pavilions. Mr. Plogh met with the general contractor, and Glen Ryan and Roosevelt are 80% complete. Both Glen Ryan and Roosevelt will be completed by the third week of April. Painting has already begun at Tolleston.

Mr. Plogh met with representatives from USS, Gary Railcats, and Little League. On April 29th USS and the Railcats will send approximately 70 volunteers to completely refurbish bleachers, dugouts and netting at Roosevelt Sr. field. New infield material will be provided by the Railcats. Mr. Plogh said they will complete the entire project in one day. The Gary Parks Department will bring their own mowing equipment to help finish the restoration.

Mr. Plogh met with Sandy O'Brien at Brunswick park to assess the dumping that is happening on the south side of the park. She and Mr. Plogh discussed installing a gate to deter trucks from being able to drive in and dump.

The Parks department will be mowing Reed, Borman and Tolleston for preparation of the Easter Egg Hunts being held at those locations.

The Parks Superintendent: Dharathula Harris- Superintendent Harris attended several meetings including: Parknership One Region Meeting in Portage, Brown Faces Green Spaces, Westside Partnership, and Gary's 4th District Meeting. She also had a follow-up with Justin Hauad of Fountain Technologies. She and Councilwoman Linda Barnes- Caldwell met in regard to the 5th District Jewel Park.

Action Items: Baseball field rates are being worked on. Superintendent Harris is working on the removal of Debris at Howe Park.

Building Maintenance: Superintendent Harris is getting quotes for painting and lighting replacement. She is also working on roof repairs/ replacement for Howe, Ambridge, and the Hudson Campbell.

The website is currently being worked on.


Superintendent Harris presented Gary Sullivan of "The Wetlands Initiative" and their partner "AGL" (Daniel Suarez, Jennifer Johnson.) The Board explained that they were in favor of the plans they had for the wetlands. A letter of support will be drafted to be signed by the Park Board.

Public comments were received by:

Due to time restraints, public comments were not received.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Cook entertained a motion to adjourn the Board of Parks, Commissioners Meeting of the Department of Public Parks, City of Gary, Indiana held on April 12, 2022; Moved by both Commissioners.
Meeting was adjourned.

BY: 
Dwight Gardner, President

BY: 
Willie Bill Cook, Member

BY: 
Renee Patterson, Member

BY: 
Alan Harrell, Member