



**CITY OF GARY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS**

Board of Commissioners
Rev. Dwight Gardner, President
Willie Cooke, Vice President
Renee Ceaser Patterson
, Alan Harrell

Jerome Prince
Mayor, City of Gary

Dharathula T Harris
Superintendent of Parks & Recreation

**Board of Park Commission
Regular Park Board Meeting
Tuesday February 22, 2022
455 Massachusetts Street
10:30 A.M.
Minutes**

Call to Order

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

President Gardner called the board meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call: The following were present: Commissioner Dwight Gardner, Commissioner Alan Harrell, Commissioner Willie Bill Cook.

A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance Recited.

Approval of Parks Board Minutes

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the Park Board minutes as presented for February 08, 2022. The motion was seconded.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Parks Claims Listing:

Commissioner Cook moved to ratify the claims as listed for February 25, 2022. The motion was seconded.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Payroll:

President Gardner, I will entertain a motion to approve the Parks Board payroll for February 11, 2022. Commissioner Cook inquired about Armstrong's 32.5 hours of overtime, if he were hourly, and what the overtime was for. Superintendent Harris responded that he was an hourly employee. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Legal: Contract will be tabled until next time.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Marquette Park Pavilion: Kamishia Jackson- Beginning April thru September we will have "Bourbon Street" from 6:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. Only reservations will be accepted for a set price of about \$30.00. Also our next event will be July thru September every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Wine Down Wednesdays will be from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Our bar will be open for alcohol. Saturday, August 6th, we will bring back Food Truck Block Fest from 12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Commissioner Gardner stated that parking should be in designated areas only. All violators will be ticketed or towed.

Manager of Hudson Campbell: Christine Gooden-Williams- For the last two months we have revenue of \$14, 822.78. For the month of February and March we had 9 different groups using the facilities in the evenings for afterschool programs. Commissioner Harrell inquired about the head count capacity. Christine estimated that the softball team has 15 people and the baseball team has 20. Commissioner Gardner asked if there was netting on the divider between the tennis court and batting area. Christine stated there is a netting around the cage that comes down. The court is left open just in case something comes through the netting. Commissioner Cook inquired about the hours of operation. Christine stated that the hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 6am to 9pm and Saturday/ Sunday, 9am to 1pm. Seniors come in at 6am to Walk and have to be members or have a day pass. Silver Sneakers is offered at the Hudson Campbell through the senior's insurance.

Aquatics Manager: Tawanna Lyons- I have finished the guide book for helping our lifeguards through their journey with us here. Calumet New Tech's coach has reached back out and we are trying to set up a life guard program for the swimmers. Commissioner Gardner inquired about lifeguard applications. Ms. Lyons stated that applications were posted at the YMCAs, colleges, and emailed to all Gary swim coaches.

Parks Foreman: Willie Barnes- I would like to give an update on the pavilions that are being worked on; and that would be Glen Ryan, Roosevelt and Tolleston. So far in Glen Ryan the floor is retiled and we are looking at the reroofing. Roosevelt the floor is stripped and we will be begin painting. Then we will move on to Tolleston.

Parks Manager: Don Plogh- I have been going around to our parks and pavilions making assessments on things that needs to be done. I will give a list of all the equipment the Park Department has and what we need. A goal is to cut all the trees along the fence line. The Garden house does not have a sewer or water line connection. Fertilizer at the green house will be moved to Gleason storage. We were informed that 860 Lake St. belongs to Lake St. We may not be able to utilize the maintenance building. In the future we will have to find a building to house our equipment.

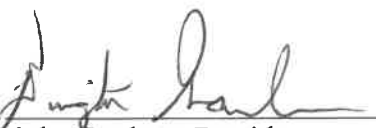
The Parks Superintendent: Dharathula Harris- I did the site visits with Park Foreman and Park Manager. Lots of work on Glen Ryan for the roof and for Roosevelt the painting is done. There are no roof issues; but floors and bathrooms need to be done. Tolleston has a serious roofing problem. But things are very hopeful that we will be done by April; the latest May. I am working on the Osha about a complaint in the building. We are the park fees for weekend and monthly passes at the beach. The need to update the website is ongoing.

Public comments were received by:

Michelle Roberts, Linda Fisher, Carol Smith and Sandy O'Brien.

Adjournment:

Commissioner President Gardener entertained a motion to adjourn the Board of Parks, Commissioners Meeting of the Department of Public Parks, City of Gary, Indiana held on February 22, 2022; Moved by Commissioner's and seconded.
Meeting was adjourned.

BY: 
Dwight Gardner, President

BY: 
Willie Bill Cook, Member

BY: 
Renee Patterson, Member

BY: _____
Alan Harrell, Member

