



**CITY OF GARY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS**

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

Jerome Prince
Mayor, City of Gary

Dharathula T Harris
Superintendent of Parks & Rec

**Board of Park Commission
Regular Park Board Meeting
Tuesday February 8, 2022
455 Massachusetts Street
10:00 A.M.
Minutes**

Call to Order

Let the record reflect there was no executive session so no need for certification.

President Gardner called the board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Approval of Parks Board Minutes

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Parks Board minutes for January 25, 2022. Commissioner Patterson moved for the acceptance of the January 25, 2022 minutes the motion was second.

Roll Call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Cook, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Parks Claims Listing:

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the claims listing for February 8, 2022. Commissioner Alan Harrell moved to accept the claims listing and the motion was second.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Payroll

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Parks Board payroll for January 28, 2022. President Gardner any questions?

Commissioner Cook stated, having determined that salaried employee ought not get paid overtime. Superintendent Harris clarified because of the rule it will be adjusted in hours President Gardner stated that as a salaried employee would get compensatory time off. Superintendent Harris stated yes and it would begin with the following pay period.

It moved by Commissioner Patterson, to accept the Payroll report as presented, motion was seconded.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Legal : Contract will be tabled.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Marquette Park Pavilion: Kamishia Jackson-

The overview for January is as follows:

4 Community events,

4 Facility tours

7 bookings

So it is broken down to 1 prom, 1 wedding, 3 birthday celebrations and 2 shelter rentals.

Total revenue for January was \$6,730.31.

For Valentine Day Weekend we have Let the Love Stay In dinners for two take out.

There are Valentine kits for Adults and Kids

Manager of Hudson Campbell: Christine Gooden-Williams-

The tennis contact was partially done.

Schedule A is how the hours are detailed and were not able to post the details to finish to contract.

There are leaks in the roof at Hudson Campbell.

We are trying to find the contractor who did the work.

So when spring comes we can get the work done.

There is also images that were supposed to be put on the building.

Almost two years ago; I am trying to find out what the holdup is.

The board wants to review the contract as it relates to the contract.

And when can we get the images placed on the building.

There is also a concern about some parts of the exterior being painted. Because some panels are red. The board and superintendent would like the building to be complete.

The board would also like to replace the window covering

Also we would like to have a Hip-Hop Fitness EXPO; A bigger class in the downstairs room to accommodate more people.

The Parks Superintendent: Dharathula Harris-

I would like to thank Mrs. Barber our Interim Director for making this transition as easy as possible. I like to thank Angela G. Noel-Peasant for pitching in. I don't have an Administrative Assistant yet. I like to thank Christine Gooden-Williams for all her help. And I would like to thank the overall staff for making this a smooth transition as possible.

Activities I have a few contracts and projects to look over. Cleaning up my office space. Because it is just storage; What can be put away and what can be destroyed. Looking into revising parking rates. Besides Parks on the Administrative side we have Commission for Women, Human Relations and The Firemen's Credit Union; On that side there are leaking and issues with heating at this time; window treatments are needed to be replaced; and the offices need painting. I have to see what we have in funds and what available talent we may have. Thank you.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner President Gardner

We have been talking about the pavilions.


And we have been talking about Reed Park Pavilion; How close it was to being put back online. And a listing of the pavilions conditions to bring them back online. And we don't have an official report.

The board would like a regular report on the state of the pavilions.

Public comments were received by Mary-Ann Best and Carol Smith.

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 8, 2022; Moved by Commissioner Cook and seconded.
Meeting was adjourned.

BY: 
Dwight Gardner, President

BY: 
Willie Bill Cook, Member

BY: 
Renee Patterson, Member

BY: 
Alan Harrell, Member