



**CITY OF GARY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS**

Board of Commissioners
Rev. Dwight Gardner, President
Willie Bill Cook, Vice-President
Renee Patterson-Secretary
Alan Harrell-Member

Jerome Prince
Mayor, City of Gary

Marianetta Barber
Interim Director of Parks & Recreation

**Board of Park Commission
Regular Park Board Meeting
Tuesday January 25, 2022
455 Massachusetts Street
10:00 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 10:00 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

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Parks Board minutes for January 11, 2022. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Parks Claims Listing-President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the claims listing for January 25, 2022. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Payroll

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Parks Board payroll for January 14, 2022. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Legal

Approval of Contract with Mark International-Contractor shall perform and provide security services for the Hudson Campbell. This contract is effective from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022. This contract shall not exceed eighteen thousand dollars.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Administrative Reports:

Parks Forman: Willie Barnes III- I am so excited to get the summer going! This year we have more equipment for the beautification of the parks. The park pavilion Glen Ryan was selected to be rehabilitated by community development and will be completed by the end of the month. The company that won the bid will then start on Roosevelt Pavilion. The planned completion date for Roosevelt is at the end of February. They will also begin work on Tolleston pavilion in February and be completed by the end of April. While the doors at Ambridge are coming in we managed to get the floor stripped and waxed. We are also plowing all pavilion parking lots and assisting general service with snow removal when needed. Our goal this summer to maintain all the parks and pavilions at the same time. We are working on making sure all of our equipment is up and running for the summer season. That way we are prepared for the rentals of Pavilions and Parks. I believe I have come up with a good schedule to be successful with this. I am in the process of getting our beach comber from the vendor so there will be minimum to no trash on the beach and in the sand. The parks safety manager and I have been in communications with two security monitoring companies to get the green house and pavilions protected. I have also been working with the youth services director to find what buildings will be best for her summer programs. I have also been working with the aquatics director to find a better solution for removal of the lifeguard towers once the season is over. We have also been working to see which pools we can possibly get up and running for the summer season.

Aquatics Director: Tawanna Lyons- We have an estimated date for the buoy's to be installed. Mr. Zak gave an estimated date of April 24th – May 13th pending clear weather conditions. Also, with the buoys Mr. Zak confirmed that we only had to pay for the replacement parts to have them installed. I have been working closely with the park foreman Mr. Barnes to look at every possible angle to get the pools fixed. I am still working on the lifeguard guidebook. Essentially, the guidebook is a reference for all city employed lifeguards. I am also working on another draft of the Emergency Action Plan. It was brought to my attention that none of our E.A.P's has a section for people with disabilities. So I am currently researching information about helping people with disabilities in an emergency situation so it can be included in our E.A.P.

Currently, I am waiting for Kidstuff Playsystems inc to email me back with a new blueprint to construct new towers. George McGuan is willing to create new blueprints for the lifeguard towers. He is also willing to release those blueprints to us whether we use his company or not free of charge.

Once we receive those blueprints my plan is to see if we have anyone who is already employed with the city who is able to construct the towers.

With the recruitment of lifeguards, I am starting to reach out to colleges and schools outside of Gary now due to lack of swimmers in Gary. I would like to have the job opening completely publicized by the end of this month.

Interim Director Report: Marianetta Barber- The new superintendent will start officially on Monday. I have been made aware that we can't pay the Howe Park invoices from the Parks funds. This project has to be paid from a special fund. I would like permission to pay those invoices from that fund.

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the payment of Howe Park invoices. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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


Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business/New Business

Adjournment:

Commissioner President Gardener entertained a motion to adjourn the Board of Park Commissioners Meeting of the Department of Public Parks, City of Gary, Indiana held on January 25, 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

