



**CITY OF GARY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS**

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

Jerome Prince  
*Mayor, City of Gary*

Marianetta L. Barber SHRM-CP, MSM  
**Interim Superintendent**

**Board of Park Commission  
Regular Park Board Meeting  
Tuesday June 14, 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 Renee Patterson.

A quorum was established.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

**Approval of Parks Board Minutes**

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the minutes for May 25, 2022. Commissioner Harrell second the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**Approval of Parks Claims Listing-**President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the claims listing for June 14, 2022. Commissioner Harrell second the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Approval of Payroll**

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Parks Board payroll for June 3, 2022. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Legal**

**Approval of Professional Service Contract for American Structure Point-**Contractor shall preform necessary bridge inspections services at Marquette Park. Contract shall be for the term beginning June 14, 2022 to September 14, 2022. Contract shall not exceed \$12,200.00

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Professional service contract with American Structure Point. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**Approval of Professional Service Contract for C.N.B Construction, LLC-**Contractor shall preform necessary boat launch sand removal services at Lake Street Beach. Contract shall be for the term beginning June 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. Contract shall not exceed \$40,000.00.

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Professional service contract with C.N.B Construction. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**Approval of Professional Service Contract for Garcia Consulting Engineers-**Contractors shall preform necessary boat launch services at Lake Street Beach. Contract shall be for the term beginning May 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022. Contract shall not exceed \$13,000.00.

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Professional service contract with Garcia Consulting. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**Approval of Professional Service Contract for De-Vine Landscaping-**Contractor shall preform necessary Lawn Care at Brunswick & Reese Parks. Contract shall be for the term beginning June 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. Contract shall not exceed \$21,300.00

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Professional service contract with De-Vine Landscaping. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**Approval of Professional Service Contract for Live Art Studio-**Contract shall teach art classes. Contract shall be for the term beginning June 15, 2022 to August 31, 2022. Contractor shall be paid an amount not to exceed \$2,100.00

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Professional service contract with Live Art Studio. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Administrative Reports:**

**Marquette Park: Kamishia Jackson, Manager-** The totals for the of May is as follows:

9 Pavilion Events, 12 Facility Tours, 9 Shelter Rentals, 13 Bookings total. Total revenue for the month of May was \$23,577.30. Year to Date total is \$76,622.83. June 8-12 we have successfully held five consecutive events at the facility. One included 450 guests. We received great reviews on how helpful the staff was, how good the food was, and how beautiful the grounds are. We received 10 inquires with scheduled tours. Saturday August 6, 2022 is the Food Truck Block Fest.

**Disc Golf Tournament-** We are requesting to receive final approval to move forward with a permanent disc golf course in Marquette Park. The plan was submitted to the Park Board in May. We have completed everything asked of us by the Park Board. And, we hosted a demo day on June 12th that was approved by the Park Board. Approval to hold a sanctioned tournament hosted by Red Roc Disc Golf League and Friends of Marquette Park on either June 20th or Aug 4th. Date TBD. This tournament would provide PDDG ranking rights to the participants. It would also have an entry fee and a pay out to the winners. Sanctioned tournaments require 85% of the entry fee to be returned to the players for the winnings and the balance to the league that hosts the event. The entry fee is usually around \$60. We look forward to FMP being able to host a League on the permanent course in the fall.

President Gardner made a motion to approve the Permanent Installation of Disc Golf. Commissioner Harrell second the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Chanute Boulder Movement-. Bring the 1936 Chanute Glacial Boulder out of hiding", President Gardner entertained a motion to move the Chanute Bolder to the Aquatorim Chanute Garden.Commissioner Harrell second the motion.

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**Hudson Campbell: Christine Gooden, Manager-** · For the months of April and May of 2022, the Hudson-Campbell Sports & Fitness Center had a revenue of \$17,770.00 The South Shore Dance Alliance has submitted a proposal for use of the Hudson-Campbell Sports & Fitness Center that is submitted for your review along with this document.

South Shore Dance Alliance-.The board asked the Christine work with the Dance company to get a proposal so that the company can come to Hudson Campbell.


**Parks Manager: Don Plohg-** With help from general services, removed all sand from parking lot and sidewalks at Lake St. Beach parking lot. Working with Harlan Smith of the vehicle maintenance department to obtain quotes for maintenance equipment needed for the parks department. Included are a tractor, mowing deck, bobcat, etc. Repairs to equipment are ongoing. We currently have 4 mowers, a tractor with a brush deck, and a self-propelled brush cutter in operation. The 4 weed trimmers, 2 backpack blowers, and 2 chainsaws are all operational. Following the new cutting schedule to the best of our abilities. We are hoping for some rain free weeks to be able to catch up.

**Interim Superintendent Report: Marianetta Barber-** Calumet Township Trustee would like to partner with the Parks Department as it relates to Buffington Park. She wants to become a partner were we can do some things in the park. I told her I would bring it to get approval to partner. She will bring some resources and funding along with ours. I asked Brenda Scott Henry to meet with this Board to discuss the controlled burns in and executive session to resolve this whole burn thing. We need to have this executive session as soon as possible. We did receive a request for minutes for 17 years' worth of minutes. I did turn that over to legal to handle that request.

## **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 June 14, 2022 moved by Commissioner's and seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

BY: 

Dwight Gardner, President

BY: 

Willie Bill Cook, Member

BY: 

Renee Patterson, Member

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Alan Harrell, Member

