



**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 May 24, 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 Willie Bill Cook, 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 10, 2022. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Parks Claims Listing-President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the claims listing for May 24, 2022. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Payroll

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the Parks Board payroll for May 20, 2022. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Legal

No Legal Reports Submitted.

Administrative Reports:

Marquette Park: Kamishia Jackson, Manager- This Saturday is the official opening of the beach.

The hours are as follows:

Lake Street Beach Parking lot -Monday through Friday 9am-7pm

Lake Street Parking lot- Saturday & Sunday 8am-7pm

Marquette Beach lot- Sunday through Saturday 9am-7pm

Koney King is coming back to Lake Street. Please stop by and patronize them. Season Passes are delayed due to shipping issues. If you would like to purchase one, give us a call in the office, we will take your information and contact you when they are available. Parking meters are up and running. Beginning Saturday, the cost is \$10 per vehicle. Trash pick-up is as follows: Recycling will pick up Wednesdays and Holiday weekends. Republic will pick up Monday and Fridays, and Star disposal pick up the dumpsters on Mondays. Beach Buds is on schedule to open on time this weekend. We still have a couple of open positions for Ticket Specialist. Please visit www.gary.gov to apply or give Human Resources a call at 219-881-1346. This Saturday, The Gary International Black Film Festival will present "Summer Movies in the Park" a Drive-In movie. Batman will be the feature film. Cost is \$20 per vehicle.

Hudson Campbell: Christine Gooden, Manager- We are still in discussion with BSN Sports on an adequate divider net that will separate the batting cage and the tennis courts. As of now, we expect this process to be concluded by the fall of 2022. Just a reminder, on Saturday June 4, 2022 the City of Gary will hold its annual Household Hazardous Collection & Environmental Day. The Hudson-Campbell will be open however, parking for our members and their guest will be on Connecticut Street. Due to the parking lot being closed for this event. We extend our deepest apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We still have open the scheduling for room rentals for the Fall and Winter seasons. Since the previous meeting, two basketball programs have signed on to use the facility. If anyone is still interested in using the facility, please contact me at 219-886-2814. Remember rooms will be booked on a first come, first serve basis.

Interim Superintendent Report: Marianetta Barber- As you know Don Plohg isn't here they are out officially taking care of parks. I will share the cutting schedule and the maintenance for the pavilions that were working on just so we know how those look. They don't have the names added in we add the names weekly. This is just a draft of what the schedule will look like. The summer youth program will be receiving some summer youth. We will be utilizing those youths in the parks to help maintain pick up. They can only do so much in the parks because we have

the fourteen and fifth teen year olds. But we will have some help in the park as far as picking things up and keep the park clean. I would like to make a request to Christine. I would like for our managers to give a revenue report. I've been here for a month now and haven't seen a report. I would like to ask permission to hire two full time maintenance ground keepers for cutting.

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the hire of two full time grounds keepers. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

I would also like permission to hire two contractors. Those contractors will help us cut parks and they are on standby.

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the hire of two contractors for grass cutting in the parks. Commissioner Cook second the motion.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

We requested to have the parking fees withdrawn from the council but I need today's signed minutes to go with that and then we will send it through. The jewel parks have had one change made the fifth district originally wanted near Gleason. The councilperson has updated it since then and would like the jewel park to be Roosevelt pavilion. She has also requested by the tennis court and baseball field. The jewel parks are Glyn Ryan, Tolleston, Brunswick, Roosevelt, Howe Park and Ironwood. We did receive in for those Howe Park Vendors that were never paid. So that check I in I am working with the controller to get the fund that the check need to be deposited and then the check will go back out. Than we will pick back up that relationship with the Howe Park Project. Today we will be meeting with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee of the Council. We will be meeting with them in regards to the funding for the jewel parks.

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 May 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

