



**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**

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Jerome Prince  
Mayor, City of Gary

Jazmyn Thomas  
Parks & Recreation Director

**Board of Park Commission  
Regular Park Board Meeting  
Tuesday November 15, 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, Commissioner Cook.

**A quorum was established.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

**Approval of Parks Board Minutes**

President Gardner entertained a motion to accept the minutes for Tuesday October 25, 2022 as presented.

Commissioner Patterson so moved the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

### **Approval of Parks Claims Listing**

President Gardner entertained a motion to ratify the claims listing for October 24, 2022 thru November 11, 2022. Commissioner Patterson so moved the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

### **Approval of Payroll**

The Commissioners would like the payroll on the old format.

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to accept the payroll as presented.

Commissioner Patterson so moved the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Legal:** Agreement for research purpose for the master plan is \$ 22,000.00 that could increase since we haven't had one since 2013. Commissioner Gardner would like to approve the expenditures of the 22,000.00 for the parks in the City of Gary. Commissioner Patterson so moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Contract for Deidre Monroe-** Commissioner Gardner would like to entertained a motion to approve the legal services provided by Deidre Monroe Attorney At Law.

Commissioner Patterson so moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 4-0**

**Administrative Reports:**

**Marquette Pavilion Manager: Kamishia Jackson-**

Revenue for October was \$ 22,731.13.

Revenue for the year to date \$285, 827.87.

Asked for permission to advertise for a new caterer for 2023-2024 season.

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to let Kamishia advertise for a new caterer at Marquette Park Pavilion. Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

The books are open for 2024.

The ticket booth and concession stand are now closed for the winter.

Saturday February 18, 2023 will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Superheroes and Princess Brunch. For children 2 to 12 years old.

We would also like to use the outside dance floor for Inflatable Holiday Pop up selfies.

**Parks Manager: Don Plohg-**

Right now we are setting up with General Services. We are also putting red and green lights up at Gateway park. We got a donation from Lake County Nature Conservancy. Three chain saws and Three weed trimmers.

Elections went well, no problems.

We are winterizing our equipment so that we are ready to go in the spring.

**Director of Youth Services:**

Atiya attended Project Rebuild for a fund raiser.

November 12<sup>th</sup> we had a Black Panther Event at the AMC movie theater in Merrillville, IN.

The purpose was to involve our young people in performing arts. We had a 130 students. This was lead by Jeffery Edwards. And Mark Spencer spoke to the students. There were gift bags passed out and the students go to walk the red carpet.

On December 10<sup>th</sup> Santa Clause doing good in the hood. This is a toy drive for the kids.

YSB would like permission to do our block grant. YSB is also working on a grant from the Department of Health is 29,000.00. But I am tweeting it to be 40,000.00 dollars. The grant is to focus on fitness and food insecurities. Want to do a social media campaign. It would fund our after school programs and our nature camp. Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to let YSB develop the Donation Button. Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Director of Hudson Campbell: Christine Gooden-**

The revenue for September was \$6,389.00.

The revenue for October was \$8, 181.00

8 different programs this fall, Steel City Charter School, Basketball and we just pickup Cheerleading team. We have Hip Hop Cardio, Midwest Fork Pitch softball team out of Illinois. CK Sports, A Step class, boxing and tennis. Equipment has been ordered. Board wanted to know budget for equipment. \$20,000.00 was the budget for equipment. The boiler has passed inspection. New hand sanitizers and automatic towels was been placed in the building. November 28<sup>th</sup> the Christmas decorations will go up. And December 1 we will have energy assistance will be in the building from 9am to 1:00pm.

**Director of the Park Department: Jazmyn Thomas-**

I have been talking to different project managers to see if one of our parks could be the gate way to some open trails.

Don Plogh, Willie Barnes and myself did some assessment at the parks to see what needs to be completed to finish the structures. The pavilions are almost finish Tolleston, Roosevelt and Glen Ryan need some cosmetic finishes. We have phone calls from people who are ready to rent our space.


Anntoinnette Boyer at the Eppley Institute. We introduce our selves to each other , Antoinnette will come to get an assessment of the parks. We have started the process of interviews for project managers. We have also been talking to Kamishia about fee structures.


**Old Business/New Business: None**

**Public Comments-** was received by Reginald Conley and Sandy O'Brien.

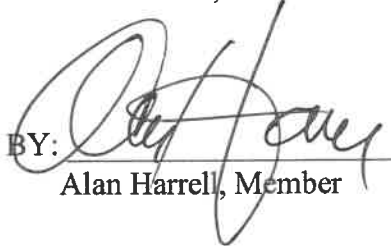
**Adjournment:**

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 November 15, 2022 moved by Commissioner's and seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

BY:   
Dwight Gardner, President

BY:   
Willie Bill Cook, Vice President

BY:   
Renee Patterson, Member

BY:   
Alan Harrell, Member