



**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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Mayor, City of Gary

Jazmyn Thomas
Parks & Recreation Director

**Board of Park Commission
Regular Park Board Meeting
Tuesday December 20, 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 Cook, Commissioner Alan Harrell, and 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 accept the minutes for Tuesday November 15, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Patterson so moved the motion. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Parks Claims Listing

President Gardner entertained a motion to ratify the claims listing for November 14,2022 thru December 9,2022. Commissioner Patterson so moved the motion. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Payroll

President Gardner entertained a motion to ratify the payroll expenditures for November 18, 2022 and December 2,2022 as presented. Commissioner Patterson so moved the motion. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Legal: There were three contracts presented.

Richardson Disposal: A professional services contract for Richardson Disposal to provide the proposed services to Ironwood Park and various park properties. The term of the contract begins December 1,2022 –July 31,2023 for an amount not to exceed \$27,500.

Commissioner Cook asked if Mr. Prewitt would be overseeing the work done at Ironwood by Richardson Disposal. Ms. Thomas responded, yes.

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the professional service contract with Richardson Disposal for Ironwood Park. Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the contract. Commissioners Harrell seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Region Signs.: A professional services contract for Region Signs to provide signage installation services for 4 Jewel Parks. The term of the contract begins December 1,2022 –June 30,2023 for an amount not to exceed \$18,700.00.

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with Region Signs not to exceed \$18,700.00. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Patterson seconded the

motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

RollerCade LLC: A sole source construction contract for RollerCade LLC. The term of the contract begins December 20,2022 –June 1,2023 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the sole source contract with RollerCade LLC for the development of an outdoor skating rink. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Decay Devils:

Ms. Thomas presented Decay Devils. Ms. Thomas said Decay Devils is a non-profit organization that is requesting approval to renovate Gateway Park to be a destination center.

Candace Anderson, presented on behalf of Decay Devils. Ms. Anderson stated that funds had been received to do renovations to the Gateway Engine, fountains, and outside areas.

Ms. Thomas said that Decay Devils had a letter of support from the Mayor's office. Decay Devils was trying to implement new seating, beautifications, and renovations to the train. Ms. Thomas said she was told that Decay Devils would possibly collaborate with the Historical Society for Gateway Park.

Ms. Anderson said that Decay Devils is sourcing workers to do landscaping work to remove some of the trees around the train, that blocks the view of the train. Decay Devils is also sourcing Carpenters to rebuild and maintain the area around the staging area. Decay Devils is requesting assistance from the Parks to maintain the fountain once repaired.

President Gardner asked if the resources had been procured. Ms. Anderson responded, yes. President Gardner then confirmed the 3 asks from Decay Devils for the Parks Department. The three asks were:

- An MOU showing support from the Parks Department,
- Assistance from the Parks Maintenance to do property winterizing and maintenance for the fountain, once that have been repaired and in place,
- The removal of the three trees that block the locomotive from public view.

Ms. Anderson confirmed that those were the three asks.

Commissioner Patterson asked what the time line was. Ms. Anderson said they would like everything to

be done by the end of the summer.

Attorney Monroe asked if a budget was attached. Ms. Anderson said the budget was not attached, but that she could show her.

Parks Manager, Don Plohg asked if Decay Devils knew who their contractors were.

Ms. Anderson said they did not know who the contractors were just yet.

Mr. Plohg said that he would like to be informed about what's going on in the building. Ms. Anderson agreed.

Commissioner Harrell asked if they would take into consideration, grooming the trees to open up the view of the train, while still allowing for shade to be provided during the summer months.

Ms. Anderson said that they did not want to remove all three, but there was one that needed to be removed.

President Gardner entertained a motion to prepare an MOU in support of Decay Devil's work at Gateway Park, and that in the MOU the Parks would pledge assistance as it relates to the fountains. Attorney Monroe inserted that she would need a budget.

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the motion. Commissioners Cook and Harrell seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Opening of the Bid Packets:

Glen Ryan Park

Precision Builders: Project: Glen Ryan

Total Package: \$94,915.00 + \$23,596.00

TMC Contractors: Project: Glen Ryan

Basketball Resurface: \$25,900

Basketball New Asphalt: \$41,400

Shelters: \$29,580

Electric Work- Shelters: \$13,280 + \$13,860

Concrete Pad: \$9,200

Myers Builders: Project: Glen Ryan

Total Cost: \$69,225.00 – New Shelter and Concrete Pad

Tolleston Park

TMC Contractors: Project: Tolleston

Tennis Courts: \$114,000

Basketball Courts: \$116,000

Tennis Court- Asphalt: \$169,600

Basketball Court Asphalt: \$211,500

Shelter: \$29,500

Electrical: \$8,900

Electrical \$13,890

Concrete Pad: \$9,200

Myers Builders: Project: Tolleston

Total: \$69,225 (shelter and concrete pad)

Precision Builders: Project: Tolleston

New Shelter: \$94,915.00

Concrete Pad \$23,596

Roosevelt Park

TMC Contractors: Project: Roosevelt

Asphalt- Basketball Court: \$82,800

Resurface Basketball Court: \$51,800

Asphalt -Tennis Court: \$165,600

Resurface Tennis Court: \$103,600

Simmons Services LLC: Project: Roosevelt

Baseball Fields Total: \$106,400

Track: \$87,500

Meyers Builders: Project: Roosevelt

Pool Area demo, fencing, and new concrete: \$79,533.11

1st American: Project: Roosevelt

Park Pavilion and pool area demo: \$5,100+ \$23,000+ \$2,600+\$4,200, +\$5,900

+ \$6,400+\$6,300 total: \$53,500.00

Brunswick Park

TMC Contractors: Project: Brunswick

Roof: \$159,300

Removal of Dugouts: \$17,960

Tennis Court Asphalt: \$82,800

Basketball Asphalt: \$83,000

Tennis Court Resurface: \$51,800

Basketball Court Resurface: \$49,800

Interior Total: \$807,068

Meyers Builders: Project: Brunswick

Total: Interior and Exterior: \$896,100

Simmons: Project: Brunswick

Outside Area: \$179,800

1st American: Project: Brunswick

Baseball Demolition and Main Building Exterior Demolition:

\$3,500+\$9,600+\$6,300+\$72,00+\$5,100= \$31,700

E.C Babilla: Project: Brunswick

Roof: \$166,385

Howe Park

Myers Builders: Project: Howe

Exterior Work and Interior Repairs: \$288,956

TMC Contractors: Project: Howe

Roof: \$49,800

Furnace Replacement: \$29,100

Exterior and Interior Repairs: \$198,950

1st American: Project: Howe

Exterior Patio and Playground: \$3,200+2,800

E.C Babilla: Project: Howe

Roof: \$94,056

Ironwood Park

Myers Builders: Project: Ironwood

Exterior Repair, Refurbished Basketball Court, Monument Signage: \$230,625

TMC Contractor: Project: Ironwood

Tennis Court Resurface: \$51,800

Basketball Asphalt: \$82,800

Tennis Asphalt: \$82,800

Lawn Care Services

TMC Contractors: Project: Lawn Care

Brunswick \$42,000

Glen Ryan: \$30,000

Howe: \$28,000

Ironwood: \$28,000

Roosevelt: \$38,000

Tolleston: \$38,000

Simmons: Project: Lawn Care

Total for all 6 Jewel Parks: \$76,000.

Attorney Monroe turned the bids over to the staff to review and give the Board their recommendations.

President Gardner asked for a meeting one week from the day to receive the recommendations from the staff and vote on them. An executive session was requested at 9:00am followed by the board meeting.

Public Comment was received by Carol Smith, Joe P., Jared O'Brien, and Dave Castellanos.

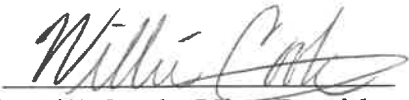
A meeting was requested between Jared O'Brien, Ms. Thomas, and Brenda Scott Henry to further discuss the plans for the wildlife in area 5. Jared has funding for the wildlife project that must be used before the end of February.

Old Business/New Business: None

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 December 20, 2022, moved by Commissioner Cook, and seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Meeting was adjourned.

BY: 
Dwight Gardner, President

BY: 
Willie Bill Cook, Vice President

BY: 
Renee Patterson, Member

BY: 
Alan Harrell, Member