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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Glidden, Hoffman (Virtual), Labis and Mesdames. Espar and Ward (5)

Absent: (0)

Also present were Shannon Eason, Superintendent; William Walker, Assistant Superintendent; Laura Nirenberg, Park Board Attorney; Pat Voltz, Maintenance Director; Bryant Dabney, City Council Liaison; Bruce Manner, Port Authority; Scott Meland, and Drew White, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board elected Mr. Glidden as Park Board President.
- On a motion made by Mr. Glidden, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board elected Mr. Labis as Park Board Vice President.
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mr. Glidden and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board elected Mrs. Espar as the Park Board Secretary.

Mrs. Espar will serve as the liaison to the Planning Commission, Mr. Glidden will serve as the liaison to the Port Authority Board, and Mr. Labis will serve as the liaison to the Zoological Society.

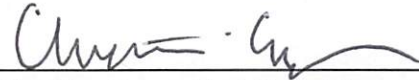
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the December 17, 2025 Board meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board took *Policies 305, 307, and 312* off the table.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved *Policy 305 Holidays*.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mr. Labis and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved *Policy 307 Sick Leave*.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board *Policy 312 Personal Days*.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mr. Labis and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Haas & Associates Engineering Proposal for the Demolition of Millennium Fountain*.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Professional Service Agreement with Haas & Associates for Millennium Fountain Demolition*.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved *Policy 318 Health and Welfare Benefits*.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved *Resolution No 1085 – Senior Center Transfer*.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Washington Park Zoo 2026-2030 Five Year Strategic Plan*.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Quilting Club*.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mr. Labis and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$11,372.03.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfers:
 - **Senior Center Fund 2204.506**
 - Decrease account 411.016 Overtime \$ 812.00
 - Decrease account 413.015 Sick Buy Back \$ 543.00
 - Decrease account 413.017 Vacation Buy Back \$ 55.00
 - Increase account 411.013 Regular Wages \$1,410.00
 - **Maintenance Fund 2204.505**
 - Decrease account 411.014 Seasonal Wages \$2,206.00
 - Increase account 411.013 Regular Wages \$2,206.00

- ❑ On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$213.40 charged to the department's credit card.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Labis, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



William Walker, Assistant Superintendent



Christina Espar, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by William Walker