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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the EOC 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, Labis and Mesdames. Espar and Ward (4)
Absent: (0)

Also present were Shannon Eason, Superintendent; William Walker, Assistant Superintendent; Shaw Friedman, Park Board Attorney; Bruce Manner, Port Authority; Scott Meland, Tom Kulavikk, Marcus Quandt, and Kevin Harmon, ALCO TV; Drew White, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the July 1, 2026 Board meeting.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mr. Labis and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *New All City Employee Handbook Approval.*
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved to *Award Bid for Fedder's Alley Playground* to Gariup Construction.
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Gariup Construction Agreement – Fedder's Alley Playground.*
- On a motion made by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mr. Labis and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Gariup Local Hiring Agreement – Fedder's Alley Playground.*
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Zoo Society Historical Tour Request.*
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *2026 Uncorked & Untamed License Agreement* .
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *2026 Oasis Fees and Hour Revised.*
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Park Department 2026 Q2 Report.*
- On a motion made by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Park Department 2027 Budgets.*

- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Assurance of Accessibility Compliance with Architectural Barriers Act.*
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the *Request for Off Road Vehicle Variance.*
- On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Mrs. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved *Otis Elevator Phone Service Contract.*
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward 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 $92,704.99 .
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward 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 $213,832.71 .
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #14, 6/21/26 through 7/4/26, in the amount of $133,680.56.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #15, 7/5/26 through 7/18/26, in the amount of $129,081.05.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted donations:

Trinity Episcopal Church	Misc. Recreation Donation	$ 150.00
Biggby	Donation-YBL team sponsorship	$ 400.00
Matey's	Donation-YBL team sponsorship	$ 400.00
Temerity	Donation-YBL team sponsorship	$ 400.00
Fish Camp	Donation-YBL team sponsorship	$ 400.00
MC Zoological Society	Donation-10% Brew Zoo profits	$ 1,058.72
GAF	Donation-Zoo Donation	$ 5,000.00
1st Source Bank Foundation	Donation-Fedder's Alley Playground	$75,000.00
Billy Mauff (WHM boat)	Donation-Zoo Donation	$12,500.00
Kroger	Donation-Zoo give back	$ 87.23

- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling $6,691.99 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling $37,472.40 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling $3,754.73 charged to the department's credit card.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Espar, seconded by Mrs. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling $1,999.08 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 6:00 p.m.

William Walker, Assistant Superintendent

Christina Espar, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by William Walker