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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 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: Mses. Espar and Ward and Messrs. Labis and Glidden (4)
Absent: (0)

Also present were Patrick Voltz, Education ; Shaw Friedman, Park Board Attorney; Bruce Manner, Port Authority Liaison ; Scott Meland; and Andrew White, ALCO.

- ❒ On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the September 16, 2026 Board meeting.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Ward, seconded by Mr. Labis and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved RES NO 1092 Rename Gardena Park Kenneth Scott Memorial Park.
- ❒ On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved 2026 Zoo special purchase walk in freezer request.
- ❒ On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Patriot Park Tournament Partnership Agreement - NSA/BPA.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Patriot Park Tournament Partnership Agreement - USSSA.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved 2027 Recreation Department Sponsorship Opportunities.
- ❒ On a motion made by Mr. Labis, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved 2027 Youth Baseball League registration Changes.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Ward, seconded by Ms. Espar and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Continued Free Programming into 2027.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Res No 1095 Fund Multiple Fund Transfer.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Res No 1096 Fund 2507.000 Concessions Fund Transfer.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. 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 $103,013.41.

- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #19, 8/30/26 through 9/12/26, in the amount of $107,945.81.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #20, 9/13/26 through 9/26/26, in the amount of $98,964.63.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted donations:
  Unknown Zoo Donation-Boo @ the Zoo $350.00
  Ace Hardware Zoo Donation-Give back program $1,567.30
  Unknown Zoo Donation-miscellaneous $100.00
  Pendergast Agency Zoo Donation-Boo @ the Zoo $50.00.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfers:
  Concession Fund 2507.000
  Decrease account 422.031 Household Supplies $3,000.00
  Increase account 423.031 Small tools $3,000.00
  Admin Fund 2204.502
  Decrease account 422.033 Pesticides $125.00
  Increase account 429.001 Other Supplies $125.00
  Zoo Education Fund
  Decrease account 439.090 Contractual $205.00
  Increase account 439.010 Awards/Indemnities $205.00
  Golf Fund 2508.000
  Decrease account 442.021 Gasoline $100.00
  Increase account 423.011 Building Materials $100.00.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling $43,401.72 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- ❒ On a motion made by Ms. Espar, seconded by Ms. Ward and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling $8,999.02 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 5:52 P.M.

William Walker, Assistant Superintendent

Christina Espar, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by William Walker