CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
April 25, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:
Grayling Gordon, President
Rick Rodriguez, Vice President
Joseph Fernandez
Eugene Austin, Secretary

STAFF:
Genesis Gary
Vanessa Hernandez-Orange

Reported by: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR
Fissinger & Associates

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Grayling Gordon, Rick Rodriguez, Joseph Fernandez

MR. GORDON: I would call to order the Board of Parks and Recreation meeting for Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

We'll move on to Administrative Matters. First item is approval of April 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Can I get a motion?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve the minutes for April 11, 2023 as written.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Approval and signing of payroll dated April 14th, 2023.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve the payroll for April 14, 2023.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Approval and signing of Warrant 042523 PB, in the amount of $2,365.38.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve warrant report.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Old Business: None

New Business, Miss Genesis Gary.

MS. GARY: Good evening. I'm here to bring before you an MOU with the New Mission Jesus Christ Church, Mr. Eric Dahl. The MOU is for the use of the Parks facilities that he uses with his Summer program and his Fall program. He usually uses these centers for like after school things, like reading and writing classes and stuff like that. So it's just for the use of those facilities.

MR. GORDON: What does he do in the Summer?

MS. GARY: He has Summer programs where he's doing, like, Summer school almost for the kids that he brings of East Chicago to these programs.

MR. GORDON: And I take it that there is no cost, right?

MS. GARY: No, it's free.

MR. FERNANDEZ: It's free and all non-profit?

MS. GARY: It's a non-profit organization. It's showing that the Board has approved this long before I was even here, so it's just something that continuously we have to bring before you guys for approval.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a question. Is the Parks Department going to have anything there at the

same time?

MS. GARY: For Summer we are doing Summer Camp, but have nothing in conflict with the Parks Department. Our camps will be held at different locations, like the schools and stuff like that, like soccer camp and volleyball camp. We are not hosting Star Summer Camp as far as to my knowledge at this moment.

MR. GORDON: Are there any other questions? (None) All right. Can I get a motion to approve the MOU for New Mission Jesus Christ Church?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I make a motion to approve the MOU.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Are there any public comments? (None)

Our next meeting date is Tuesday, May 9, 2023, right here at City Hall Council Chambers, at the appointed time of 5:00 p.m.

If there is nothing else, can I get a motion for adjournment?

MR. RODDRIGUEZ: I make a motion to adjourn.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday
April 25, 2023

Approved and signed _____

Grayling Gordon, President

Rick Rodriguez, Vice-President

Eugene Austin, Secretary

Joseph Fernandez, Member

Genesis Gary, Recording Secretary

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Valparaiso, Indiana, this 26th day of April, 2023.




Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR