CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
September 12, 2023

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

STAFF:
Genesis Gary
Jewel Harris

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, Eugene Austin, Joseph Fernandez

Staff Present: Genesis Gary
Jewel Harris

MR. GORDON: I would call to order the Board of Parks and Recreation meeting for Tuesday, September 12th, 2023.

We'll move on to Administrative matters. First on the agenda is approval of the minutes of August 22, 2023 as written. Can I get a motion?

MR. FERNANDEZ: Make a motion.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Next, approval and signing of payroll dated September 1st, 2023. Can I have a motion?

MR. AUSTIN: I make a motion.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by

saying aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Next, approval and signing of Warrant 090723 PB, in the amount of $158,496.64. Can I get a motion?

MR. FERNANDEZ: Make a motion.

MR. GORDON: I'll second.

All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Next approval and signing of Warrant 091223 PB, in the amount of $3,862.70. Can I get a motion?

MR. AUSTIN: Make a motion.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

There is no Old Business. We'll move on to New Business. You need to introduce yourself in your new role.

MS. GARY: I'm the Park Director/Manager. I have been the manager for about three years now. So at this time Mrs. Vanessa Hernandez-Orange has resigned. So at the moment it's just myself in the office. We have a new recruit there, but she is learning, so it's really just me.

We have the Senior Boat Trip coming up tomorrow, which we have about 155 residents signed up to go on this trip. So we have been quite busy working on getting T-shirts ordered and stuff. We hope we have a wonderful trip tomorrow.

I'm just getting back from vacation, this is my first day back at the office. So, things got a little out of hand while I was gone, in my absence, so just working through everything. Do you have any questions?

MR. GORDON: Glad to have you back. Any questions? Are they in the process of looking for a director?

MS. GARY: From what I have heard they are, but I don't have anything official right now to really speak on it.

MR. GORDON: We hope that you continue on and hopefully achieve higher.

MS. GARY: Yes, I'll be there. I'll hold down my department.

MR. GORDON: All right. Any Public Comments? (None)

No public comments, we'll move on. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, right here in the City Hall Council Chambers, 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana, at 5:00 p.m..

If there are no further comments, can I get a motion for adjournment?

MR. FERNANDEZ: Make a motion.

MR. AUSTIN: 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
September 12, 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 18th day of September, 2023.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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