

**MEETING OF THE  
LAFAYETTE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
4:00 pm  
February 13, 2017**

The City of Lafayette Park and Recreation Board met in regular meeting, February 13, 2017 at 4:00pm at the Rush Pavilion in Columbian Park.

The meeting was called to order by Park Board President John Ragan. The Board members present were Mr. Victor Klinker, Mr. Dave Mecklenburg, and Mr. Maurie Denney. Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman, Parks Director of Operations Jon Miner, and Recording Secretary Carlynn Smith were present. Parks staff members present were Mike Perry, Chad Aldridge, Dana Rhodes, Ben Taylor, Don Staley, Tom Rankin, Brian Gregory, and Ebony Shackelford.

Upon motion by Mr. Klinker, seconded by Mr. Denney, and unanimously carried, minutes of the January 9, 2017 Park Board meeting were approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Klinker, and unanimously carried, claims in the amount of \$36,491.70 were approved.

**Superintendent's Report:**

- A representative from Economic Development, Margy Deverall, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Erie Street Share Garden, which is located on property owned by Lafayette Parks and Recreation. She provided a brief history of the urban garden as well as information regarding how it works as a valuable neighborhood resource. She requested that the Board sign the membership agreement as the property's owner, and she would continue her role as the City of Lafayette's representative.
- Mike Perry provided the Board with updates related to recent activities in the Maintenance, Grounds, and Facilities Department. In January, a number of employees attended a turf event, Green Expo, in Indianapolis and attended classes that resulted in their earning continuing education points, necessary to maintain their spraying licenses. A mild winter has been conducive to eradicating invasive vegetation at several locations. Before and after pictures showed the significant differences at the sites. The mowing barn has received an overhaul as well, with new paint, shelves, and organization. He introduced two of the newest employees, Brian Gregory, supervisor of mowing and snow removal, and Ebony Shackelford, general maintenance and mowing.
- Director of Parks Security Tom Rankin introduced 2 new part-time year-round employees, Quintin Oller and Haleigh Simpson. Both are Purdue students who intend to pursue careers in law enforcement.
- Jon Miner shared updates concerning seasonal hiring for aquatics, the CP Zoo, and McAllister. Applications are still being accepted, and interviews are beginning at all sites.

Also, due to recent favorable weather, preparations are underway for the installation of the new slide at Vinton Pool.

- Superintendent Laufman distributed a copy of the *2017 Fun Guide* to Board members and recognized the efforts of the marketing team who created it.

New Business:

- Superintendent spoke about Phase 2 of the design and construction for the Memorial Island project. Upon motion by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Klinker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the design and construction of Phase 2 of this project. (see Attachment A) Contracts for the project will be presented to the Board of Works for approval on February 14, 2017 since TIF is the source of funding Phase 2.

Financial report:

- City of Lafayette Deputy Controller Tim Clary presented a January 2017 financial report and noted a significantly higher balance than at the same time last year. He anticipated a completed 2016 report will be ready for the March meeting.

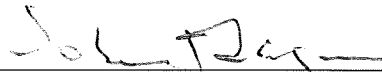
Declaration of Worthless Property:

- Upon motion by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Klinker, and unanimously carried, an item was declared worthless property. (See attachment B.)

Communications:


- None

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion by Mr. Klinker, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:40.



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John Ragan, Park Board President



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Dave Mecklenburg, Secretary Pro Tem



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Carlynn Smith, Recording Secretary