

LA PORT PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
JULY 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also attending the meeting were Thor Thordarson, Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Jake Heulat, Nicole Messacar, Mark Schreiber, Brett Binversie, Cole Smith Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

RECOGNITIONS

NONE

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous month's meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$131,463.62 including two additional bills for Neil Allesee in the amount of \$125, and Mike Barthel (Mike and the Boys) in the amount of \$2500, were unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Thor Thordarson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

SUB-COMMITTEE

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board for the following exceptions to park policies for the upcoming Lakefest event:

- 1) Parking on the grass and the use of utility vehicles at Fox, Soldiers and Unity Parks
- 2) Extension of hours to allow overnight parking in Fox and Soldiers Parks

A motion to approve the request was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mark Schreiber is requesting from the Board the following exceptions to park policies for the upcoming Bluesfest in Fox Park to be held August 10, 2024:

- 1) Parking on the grass and the use of utility vehicles in Fox Park
- 2) Extend Park hours until midnight

The motion to approve the request was unanimously approved on a motion made by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor. Thor Thordarson was concerned about damage to the areas in case of rain during the event. Mark Schreiber stated thus far we have not seen any damage to these areas.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission from the board to allow parking on the grass and the use of utility vehicles in Soldiers Memorial Park on August 24-25 for the Tour De La Porte. The motion to approve the request was unanimously approved on a motion by Thor Thordarson, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission from the Board to allow the following exceptions to park policies for the upcoming Guardian Riders Music Fest on August 24 at Fox Park:

- 1) Parking on the grass and the use of utility vehicles
- 2) Extend Park hours until midnight.

The motion to approve the request was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Heulat.

Mark Scheiber is requesting that the Board retroactively approve that the park maintenance staff take July 8 as the floating holiday. The city has approved July 4 as a holiday with July 5 as the floating holiday. This change allows our department to stay staffed during the busy holiday time. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Thor Thordarson, seconded by Jake Heulat.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission for himself and Recreation Director Cole Smith to attend the IPRA conference November 5-7 in French Lick Indiana. The conference cost would be \$345 per person plus hotel and food expenses. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Cole Smith requested permission to hold a give back night at Full Tilt arcade on September 5 from 3-9pm. 10% of the proceeds would benefit the boy's baseball program. The request for the give back night was unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Heulat, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jake Heulat, seconded by Nicole Messacar. Motion approved unanimously.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 8.21.24