LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION
BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance was Ryan Seaburg, Denise Bealor, JR. Francis, Nicole Messacar, Mark Schreiber, Kyle Cashmer, Evan Miller, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

RECOGNITIONS
None

MINUTES
The minutes of the November 19 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by JR. Francis.

BILLS AND CLAIMS
The bills and claims in the amount of $85,321.15 were unanimously approved on a motion by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by Denise Bealor.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
None

OLD BUSINESS
Mark Schreiber updated on the Civic Elevator. The public comment on the substantial amendment that needed to be made was completed last week. More news is expected on this after the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS
Mark Scheiber requested approval from the Board to hire Rhonda Ashcraft as the Civic Auditorium Director. The motion to approve Ms. Ashcraft was made by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by Denise Bealor. Mark Schreiber stated Rhonda is a ball state graduate with bachelor's degree in sales and marketing. She has extensive experience of managing operations, facilities and sales. She has been working part time for the last several weeks. She has also been working with The City at the Street Department as well as Transporte. The motion to approve Rhonda Ashcraft as the Civic Auditorium Director was approved unanimously.

Mark Schreiber requested approval to renew the contract for Kyle Cashmer. The motion to approve the contract for Kyle Cashmer was approved unanimously on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by JR. Francis.

Evan Miller requested approval to charge $10 for each additional child participating in our youth sports programs. They would have to be playing in the same program to receive the discount. The motion to approve the $10 fee for the additional child was unanimously approved on a motion by JR. Francis, seconded by Denise Bealor.

Mark Schreiber requested Board approval to allow horses in the Park for WinterFest on Sunday January 25. WinterFest will run January 23-25. The motion to allow

horses in the park on Sunday January 25 was approved unanimously on a motion by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board to create a combined sponsorship package for the Activity Center for Older Adults. Combining the senior expo and the direct center sponsorships into one. The motion to create one sponsorship package for the ACOA was unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mark Schreiber thanked Denise Bealor for her time spent on the Park Board. Denise's term is up and she has opted not to serve another one. Karen Ellison will also be resigning her seat on the Library Board so she will no longer be part of the Park Board.

Upcoming Civic Events are as follows:
Christmas Wizards Friday December 19
La Porte Invitational January 9-11

This year there were approximately 160 letters from Santa sent out.

Nicole Messacar stated that she took her family to the La Porte Symphony's Christmas at the Pops concert this year and it was a wonderful event. The only trouble was the parking situation at the Civic. Mark Scheiber agreed parking is something that will need to be addressed in the future.

Mark Schreiber also spoke on the announcement of the Bowers Family fund in support of the Civic Auditorium. Ed and Karen Bowers made a lead donation of $500,000.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by Nicole Messacar. Motion approved unanimously.

Nicole Messacar Vice President

~~-MITCH FEIKES, PRESIDENT~~
Nicole Messacar,
Vice President

Roberta Mumaw

ROBERTA MUMAW, SECRETARY

APPROVED:
1/21/26