CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
June 11, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:
Grayling Gordon, President
Joseph Fernandez
Eugene Austin, Secretary
Anthony Hopkins
Jaylen Robinson

STAFF:
Genesis Gary
Marino Solorio
Jewell 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, Jaylen Robinson

Staff Present: Genesis Gary

MR. GORDON: I would call to order the Board of Parks and Recreation meeting for Tuesday, June 11th, 2024.

We'll move on to Administrative matters. First on the agenda is approval of the minutes of the May 28th, 2024 meeting 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.

Approval and signing of payroll dated June 7, 2024. 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.
Approval and signing of Warrant 060324 PB, in the amount of $192.07.
MR. AUSTIN: Motion.
MR. GORDON: I'll second. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.)
MR. GORDON: Motion carries.
Approval and signing of Warrant 061124 PB, in the amount of $11,837.77.
MR. FERNANDEZ: Make a motion.
MR. GORDON: I'll second the motion. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.)
MR. GORDON: Motion carries.
I would note for the record that Mr. Robinson is now present.
Old Business: None
New Business: Our recording secretary/manager, Miss Genesis Gary.

MS. GARY: On the agenda I have approval of donation checks. We have $866.00 donated to us from various companies for our different events that we have to get approved by the Board before we can technically put those in our account for use. They donated for various events, Easter, Autism Walk, and Arbor Day. I attached the checks to your agenda so you can look at them and see exactly who it came from. We are seeking approval to receive these donation checks for our account.
MR. GORDON: All right. Can I get a motion to approve the acceptance of the donation checks to the Parks and Recreation Department?
MR. ROBINSON: Motion.
MR. GORDON: I'll second the motion. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.)
MR. GORDON: Motion carries.
MS. GARY: That is all for the agenda from the Park Department Department.

MR. GORDON: I think Mr. Austin may have some questions before we get out of here.

MR. AUSTIN: What I want to note, may be a misunderstanding, I had a death in my family and used Riley Park. I paid for everything and they said it was 4 to 6 weeks before I get the security back.

MR. GORDON: We voted on that. We had that issue before us and you voted on that.

MS. GARY: That form was presented before you guys maybe sometime -- not last year -- maybe year before.

MR. GORDON: It was last year.

MS. GARY: And you guys voted on that form.

MR. GORDON: We voted on the updated form probably six months ago. It was a yes, 4 to 6 weeks. It is what it is.

Well, I guess that opens up for Public Comments. There are none.

Are there any more comments for the good of the order? (None) If not, our next meeting is Tuesday, June 25, 2024, right here at City Hall, at 5:00 o'clock.

Can I get a motion for adjournment?

MR. ROBINSON: Motion

MR. GORDON: Of course I'll second the motion. 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
June 11 th, 2024

Approved and signed _____

Grayling Gordon, President

Eugene Austin, Secretary

Anthony Hopkins, Member

Joseph Fernandez, Member

Jaylen Robinson, 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 17th day of June, 2024.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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