

SUMMARIZATION OF MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Park Commissioners held a *Special Session* Board meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022. The meeting was held in the City Council Discussion Chambers Room 30 (garden level), Citizens Square Building, 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. William Zielke, Board President, (was present via Zoom), Mr. Justin Shurley, Vice President, Mr. Cory Miller, Commissioner, and Mr. Richard Briley, Commissioner.

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Steve McDaniel, Chuck Reddinger, Steve Schuhmacher, Alec Johnson, Harlean Falls, Travis Roth, Kathy Pargmann, and April McCampbell.

Others in attendance were: Attorney Jon Bomberger, Faegre Drinker, LLP, and Patrick Stelte of the Allen County Public Library/ACCESS-TV.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** **Via Zoom** - Board President William Zielke welcomed all, and called the *Special Session* to order at 10:00 am.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board Vice President Justin Shurley moved, and Cory Miller, Commissioner, seconded the motion of accepting the meeting minutes from Thursday, May 19, 2022, for approval as submitted. The motion was duly carried. The approved and signed minutes are on file.

3. **A RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY:**
Attorney Jon Bomberger, representing the Department of Redevelopment Authority and the Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission, serving as Bond Council for financing; came before the Commissioners with a special request for the conveyance of parkland known as Promenade Park. Commissioner Miller moved and Vice President Shurley seconded the motion to approve the Resolution for the transfer of property in the form of a local income tax lease revenue Bond, for facilitating the financing process of funding the Project on the Riverfront, consisting of two (2) items; 1) the existing Promenade Park (under the control of Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department/Board of Park Commissioners); 2) the Bridges (remaining under the control of the Board of Public Works) at Ewing and Harrison Streets, with a pledge of local income taxes, to pay the principal and interest of the Bonds. The motion was duly carried. On file is the signed resolution #007142022, and the signed terms of the Bond.

4. **BIDS / CONTRACTS / CHANGE ORDERS / APPROVALS:**
A. *Franke Park Renaissance Phase II Change Order* – Deputy Director Alec

Johnson presented. Commissioner Briley moved and Commissioner Miller seconded the motion to approve Change Order No. 1, for an increase in the contract with Design Collaborative for Project #221007. The motion was duly carried. On file are the contract and the change order.

B. *5-Year Department's Master Plan* – Deputy Director Alec Johnson presented. Commissioner Briley moved and Commissioner Miller seconded the motion to approve a contract with Designing Local, Ltd. For the formulation of a 5-year plan for each of the collaborative three (3 separate plans) departments; 1) Allen Count Parks, 2) New Haven Parks & Recreation, and 3) Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation; to assist in the pursuit of Land & Water grants from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The motion was duly carried. On file is the evaluation score sheet for each Consultant's proposal, and the signed approval form.

C. *Sheldon Drive Playground Project* - Deputy Director Steve Schuhmacher presented. Commissioner Briley moved and Commissioner Miller seconded the motion to approve a contract with Commercial Recreation Group, for the scope of work at 7011 Sheldon Drive located in the Maplewood Park subdivision, with funding through the Neighborhood Now Program. Each piece of equipment in the playground project has a 2-4 year and some have a lifetime warranty. The motion was duly carried. On file are the proposals, contract, and signed approval form.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public input during this meeting.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: Director McDaniel received specific bullet points from each of the Deputy Directors, reporting on the following:

- ◆ Still working to remove trees, limbs, and flooding debris from the recent storms. Department Staff worked as a TEAM with the City. Our Department will get to downed trees and limbs in various and on the Rivergreenway as soon as time allows.
- ◆ All Summer programs are coming to a successful end
- ◆ Concerts at the Foellinger Theatre continue with much success and good attendance
- ◆ The Fall Fun Times Brochure will be out at the end of the first week of August
- ◆ Staffing levels have remained stable
- ◆ July 26 marks the 75th Anniversary and Celebration of the Franke Park Day Camp Program. Congratulations to Mr. Chris Freehill and his Staff
- ◆ River, Set, Go and the Annual Dragon Boat Festival and races will be held on Saturday, August 6, in Promenade Park, along with Fort 4 Finesses in Kreager Park, and Summer Concert in McMillen Park.
- ◆ As a Department, we have assisted with the Annual Open Streets, to be held on Sunday, August 7

- ◆ Salomon Farm Park Farmers' Market continues through to September 7, each Wednesday, 4-7 pm at 817 W Dupont Road
- ◆ Concert On The Farm is scheduled for Sunday, August 21, 5-7 pm in Salomon Farm Park
- ◆ Sandra Odisho is working on the final budget submission for 2023, to be submitted to the Controller's office
- ◆ The Roofing project for Foster Park Pavilion #3 is in process
- ◆ Renovation to Salomon Farm Park Rental Barn
- ◆ The Foellinger – Freimann Botanical Conservatory's next exhibit is entitled, PARIS
- ◆ Senior Games was very successful
- ◆ Fort Financial and The Mad Ants Basketball Team collaborated to fund a mural on the Basketball courts in Reservoir Park

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Miller and President Zielke, applauded the Staff for continuing with the day-to-day operations while joining the City with the maintenance and clean-up after the devastating two storms.

There was no further business to come before the **Special Session** of the Board of Park Commissioners, on **Thursday, July 14, 2022**, in the City Council Discussion Chambers of Citizens Square (garden level) Room 30, 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. At 09:28 am, the meeting was adjourned.

**CITY OF FORT WAYNE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

William Zielke, President

Justin Shurley, Vice-President

Cory Miller, Commissioner

Richard Briley, Commissioner

Steve McDaniel, Director/Board Secretary

All documentation, correspondence and prints/site plans presented at this meeting are on file in the office of the Parks and Recreation Department. This meeting was recorded by the Park staff and videotaped by Pat Stelte, Government Access Coordinator, in Television Services of the Allen County Public Library.

Here is the electronic link to the **Thursday, July 14, 2022 Board meeting:**
<https://acpl.viebit.com/player.php?hash=PdZXg5Qi1Z0b#>