

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2025**

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 Mark Schreiber, Ryan Seaburg, Denise Bealor, JR. Francis, Nicole Messacar, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber thanked the board for attending the special meeting. Mark and Mitch felt it was necessary to get approval to hire a Recreation Director as soon as possible. Mark also thanked the staff for their extra efforts as we have been without a recreation director during our busiest time of the year. Currently Mark Schreiber is recommending that we hire Evan Miller for this position. The motion to approve the hiring of Evan Miller as the Recreation Director was made by Ryan Seaburg, seconded by Nicole Messacar. Evan Miller has a bachelor's degree in general studies with a minor in organizational leadership and psychology from Purdue Fort Wayne. Evan has played college baseball and has played minor league baseball with the San Diego Padres organization from 2016-2022. Evan is originally from La Porte and will be moving back from Alabama where he held a coaching position. Mark Schreiber feels he will be a great addition to the staff and will integrate well into the community. The motion to hire Evan Miller for the Recreation Director position was approved unanimously.

Mark Schreiber is asking the Board to approve Rodney Dumas with Hot Rod Snow Cones to operate the concession at Stone Lake Beach for 1 year. The motion to approve Hot Rod Snow Cones operate concessions at Stone Lake Beach was made by Denise Bealor, seconded by Nicole Messacar. Mark Schreiber did state that last year an RFP was sent out for concessions to which there was no response. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Member/Department Comments

Mark Schreiber introduced Jr Francis as the newest member to the board. Mr. Francis replaces Jake Huelat who moved out of the city limits.

Mark Schreiber stated there is still no one appointed from the library board as the only candidate that meets the requirements is a city employee who does not feel comfortable joining the board.

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



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 5.21.25