

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 5:30PM**

**ROLL CALL**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Don Harris, Jenna DeYong Craig Sykes, Linda Ames and Matt Jones. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Members of the public in attendance: Craig Austin.

**I. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2024 (Pages 413-417)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of October 23, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2024 (Pages 418-422)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Local Government Efficiency Meeting of October 23, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 423)**

- A. Finance Committee (Jenna DeYong, Chairman)  
None
- B. Engineering Committee (Don Harris, Chairman)  
None
- C. Municipal Relations Committee (Craig Sykes, Chairman)  
None
- D. Rules, Personnel Policies Committee (Linda Ames, Chairman)  
None

#### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Request to address the Board  
None
- B. Request for the use of facilities  
None
- C. Other Communication  
None

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 24-23 approving a contract to install a new Tennis and Pickleball Facility at Wilson Park (Pages 424-426)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted, “aye” by roll call.  
Motion carried.

2. Resolution 24-24 approving an agreement with Gould Flooring Services Inc (Pages 427-428)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted, “aye” by roll call.  
Motion carried.

3. Resolution 24-25 allowing the Granite City Park District to apply for Metro East Parks and Recreation District grant funds (Page 429)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, “aye” by roll call. Motion carried.

4. Resolution 24-26 securing bond counsels for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Refunding Bond “Series 2024A” (Page 430)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, “aye” by roll call. Motion carried.

5. Resolution 24-27 approving and agreement with Barnhart Heating & Cooling for the supply and installation of a new furnace and air conditioner at the Park District Main Office (Pages 431-432)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted, “aye” by roll call. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the draft of the “Basic Financial Statement and Independent Auditor’s Report” for the year ending April 30, 2024 (Pages 433-470)

Motion to approve the draft of the “Basic Financial Statement and Independent Auditor’s Report” for the year ending April 30, 2024 was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, “aye” by roll call. Motion carried

## **VII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

### **Ice Rink**

Due to sudden temperature changes, the rink has experienced the breakage of a few glass panels. This is rare, as we have gone three years without one breaking, and to date, we’ve lost two.

### **Theft**

Last week, two individuals broke into the main concession building in Wilson Park. They were caught on camera, and the footage was provided to GCPD. The individuals took a connection box for the cameras, so they disarmed a few of them once they made it inside the building. Utilitra replaced the stolen items and had them back up within a couple of days.

Bradley had 4 strands of Christmas lights stolen from the scorekeeper box at Sykes Field.

### **Brown Recreation**

Utilitra began running cable for the cameras at Brown Recreation last week. They are still waiting for some parts to arrive to complete the installation. They project things will be functional by the end of the month.

**Tree Planting**

Today, Waldbart began planting some of our new trees in Wilson Park. Many trees are being added around the perimeter to replace those that have been removed in the past few years

**Jingle Hike Challenge**

From Thanksgiving Day to New Year's Day, jingle bells are tied to 12 trees in parks throughout southern Illinois. Wilson Park will be one of the park locations this year. Participants are asked to visit as many parks as they can, take a photo of themselves with the bell, and submit the photo evidence using the QR code or link on the tag or map. We are excited to participate in this great event by Heartlands Conservancy.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

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