

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Linda Ames, Don Harris, Jenna DeYong and Matt Jones. Commissioner Craig Sykes was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Eric Robertson, acting Secretary Megan Dittman, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, and Gardens Supervisor Freda Boling.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2024 (Pages 659-664)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 665)

- 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. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 666-676)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 677-695)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board- None

B. Request for use of facilities

1. Request from the Tri Cities Area Association for Handicapped, Inc. to hold their annual Summer Day Camp in Wilson Park on June 9th through June 13th, 2025. **(Pages 696-697)** Motion to approve the request as presented was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

2. Request from the Madison County Clerk's Office to use the Brown Recreation Center, Wilson Park Ice Rink, and Lincoln Place for the April 1st, 2025 Consolidated Election **(Pages 698-701)**. Motion to approve the request as presented was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

3. Request from G.C. Tribe Baseball & Softball Club to use Parente Field in Worthen Park for their 2025 season **(Pages 702-703)**. Motion was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

C. Other- None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 25-01 approving improvements at Civic Park by the City of Granite City as part of the City of Granite City plan to revitalize downtown Granite City. **(Pages 704-706)**. Motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

2. Resolution 25-02 approving participation in Goodbuy, Purchasing Program of the Education Services Center, Region 2 **(Pages 707-714)**. Motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by

Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

IX. Maintenance Report (Page 715)

X. Gardens Report (Page 716)

XI. Recreation Report (Page 717)

XII. Facilities Report (Page 718-721)

XIII. Golf Course Report (Page 722-723)

XIV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Bruene Drive

Joe Juneau notified us about scheduling a meeting to discuss the existing drainage situation associated with the stormwater impacts on the properties in the drainage basin located at the end of Bruene Drive.

Attorney Robertson and I met with Joe Juneau on December 30th to better understand this request. Juneau noted that in addition to the Park District, this issue impacts the apartment complex and the trailer park. Each property has unique impacts, and Joe was able to provide a better understanding of the engineering solutions needed to address the surface water flooding at each property. More information to come in the future.

IAPD Conference

Next Wednesday myself, along with both Recreation Supervisors, our Maintenance Supervisor, and Facilities Manager, we will attend the Soaring to New Heights Conference in Chicago put on by the Illinois Association of Park Districts. This conference offers the staff unique educational opportunities for their area of responsibility. In addition to the classes, one of the largest trade shows in the United States for parks and recreation professionals is held at this conference.

MEPRD Grant

We were notified yesterday that MEPRD’s Board of Directors approved our grant for an FY 2025 Park & Trail Grant for the “Wilson Park Tennis & Pickleball Court Redevelopment” project. We were approved for the maximum amount of \$150,000.

Since we have received our “notice to proceed,” All Weather Courts will be able to provide a better timeline for this project. Once we have more information, we’ll begin blasting this project on social media, letting folks know the courts will be unavailable soon.

Office Updates

The interior painting is nearly complete, and the flooring has been ordered.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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