

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 5:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

Vice President Sykes called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Don Harris, Jenna DeYong Craig Sykes, and Linda Ames. Commissioner Matt Jones was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance was Commissioner-elect Chris Mitchell.

I. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2025 (Pages 857-860)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 861)

- 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)

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request to address the Board
None

B. Request for the use of facilities

1. Request from Twigs to use multiple Park District locations to distribute free meals during the summer (Page 862)

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

C. Other

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 25-09 declaring it necessary and convenient for the Granite City Park District to grant an easement to the City of Granite City (Pages 863-878)

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 25-10 approving the Park District to enter into an agreement with Boulder Designs by Clarity for the purchase and installation of one boulder sign. (Pages 879-881)

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

3. Resolution 25-11 approving the lowest responsible bidder for the purchase of a Scag STCII-61V-26FTEFI Mower (Pages 882-883)

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

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a change order to the Wilson Park Tennis and Pickleball project.

During the project, code-I soil created the need for the use of a vac truck for approximately 2 days beyond the projected use. All holes have now been drilled. The Park District has enough bond money to absorb the cost increase, but it will mean less funding for other projects coming up. Justin does not expect additional costs to be incurred for this project.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-12 was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, “aye” by roll call. Motion carried.

VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Tennis and Pickleball Courts

Over the next few days, weather permitting, our maintenance team will begin painting the light poles on the courts. Additionally, the electrical control box near the entrance has been replaced and will be painted.

During excavation, some electrical lines were cut that had been undetected by the locating service. We have had two contractors provide proposals for the repairs and are still waiting for one to come back before we move forward with the fix.

PEP Project Change

As discussed at the last meeting, one project was questionable due to its nature and the guidelines of the PEP Program. We need to find a replacement project(s) for the Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball, Walking Trail, and Shelter Parking area. We are considering replacing the fencing at Lincoln Place.

Restroom Updates

All restrooms have been opened except for the main restroom building in Wilson Park. We have arranged for the repair with a contractor and are just waiting for them to come onsite to complete the work.

Marquee

Nevco (sign company) recommended a third-party vendor for marquee signs. I have spoken directly with the contractor regarding our issue. They hope to conduct onsite diagnostics sometime next week to determine what parts are needed for repair.

Patriots In the Park

The committee met last week to discuss the plan for this year’s event. Due to recent tariffs, it is possible we may be looking at a 33% increase in pricing for our 2026 show, however things will remain the same for 2025.

Appropriation for 25/26

I am currently working on the Appropriation for 25/26. I hope to have the updated extension numbers from Madison County in the next few weeks. All indications are that the EAV has increased once again.

Universal Playground

Last night, I represented the Park District at the City Council meeting, during which we received a check from Supervisor Margaret Shipley for \$300,000 as another donation towards our Universal Playground project. We are extremely grateful for this generous donation, which brings us to \$850,000 currently available for this project, with at least one more donation pledged.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

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