

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 5:30PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2025 (Pages 734-736)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2025 was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 737)**

- 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 738-752)**

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners in attendance voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

#### **V. TREASURER’S REPORT (Pages 753-771)**

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners in attendance voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

#### **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **A. Request to address the Board**

None

##### **B. Request for use of facilities**

1. Request from Sister to Sister Outreach Ministry to use Centennial Pavilion and Shelter 5 to hold their annual “Juneteenth” event on June 19, 2025 (Page 772)

This event has been held at this location in the past and Park District staff will set up six (6) canopy tents for them. Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners in attendance voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

2. Request from Friends of The Library to use the Wilson Park Ice Rink to hold their annual book sale Tuesday, May 27th through Saturday, May 31st (Page 773)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners in attendance voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

##### **C. Other**

None

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 25-03 approving a new four year lease of Civic Park to the City of Granite City as part of the City of Granite City continued plan to revitalize downtown Granite City (Pages 774-779)

Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Via Roll Call, Commissioners Jenna DeYong, Don Harris, and Matt Jones voted “aye” and Commissioner Craig Sykes voted “no.” Motion carried.

**IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT**

**X. GARDENS REPORT (Page 780)**

**XI. RECREATION REPORT (Page 781)**

**XII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 782)**

Pool Report (Page 783)

Ice Rink Report (Page 784)

Concessions Report (Page 785)

**XIII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Page 786-787)**

-IHSA will hold the Girls’ Regionals in September

-Multiple new tournaments have booked this year

-Opened for the season yesterday

**XIV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Project Update**

The Wilson Park Tennis and Pickleball project kicked off today due to ideal weather conditions. The contractor began removing the old fence fabric while our team removed our benches and put them in storage until the new courts are completed.

The splash pad construction started this week. I received two calls from residents in Westmoreland wanting information on the project since they noticed the orange construction fencing behind their yards. They were happy to learn about the project and hear accurate information instead of listening to rumors.

**Legacy Equipment Loan**

I have contacted a few local financial institutions regarding loan options for upgraded equipment at The Legacy. We must replace two green mowers, one utility mower, and our course sprayer. This equipment totals close to \$180,000, including the trade of our existing equipment. We paid off the previous four-year equipment loan in August 2024.

**Patriots In the Park**

We received confirmation today that the United States Air Force- Star Lifter Band will perform at Patriots In the Park this year.

**Booking Updates**

We have notified the few families that already had reservations at shelter #5 that beginning in July the playground will likely not be available. The site is being prepared for the installation of our new Universal Playground, which will open sometime in late fall.

Additionally, we will not take new reservations for the wedding gazebo date after June 30. The gazebo is becoming increasingly difficult to repair, and that gives us time to build a replacement without having reservations on the books.

**Vehicles**

In the coming days, we will be adding a few additional vehicles to our fleet. The City of Granite City recently replaced many of its detective and code enforcement vehicles, and graciously giving us a few of them that are in good condition.

There is a new sales tax that will impact skate and golf cart rentals, push carts, and range fees, so our prices will be going up. This tax would cost the Park District approximately \$18,000 in the next year.

We will soon see new signage purchased with 2024 PEP funding.

Upon completion of the Director's Report, Commissioners entered Closed Session at 5:53 PM and ended Closed Session at 6:41 PM. Closed Session Minutes are provided separately. All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

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