

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 5:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Don Harris, Jenna DeYong Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Linda Ames was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

I. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2025 (Pages 788-791)

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

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF FEBRUARY 26, 2025 (Page 792)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Closed Session of February 26, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE RULES, PERSONNEL POLICY MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2025 (Page 793)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Rules, Personnel Policy Meeting of March 5, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 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

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

None

B. Request for the use of facilities

1. Request from Metro East Worship Center to hold a service in Memorial Park on April 5th, 12th, and 19th from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM (Page 794)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted, "aye."
Motion carried.

C. Other

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 25-04 authorizing the Director of Parks to apply for 2025 Park Commission Funds from Madison County (Page 795)

This is the normal PEP funding grant for the next cycle. Justin will bring a list of proposed projects to an upcoming meeting for review. 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 25-05 authorizing an agreement with Max-R for the purchase of nine (9) Park Location Signs (Pages 796-799)

Signs will be purchased with PEP grant 2024 funding. Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tennis & Pickleball Courts

The first phase of the project is complete. Christ Brothers demoed the old fencing and pavement. A new rock base was added and packed before the new asphalt installation. Collins and Hermann will begin installing the fencing in the next two weeks as they are still awaiting all

the materials for the job. After the fencing, the surfacing will begin, which has very specific environmental requirements. We anticipate the project will be completed mid to late summer.

Worthen Park

If you haven't driven by Worthen Park, you'll see many things happening. You can get a general layout of the teardrop drive leading up to the new splash pad and see that work on the footing of the new building has begun. The grading of the park continues in preparation for the storm sewer installation.

Universal Playground

Today, Recreation Supervisor RP Phelps and I met onsite with NuToys and Focal Pointe Outdoor Solutions, Inc. (Focal Point does all the installation work for NuToys). The objective of today's meeting was to ensure we are doing everything necessary to accommodate the water runoff during heavy rainfall events. We are looking to add an additional drain line to help alleviate water runoff on the surface underneath and around the equipment. The additional drain line isn't part of our initial plan so that is something that the District would be invoiced for directly.

Justin has had recent chats with MEPRD because of the upcoming grant cycle and the restrooms would be eligible and the District could apply even with the tennis court grant. We do not have estimates yet and are unsure if a repair or replacement would be the best option.

Fiber Installation

AT&T will be installing fiber for our phone and internet lines. This installation will cost the Park District no additional expense but will dramatically decrease our phone bills. It is scheduled to happen sometime late next week, which may cause a very brief interruption when the services are moved to the fiber lines.

Marquee

As you have probably noticed, our marquee is down. It went out two weeks ago. We have tried all the troubleshooting we can do without luck. We are waiting for the company to send someone since all indications are that it's something electronically within the internal components.

Summer Employment

We are accepting applications for all our summer jobs. Applications are available at the office or on our website. We are especially in need of lifeguards.

Misc.

The Park District received 2 vehicles from the City of Granite City.

Discussed the possibility of getting someone to look at repairing the wedding gazebo instead of a complete swap/replacement.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

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