

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024 5:30PM**

**I. 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, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. City of Granite City- Director of Arts, Entertainment and Tourism, Brenda Whitaker was also in attendance.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 2024 (Pages 546-549)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 2024 (Pages 550-564)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Government Efficiency Committee Meeting of November 26, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**IV. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2024 (Pages 565-575)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Engineering Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 576)**

- 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

## **VI. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 577-587)**

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

## **VII. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 588-606)**

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

## **VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- 1. City of Granite City- Director of Arts, Entertainment and Tourism, Brenda Whitaker to discuss the design and layout of a new bandstand for Civic Park

Brenda informed the Board that there will be electricity to the stage area, a pergola over the stage, lighting in the trees/pergola/landscaping, and will have an ADA compliant ramp off the back.

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

None

### **C. Other**

None

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. ORDINANCE #521 ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2024 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2009 OF THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (Pages 607-608)

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

2. Resolution 24-30 to enter payment processing agreement with CSG Forte Payments, Inc. for the processing of online credit card sales for The Granite City Park District (Pages 609-633)

This is only for use with online payments through Civic Rec platform. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted, "aye" by roll call. Motion carried.

3. Resolution 24-31 changing the January 2025 meeting date of the Board of Commissioners (Page 634)

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

4. Resolution 24-32 to enter into contract with Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for the fireworks display on July 4, 2025 (Pages 635-642)

This contract locks in pricing for 2026 and 2027 as well. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye" by roll call. Motion carried.

5. Resolution 24-33 authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to proceed with the purchase of equipment for the Universal Playground to be located in Wilson Park (Pages 643-649)

If approved, the order would be placed right away and the materials should be received after July 4. The Park District currently has \$850,000 with outstanding donors. If there is not full funding, PEP funding may be utilized. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, "aye" by roll call. Motion carried.

- XI. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 650)**
- XII. GARDENS REPORT (Page 651)**
- XIII. RECREATION REPORT (Page 652)**
- XIV. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 653)**
- XV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 657-658)**
- XVI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Park Office**

The furnace and air conditioning units were replaced on Tuesday, December 17th. They raised the furnace in the garage to keep it from water damage when we get water backup from heavy rains. Over the next couple of weeks, our Maintenance Team will be repainting the interior. The new flooring will be installed sometime in early February. All of these projects were part of our Appropriation.

#### **MEPRD Park and Trail Grant**

Our grant for the new Wilson Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts was submitted on Wednesday, December 11th. If approved, this will cover \$150,000 of the total project cost, which is the maximum award for this particular grant. Additionally, we have \$64,900 in PEP Grant funds allocated for fencing. The Park District will be responsible for \$454,310, which will come from our 2024 General Obligation "Park Bonds."

#### **Civic Rec**

Most of our administrative staff have been training on Civic Rec since October 1st. We have one additional training session that will take place after the launch of this format in late January. This will make registration easily accessible for everyone. Requirements for residency will remain the same. Residents must upload a picture of the required documents into the system.

#### **Water Feature**

Phase two of the water feature in the Wilson Park garden area will begin in the next few weeks.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

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