

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Linda Ames, Don Harris, Jenna Deyong, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Others in attendance were: Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Eric Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2023 (Pages 728-730)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of March 22, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners in attendance voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 731)

- A. Finance Committee (Jenna Deyong, Chairman)
No report.
- B. Engineering Committee (Don Harris, Chairman)
No report.
- C. Municipal Relations Committee (Craig Sykes, Chairman)
No report.
- D. Rules, Personnel Policies Committee (Linda Ames, Chairman)
No report.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request for use of Facilities
 - 1. Request from Twigs to use five Park locations for free lunch distribution (Page 732)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners in attendance voted "aye." Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

1. None

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alamo Scout

Recently, I was contacted by Dan Klueskins. Dan was instrumental in accomplishing the painting of the cannon on Veterans Parkway. He shared with me information about a resident that was part of the Alamo Scouts. The Alamo Scouts were an elite group organized in 1943. They were trained in special skills for reconnaissance, jungle warfare, and covert operations behind enemy lines.

Mr. Klueskins would like to have a memorial made for possible placement on Veteran's Parkway, with consideration given to renaming that parkway Alamo Park. Mr. Klueskins will work with various Veteran organizations to obtain the funds necessary for the project.

Attached you will find information regarding the Alamo Scouts.

No action was taken on this information at this time.

Local Government Efficiency Act

Park Districts are required to form a committee as part of the Local Government Efficiency Act, 50 ILCS 70/1. This committee will study government efficiencies and issue a report to the County. In addition to the board, the committee must have two residents and the chief executive officer. We need to identify the committee by June 10, 2023. I have attached a Fact Sheet from the Illinois Association of Park Districts, which further explains the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act as it pertains to Park Districts.

Property Annexation

Attorney Ryan Robertson has contacted Juneau and Associates regarding the neighborhood near Maryville Road and Buenger Avenue. Juneau has determined the property is less than 120 acres, as required. Juneau is defining the specific area to provide to the Maps and Plats Department at the County to keep the process moving forward.

Walking Trail along State Street

We have ordered parking blocks to be installed along State Street near Niedringhaus School to separate the walking trail and the roadway. We are planning to pick the blocks up tomorrow from Wieser Concrete. We will paint them yellow before installation.

Legacy Hole #6

Juneau has marked the property line to determine the section of the cart path that needs to be moved. Once we obtain proposals from contractors, we will be able to proceed with getting the project completed.

Juneteenth

The Sister to Sister organization initially asked to hold the Juneteenth event at Wilson Park on Saturday, June 17. They inquired about moving the event to Monday, June 19, if the area is available. We have no conflicts with them using Centennial Pavilion and the area around it on June 19.

All board members were in agreement with this modification.

Legacy Property and Updates

Commissioners and Justin Brinkmeyer discussed a property for sale adjacent to Legacy. Justin will be speaking with Steve to determine if the property would be of use to the Golf Course. Ryan Robertson is looking into this process and a potential land purchase is something everyone wants to consider.

Legacy hosted the Granite City Rotary Club yesterday morning. Feedback from members was positive. The building has been cleaned up and repainted. Flooring upgrades will occur next. Junior PGA participant parents have also given positive feedback about the property and program. Steve has placed an emphasis on parent and family involvement in the program.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

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