

GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT MINUTES

August 11, 2021

AGENDA

ITEM:

I. Roll Call

Commissioner Don Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners answering roll call were Jenna Deyong, Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Matt Jones and Don Harris. Also in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Nicole Harris.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF July 28,2021 (page 207-212)

Motion to approve the minutes, as presented was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

III. Committee Reports. (page 213)

A. Finance Committee-Commissioner Jenna Deyong, Chairman.

No Report

B. Engineering Committee- Commissioner Matt Jones, Chairman.

No Report

C. Municipal Relations Committee-Commissioner Craig Sykes, Chairman.

No Report

D. Rules, Personnel Policies Committee-Commissioner Linda Ames, Chairman.

No Report

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request from Scott Smallie to use baseball field(s) for the upcoming Coolidge Junior High baseball season (page 214).

Motion to approve request was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

1. Letter from Attorney Ryan Robertson concerning Civic Park (page 215-216).
2. Letter from Daniel Kleuskens regarding painting of the cannon on Veterans Parkway (page 217).

V. Old Business
NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS
NONE

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Worthen Park Vandalism

Our restrooms at Worthen Park were vandalized sometime overnight Tuesday or early Wednesday morning. Our custodian arrived to discover the door was damaged to gain access to the women's restroom. Once the subject(s) made entry to the building, they busted both toilets into pieces and put a large gash on the front of the sink. They battered the door on the men's restroom but failed to gain access. The police were notified, and a report was filed.

Tree Damage

As you may have seen on Facebook, we had a whole tree come down on State Street near the GCHS band field. This tree had no previous notable damage. We discovered the tree was hollowed out in the center. Brad and his entire team made quick work of getting the tree cleaned up.

Pool

The final day for regular attendance is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18th. As previously discussed, we will continue to have Adult/senior swim through Saturday, August 21st.

Golf Cart Lease Renewal

Our lease for golf carts is nearing the end of our six-year contract with Battery Specialist. We have currently secured pricing for a new five-year agreement. I am still waiting on the terms of the service agreement to determine if this prospective deal makes sense for the Park District. Currently, we have coverage that provides full service for any repair/replacement cost if the cart was not damaged because of being wrecked.

Labor Day

Today we were notified that the Labor Day parade and event on 29th Street has been canceled due to COVID concerns.

Recreation Supervisor

The job description for this position is near completion. After speaking with some other Park Directors, I am making a few adjustments. I am planning to email that out tomorrow for your review. My plan is to advertise through the Southern Illinois Parks and Recreation Association which we are a member. I feel that it is essential that we get someone who has experience.

Universal Playground

Last week I met with Emily Gavilsky and Unlimited Play to discuss what marketing and fundraising plans may look like. Unlimited Play works with us to help in all fundraising efforts. I will continue to have updates as this process continues to evolve. Superintendent Cann and I have been playing phone tag. My hope is to make contact with her soon to discuss this project.

All business concluded. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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