

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023 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 Ryan Robertson, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Secretary Stephanie Koishor, and Dan Monroe.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION OF FEBRUARY 8, 2023 (Pages 627-630)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session of February 8, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 631)

- 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. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 632-646)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 647-665)

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of Facilities

1. Request from GC Tribe Baseball and Softball Association to use Worthen Park (Page 666)

Justin Brinkmeyer informed the Board that this organization has made a similar request in the past, but has changed this year. This year's request is for two years instead of one year and they would like the use of an additional diamond. Justin recommended we maintain our approval on a year to year basis with the current number of fields due to the potential changing needs of Park District programs and facilities. Commissioners expressed concerns that adding an additional field would be more work for Park District employees to maintain as well as the field in question faces the dog park and exercise area. Justin noted that a field at Wilson Park may be available if needed and not in use by Park District programs. Motion to approve the request for one year with current field use was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

1. Request from Dan Monroe of 2431 E. 25th Street to address the Board regarding playground equipment at Robertson Park.

Mr. Monroe introduced himself and provided his background with the Park District. He acknowledged vandalism has occurred at the playground in the past but more people are using it now and he is requesting updates to the equipment at that location. Mr. Monroe has looked into the costs of purchase and install of equipment such as what he is suggesting. He asked the Board what the community can do to help raise funds to upgrade the park (ex: shelter/bar-b-que pits). Mr. Monroe asked the Board how the Park District obtains funds for playground equipment. Commissioners informed Mr. Monroe that the Park District receives grants yearly and has to prioritize needs within all parks and spend money wisely. The Board and employees are working with other community groups and members to fund and construct a universal playground in Wilson Park.

Commissioners also informed Mr. Monroe that the Park District has not really done fundraising in the past, relying on grant money and tax dollars to fund projects and improvements. Many grants available require matching funds. Mr. Monroe recommended the Board reach out to Dr. Pepper to inquire about their playground funding program. Commissioners and Justin Brinkmeyer informed Mr. Monroe that the Board and employees hope to add more at Robertson Park with this grant cycle but are unsure how extensive the additions will be at this time. Mr. Monroe noted that the open field in the park is great and he sees a lot of younger kids there now. It was noted that installation of benches, a slide, and a small play structure would be nice additions to the park. The Board will continue looking for additional funding opportunities.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 667)

Bradley and his crew did a great job with tree trimming.

X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 668)

Megan and RP hope to grow the basketball program next year but have had positive feedback so far.

XI. POOL REPORT (Page 669)

XII. ICE RINK REPORT (Page 670)

Ice Show is from 7-9 PM on Monday; TBL tournament is this weekend

XIII. CONCESSIONS REPORT (Page 671)

XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Page 672)

XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Heartlands Conservancy

They have compiled the basic pricing structure to determine how extensive we want this plan to be. I will meet with them soon to narrow the plan for a solid budget.

As part of the planning process, they have included public meetings, surveys, and outlined options for them to attend community events. Their planning work will evaluate existing conditions of parks, open space, trail connectivity, and community forestry/tree canopy action items, as well as summaries of the surveys, interviews, and meetings outlining opportunities and

challenges gathered from their work.

From there, they will create a framework and develop an illustrative master plan of the system, along with a written document to include a community vision, goals, and strategies. The document will include an implementation strategy of action items and funding opportunities.

If the Board elected to utilize every option on the list, the cost would be approximately \$120,000. At this time, it is not necessary for the Park District to select every service available. A follow up meeting will occur in the next 7-10 days.

PEP Grant

The Grant Commission is waiting and will release the per capita rate for this grant cycle after the Commission meets tomorrow. The due date for the grant application was moved to March 17.

Cameras

Most of the camera installation has been completed; however, a few pole locations aren't getting power to them. We await a timeline from JF Electric for when they can get here with a bucket truck to make the necessary repairs.

Golf Course Update

Steve will attend the next Board Meeting and will begin working March 1. Current Golf Course managers have done a great job.

Special Announcement (Megan)

The grand marshal for the baseball parade will be Al Grabowski.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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