

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 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. Also in attendance were: Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, Golf Course Manager Steve Finn, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023 (Pages 673-676)**

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All Commissioners voted "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 677)**

- 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 the use of facilities  
None
- B. Other Communications  
None

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution regarding the Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. contract for the 2023 Patriots in the Park fireworks display (Pages 678-683)

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

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the layout and design of Worthen Park Redevelopment

Justin Brinkmeyer provided a diagram of a proposed layout for Worthen Park. The diagram included areas for flag football, splash pad, sand volleyball, soccer fields, concessions/ restrooms/ press box, picnic tables and pavilions, parking lot, lighting and irrigation. Commissioners also discussed possible landscape architecture, grading of the Park, and the current baseball field. Commissioners and Justin discussed switching the proposed locations of the soccer fields and sand volleyball courts. No action was taken on this item.

## **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Environmental Grant**

We were notified today that we were awarded the maximum amount for the FY 2023 Grant for Legacy Golf Course Shoreline Stabilization. The grant amount is \$15,000, and we are required to match 20%.

### **Volleyball Meeting**

Myself, along with the recreation team, met with Makenna Rapien last week to discuss the addition of a volleyball program to begin late this summer/ early fall. Makenna played volleyball at the club and collegiate levels. She is putting together a program outline for us to review.

### **Baseball**

Registration started Monday and will run through April 21. We hope to begin playing games on May 20 (Opening Day).

### **PEP Grant**

The per capita amount for this year will be \$5.00. This puts our total funds available at \$138,395.

### **Seasonal Job Postings**

We started advertising last week for all of our seasonal positions. Applications have been coming in slowly.

**Introduction of Golf Course Manager Steve Finn**

Steve took a minute to introduce himself, discuss his first days in his role, and invite Commissioners to discuss questions or suggestions with him.

**Universal Playground**

Justin and the Commissioners discussed the potential for a Universal Playground. All Commissioners are interested in moving forward with this proposed project. Justin will reach out to local community members who may be involved in the project and will report back to the Board.

**Annexations**

Commissioners, Justin, and Ryan discussed updates to prior conversations regarding annexation of properties within the City limits, but that are not currently within the Park District. Justin and Ryan will report back with additional details on the progress of this annexation at an upcoming Regular Board Meeting.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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