

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
MONDAY MAY 1, 2022 7:00PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:57 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, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2023 (Pages 1-5)**

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 6)**

- 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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION FOR ONE (1) PARK COMMISSIONER FOR A (6) YEAR TERM, HELD ON APRIL 4, 2023 IN THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (Pages 7-8)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

## **V. REORGANIZATION MEETING OF MAY 1, 2023**

### **A. Seating and Oath of newly elected Park District Commissioners**

Commissioner Craig Sykes took his Oath as a newly elected Park District Commissioner.

### **B. Roll Call to include newly seated commissioners**

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, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

### **C. Formation of New Board**

#### **1. Election of Officers**

##### **a. President**

Commissioner Linda Ames moved to nominate Commissioner Matt Jones for President of the Granite City Park District. Upon call for further nominations for President, there were no further nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames to close nominations for the office of President.

Commissioners Linda Ames, Jenna Deyong, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Commissioner Don Harris voted “Nay.” Motion carried. Commissioner Matt Jones was declared to be elected President of the Granite City Park District.

##### **b. Vice President**

Commissioner Jenna Deyong moved to nominate Commissioner Craig Sykes for Vice President of the Granite City Park District. Upon call for further nominations for Vice President, there were no further nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong to close nominations for the office of Vice President. All commissioners present voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Motion carried. Commissioner Craig Sykes was declared to be elected Vice President of the Granite City Park District.

##### **c. Treasurer**

Commissioner Linda Ames moved to nominate Commissioner Jenna Deyong for Treasurer of the Granite City Park District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Upon call for further nominations for Treasurer, there were no further nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes to close nominations for the office of Treasurer. All commissioners present voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Motion carried. Commissioner Jenna Deyong was declared to be elected Treasurer of the Granite City Park District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

d. Secretary

President Jones wished to appoint Stephanie Koishor as Secretary of the Park District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion to approve Secretary for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried.

2. Appointment of Director of Parks and Recreation

President Jones submitted the name of Justin Brinkmeyer as his appointee for Director of Parks and Recreation of the Granite City Park District for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Motion to approve the appointment of the Director of Parks and Recreation was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried and Justin Brinkmeyer was appointed as Director of Parks and Recreation for the District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

3. Appointment of Granite City Park District Attorney

President Jones submitted the name of Ryan Robertson as his appointee for attorney for the District for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Motion to approve the appointment of the attorney for the Granite City Park District was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners present voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried and Ryan Robertson was appointed as attorney for the District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

4. Appointment of Committee Chairmen

President Jones submitted the appointments of the following Commissioners as Committee Chairmen: Jenna Deyong- Finance Committee, Don Harris- Engineering Committee, Craig Sykes- Municipal Relations Committee, and Linda Ames- Rules, Personnel Policies Committee. All commissioners present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Request for use of Facilities  
None
- B. Other Communications  
None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolution adopting Legacy Golf Course employee guidelines (Pages 9-12)

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

## **VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Tax extension numbers**

The EAV was slightly higher this year. Justin is working on the budget and will be sharing it in an upcoming meeting. Commissioners and Justin spoke about potential projects that will require funding. Projects included resealing of the Ice Rink ceiling and improvements to the Tennis and Pickleball Courts as well as the Multi-Purpose/Basketball Court. Improvements to the Main Concession Stand restrooms was also discussed. Commissioners asked about the potential for grant funding for this project and Justin suggested the potential use of the OSLAD grant cycle in August as well as issuing bonds in the future. He added that the Park District should consider improvements to the restrooms at 4-Diamonds as well.

### **Universal Playground**

Justin has met with Emily Gavilsky about the installation of a Universal Playground and will conduct a follow-up meeting with her in coming weeks. The playground company has the ability to help with fundraising when it is needed.

### **Vandalism**

There was recently vandalism in the Main Concession Stand restrooms. Cameras can only catch individuals responsible if they carry items in/out of the restrooms. We have also had shelter electrical receptacle covers torn off as well as plants stolen from the gardens.

### **Lohman Park**

Commissioner Don Harris noted that Lohman Park has lights, fencing, parking, restrooms, playground, and a shelter in place. He suggested the Board considers putting Pickleball or sand volleyball courts in that location. The park floods on one side, but otherwise is a good location for these options and has existing infrastructure to support an addition.

### **Community Blessings Box**

There has been community discussion/public comments made on Facebook about potentially installing a blessings box in a Park District location. The Park District has not been directly contacted about this project. Commissioners and Justin discussed encouraging individuals responsible to coordinate their efforts through established groups in the community who are organizing these types of community resources.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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