

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
MONDAY MAY 24, 2022 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

Vice President Craig Sykes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Linda Ames, Don Harris, Jenna Deyong, and Craig Sykes. President Matt Jones was not in attendance. Employees 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, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance was a member of the community, Jared Henderson.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 1, 2023 (Pages 13-17)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of May 1, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 18)

- 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. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 19-34)

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

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 35-53)

Justin Brinkmeyer noted that this report represents the final disbursement report for the prior fiscal year. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of facilities

1. Request from Calvary Life Church to use Centennial Pavilion on Sunday, July 23 (Page 54)

All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

2. Request from Grace Baptist Church to use Robertson Park for a "School's Out Party" on Saturday, June 3 (Page 55)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

3. Request from Young Men Essentials (Janesia McDonald) to use Lincoln Place on Saturday, June 17 (Page 56)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding annexations.

Attorney Ryan Robertson informed the Board that Juneau sent properties we were not aware of, however, it did not include the neighborhood previously discussed. This project is still in progress. No action was taken at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARK DISTRICT TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH STUTZ EXCAVATING INC. TO REMOVE AND RELOCATE APPROXIMATELY 185' OF CART PATH AT LEGACY GOLF COURSE (Pages 57-58)

Justin Brinkmeyer noted that trees will be planted in the outlined area as well and the property owners are aware of the Park District's plans. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 59)

X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 60)

XI. POOL REPORT (Page 61)

The pool is scheduled to open Saturday, May 27. It is currently holding water and the pumps are working as expected. We currently have 26 lifeguards hired. At this time, the pool will offer one party slot per night, seven days per week. We also have someone interested in the position of Aqua Aerobics instructor this summer.

XII. ICE RINK REPORT (Page 62)

XIII. CONCESSIONS REPORT (Page 63)

XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Page 64)

The Golf Course has been busy. Numbers are up more than anticipated. Last weekend, we had 190 golfers on Saturday and 180 on Sunday. The new Golf Now system is up and running and Steve is looking to add additional staffing to help with the flow of golfers the course has been experiencing. Steve also informed Commissioners that he will have information at an upcoming meeting about the issue of private golf carts being used on the property overnight. Commissioners asked for clarification on how the increased revenue from the Golf Course can be spent. Justin noted that this revenue goes into the general operating fund and will give the Park District additional funding for projects. It will not negatively impact the Park District's ability to receive grant funding.

XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tennis Court

I was contacted by Paula Hubbard, the Grant Writer for the City of Granite City, last week regarding her search for some possible opportunities for a grant for the resurfacing of our Tennis Courts after a coach from GCHS contacted her. I explained to Paula the Tennis Court project is something we are hoping to move forward with as it has been discussed as a future Bond project.

Patriots In the Park

- Currently, we have collected \$19,800 of our \$60,000 goal.
- Next month I will meet with the police and fire departments to get information regarding the plan for street closures and traffic control changes.
- Six confirmed vendors for the vendor fair near Centennial on July 1.
- We have three food trucks confirmed for the main stage area on July 4th.

Sykes Field

Yesterday, it was discovered that someone had broken into the scorekeeper booth at Sykes Field through the window. The only real damage was to the scoreboard controller. The police were notified, and a report was taken. If a repair is unable to be made to the controller, it will cost a few thousand dollars to replace it.

Cameras

After numerous conversations with Verizon Wireless regarding our issues of data throttling, causing our cameras to lose connectivity, I started having conversations with AT&T. After several discussions with myself and Utilitra, the provider of our cameras; it was determined they had some options worth trying.

We are operating two sets of our garden cameras, eight cameras in total, on an AT&T data plan. The cameras have operated continuously on this plan without interruptions, so we may move all our camera data packages to AT&T if we can ensure better services.

We have no confirmation on the plant thief, but the Granite City Police Department might have made an identification on the individual responsible. So far, there have been no additional thefts from that area.

Memorial Day Services

Local Veterans organizations plan to hold the annual memorial service at Memorial Park on Monday, May 29, beginning at 11:00 am. We provide the setup of chairs and the sound system for this event.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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