

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Jenna DeYong, Don Harris, Linda Ames, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Employees in attendance were: Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, 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, Attorney Ryan Robertson, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance were members of the public, Dan Klueskins and Randy Christy.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2023 (Pages 598-600)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 601)

- 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 602-609)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 610-628)

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of facilities

1. Request from the Madison County Clerk to use Brown Recreation, Lincoln Place, and the Ice Rink on March 19, 2024 for the General Primary Election (Pages 629-632)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

2. Request from Tri City Association for Handicapped Inc to hold their annual Summer Day Camp at Wilson Park, June 10-14, 2024 (Page 633)

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

3. Request from Hope Lutheran Church to hold Easter Sunrise Service at the Ice Rink on Sunday, March 31, 2024 (Page 634)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

4. Request from the Granite City Swing Band to use Lincoln Place for rehearsals from 2:00-4:00 PM on the attached dates (Page 635)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

5. Request from Granite City Tribe Baseball & Softball Association to use the ball field at Worthen Park for the 2024 & 2025 seasons (Page 636)

Resident Randy Christy spoke to the Board on behalf of the Granite City Tribe Baseball & Softball Association. He discussed how participation in youth sports are on the downturn in the community and how the organization wants to work with the Park District to increase these numbers. They would like to stay in the community and they have to host all of their games by the end of June. He is looking for a more long-term solution if possible. Justin Brinkmeyer recommended the Board continue the year-to-year agreement and would let the Association have ample notice if use of the fields will be unavailable in the future. The Park District wants individuals to use the fields and the partnership with the Tribe was positive last season. Motion to approve the request for the 2024 season was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

6. Request from the Granite City Tribe Baseball & Softball Association to use Sykes Field in Wilson Park for 7U and 8U home games schedule of requested dates attached (Pages 637-639)

When Randy Christy spoke about Request #5, he also addressed this request. Justin Brinkmeyer noted that the Park District can try to schedule Tribe games on Sykes Field as often as possible, but that all dates/games requested will be unavailable on that field. Some dates/games will be scheduled on other fields. Motion to approve the request for fields in Wilson Park for the 2024 season was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

1. Randy Christy with Granite City Tribe Baseball & Softball Association to address the Board regarding Granite City Baseball and the partnership with Tribe Baseball.

Notes from Randy's comments to the Board are listed under request for use of facilities #5.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. A Resolution regarding the installation of LiveBarn at the Wilson Park Ice Rink (Pages 640-644)

Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding renaming the section of Veterans Parkway between Madison Avenue and Grand Avenue, Alamo Scout Park.

Commissioner DeYong discussed the petition obtained by Mr. Kleuskens. She also reached out to the American Legion Post 113, who asked that Veterans Parkway maintain its current name to represent all veterans. (Copy included in the minutes.) Commissioner DeYong wants to honor everyone and believes that "Veterans Parkway" does just that.

Commissioner Harris noted the upgrades that the Park District, along with the City of Granite City, have done to Memorial Park in recent years to honor veterans and those in the military. He noted that the Board has done their homework and that the Granite City Post of the American Legion does not support this request. Commissioner Harris stated that the Board has represented the community and support all veterans and military members.

Commissioners Ames and Sykes added that they would like to keep Veterans Parkway standing for all veterans. There are so many individuals in our community who have given so much.

Commissioner Jones added that the Park District's official naming policy is forthcoming and that things are usually named after someone who has made a significant contribution to the Park District in the past.

Motion to deny the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion denied.

2. A Resolution authorizing payment to Energy Stars Heating & Cooling Inc. for the replacement and installation of new heating and air conditioning units at the Brown Recreation Center. (Page 645)

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

3. Ordinance 525 declaring certain Park District property as surplus and authorizing sale or disposal. (Page 646)

Motion to approve the Ordinance, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 647)

X. GARDENS REPORT (Page 648)

XI. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 650)

Pool Report (Page 651)

Ice Rink Report (Page 652)

Concessions Report (Page 653)

XII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 654-655)

XIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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