

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2000 EDISON AVE.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 5:30PM**

Commissioners in attendance were: Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Don Harris, and Matt Jones. Park District 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, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance were members of City Council, Joe Juneau and two employees of Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C., an employee of Counsilman-Hunsaker, and two members of the public.

Joe Juneau of Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. presented about the proposed Splash Pad project at Worthen Park. The project will be going out to bid in the coming months and the grant funding is in place. Mr. Juneau outlined the proposed layout of the Park including parking, sand volleyball courts, splash pad, football field, soccer fields, concession stand/press box/ restroom building, and sidewalks. He displayed water features the splash pad will have and explained the installation process which will allow for modification of features. A question was posed by Alderman Brad Eavenson posed a question about the football fields, Mayor Mike Parkinson posed a question about the installation of a flow meter, and Commissioner Don Harris posed a question about the play surface of the splash pad.

The cost of maintenance was discussed and the city will provide funding for the first two years of operation. After that, the Park District will assume this expense. Admission procedures were discussed and no final decision has been made at this time. The Board of Commissioners thanked the City for the collaboration and noted that this project could not have been a reality without the collaboration and funding from the City.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Craig Sykes, Don Harris, Linda Ames, Jenna DeYong, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance was Granite City resident Dewey Melton.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2023 (Pages 408-410)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 411)

- 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 412-425)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

V. TREASURER’S REPORT (Pages 426-444)

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of facilities
None

B. Other Communications

- a. Resident Dan Klueskins would like to address the Board regarding an Alamo Scout Project.

Mr. Klueskins was not present for this meeting.

- b. Resident Dewey Melton would like to address the Board regarding 2024 memberships at Legacy Golf Course.

Mr. Melton discussed concern over the planned increase in membership prices for 2024. He discussed his golfing group who currently have memberships and noted that members of the group will move to Arlington next year if the price increase is not changed or lowered. The group believes the cost will be lower for a membership at Arlington. Mr. Melton requested the Board consider adopting a Legacy membership for those who have had them for years and to be competitive with Arlington to keep this group of golfers.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution securing bond counsels for the issuance of Series 2023 General Obligation Refunding Bond Issue (Page 445)

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.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding membership pricing at Legacy Golf Course.

Commissioners discussed the current rates as well as the planned rate increase for 2024. Steve bases pricing on two rounds of play per week. Commissioner DeYong noted a desire to provide the best service we can at an affordable rate and is concerned that the increase is too much for our community. Steve noted the opportunity cost of lost tee times to other golfers as well. Golf cart fees have gone up 15% across the board. The Board noted concern about the amount of increase in year and discussed staggering the increase over two or more years to reach the desired pricing. The Park District has done this with other programming but has not raised Legacy pricing in at least six years. Pricing options were discussed including removal of current packages and spreading the increase over multiple years.

Motion to eliminate the Cart Fee only package and to increase the fees equally over two years was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried. The increase is as follows: 5 day (Mon-Fri) package \$990 (Non-Resident), \$850 (Resident) in 2024; 5 day (Mon-Fri) package \$1,150 (Non-Resident), \$1,000 (Resident) in 2025.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Worthen Park splash pad.

Justin discussed costs of ongoing maintenance after the project. He noted that the cost of chemicals will vary and will have the largest impact on the ongoing costs. The grant funding from the City cannot pay for the maintenance cost the City has pledged to pay.

The football field and sand volleyball courts were discussed. The Park District does not currently have a football league but there is hope to establish one in the future and a sand volleyball league may be an option in the future as well.

Admission needs and staffing were discussed. It would be best to plan for an attendant from the start so that area does not have to be added or reconfigured in the future. The surface of the splash pad was also discussed and different surfaces would require different maintenance.

No action was taken.

IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 446)

X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 447)

XI. POOL REPORT (Page 448)

- XII. ICE RINK REPORT (Page 449)**
- XIII. CONCESSIONS REPORT (Page 450)**
- XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (page 451)**
- XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Fireworks

The demo team from Pyrotecnico is planning to be onsite the evening of Tuesday, November 14 to try some different products to get us a show that can be fully viewed from the band practice field, GCHS, and beyond. This visit will require them to get permits from the state and require us to set a small radius for the demonstration.

Southern Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (SIPRA)

We will host our monthly meeting next Friday, November 4 at the Legacy Golf Course banquet room. Please feel free to join us at 10:30 AM.

Tax Levy

It is my hope to provide the draft of our 2023/24 Tax Levy at our next meeting.

Halloween Festival

Coupons for the 2023 Halloween Festival were delivered to the schools in the community this week and will be sent home with students. These will be brought to the registration tent at the festival in order to obtain the punch card needed for all of the activities and stations around the Park. Without a coupon, punch cards will be \$5. Please realize that the intent here is not to make money, but to provide some level of crowd control so that all children get a chance to experience the different activities.

There will be different businesses and community organizations set up at each of the Park pavilions passing out treats for the kids. Other activities throughout the Park will include carnival-style games, spooky story telling, hayrides and pumpkin decorating.

We are very excited for our second annual event! It is our sincere hope that Mother Nature cooperates with us! In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made and posted at noon on Saturday, October 28th.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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