

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023 7:00PM**

**ROLL CALL**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Jenna DeYong, Don Harris, Linda Ames, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Craig Sykes was not in attendance. 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, Attorney Eric Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance was a member of the public, Dan Klueskins.

**I. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2023(Pages 459-461)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of November 8, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 462)**

- 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

### **III. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 463-476)**

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.

### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 477-495)**

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.

### **V. 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 recapped his prior conversation with the board. He has obtained a letter of endorsement from the American Legion 307 as well as 200 signatures on a petition. He noted that he has funding for a bench to be purchased for the previously discussed location. Dan provided information about the Alamo Scouts.

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$183,500 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2023, for the purpose of providing the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of the Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof (Pages 496-517)

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

2. Resolution to accomplish compliance with the Truth-In-Taxation Act for the year 2023 (Pages 518-520)

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

3. Ordinance 522 making a tax levy for the Granite City Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024 (Pages 521-533)

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

4. Ordinance 523 abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation Park Bond Alternate Revenue Series 2009 of the Granite City Park District (Pages 534-535)

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

5. Discussion and possible action regarding basketball rule changes to continue following IHSA rules for our program(Page 536)

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

**VIII. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 537)**

**IX. GARDENS REPORT (Page 538)**

**X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 539)**

**XI. POOL REPORT (Page 540)**

**XII. ICE RINK REPORT (Page 541)**

**XIII. CONCESSIONS REPORT (Page 542)**

**XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 543-544)**

## **XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **IPARKS Site Visit**

Our annual site visit was conducted on Tuesday, November 14. Only a few minor playground corrections were noted. The parts required to make the repairs were ordered, but getting replacement parts is challenging for some equipment as most of our playground equipment exceeds 25 years of age.

### **Fireworks Test**

On the evening of Tuesday, November 14, Pyrotechnico was onsite to conduct display testing. After some discussion related to the previous two years' layout, it was decided to try another possibility. They were confident that due to the seating area being so close to the trees, they could never guarantee the complete show would be in full view at that location with the same type of fireworks.

Our options would be to shorten the length of the show with less fireworks or increase the price dramatically to make up for the size needed to be higher.

Considering everything in play, we opted to change the event's layout. The Stage would be placed behind the ice rink, facing out into the field where the carnival was once located. Our entire field area would become prime for fireworks viewing. The view with this arrangement looks great. This plan also works if a fence is added along the back of the high school, as that will be less of a factor for us. The VIP parking lot would be the ice rink parking lot.

### **The Furnace at Brown Recreation**

Yesterday, the furnace quit working. After a technician looked at both units, it was determined that the heat exchangers were cracked in both units. We have only received one price back on the units, and the exchangers are priced around \$6,000, which doesn't include burners, sensors, or any other parts that may be required. We also asked for pricing to replace both units and are waiting to get that back.

In the meantime, Gymnastics was canceled last night due to the temperature in the building. They are attempting to have class tonight. The schedule for the remainder of this session may require modifications if the repairs cannot be made in the next few days. The units are over 20 years old and it is difficult to get parts. Preschool is on a different HVAC system, which is fine at this time.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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