

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 7:00PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Don Harris, Linda Ames, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Jenna DeYong was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were: Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2024 (Pages 656-661)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 662)**

- A. Finance Committee (Jenna DeYong, Chairman)  
Commissioners announced a Finance Committee Meeting at 6 PM before the next Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Engineering Committee (Don Harris, Chairman)  
None
- C. Municipal Relations Committee (Craig Sykes, Chairman)  
None
- D. Rules, Personnel Policies Committee (Linda Ames, Chairman)  
Commissioners announced a Rules, Personnel Policies Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM before the next Regular Board Meeting.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Request for the use of facilities

- a. Request from the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club to hold a 5k Walk at Wilson Park on Saturday, May 11, 2024 (Page 663)

Motion to approve the request, pending documentation of proper insurance, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

- a. Letter from Mariana Martin regarding Robertson Park (Page 664)

Justin has emailed her back; she did not leave a contact number. He also noted to the Board that different residents want different things from the Park(s). Some individuals want enhanced play structures, while other individuals like open green space for activities.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Guidelines for the Naming of Parks and Park Facilities (Pages 665-667)

Motion to bring a Resolution to approve Guidelines for the Naming of Parks and Park Facilities to the next Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

2. A Resolution authorizing the Granite City Park District to apply for 2024 Park Commission Funds from Madison County (Page 668)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

3. A Resolution approving an agreement with Tindall Construction, Inc. for the installation of pavilion sidewalks (Pages 669-671)

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

4. A Resolution approving an agreement with Tindall Construction, Inc. for miscellaneous sidewalk removal and replacement (Pages 672-674)

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

5. A Resolution to pay Hutchinson Recreation & Design for the purchase of playground equipment for Robertson Park (Pages 675-676)

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

6. A Resolution approving an agreement with Tindall Construction, Inc. for replacement of the front door at the Park District Main Office (Pages 677-679)

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

## **VII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

### **IAPD Conference**

On January 25 and 26, Bradley, Joey, Megan, and I attended the annual IAPD conference. The conference offers various classes and workshops specifically geared towards each specific position.

Over the two days, these classes and workshops were attended by our staff: Legal and Legislative, Equitable Productive Conflict Resolution for People Managers, Collaboration Transformation & The Employee Experience, Bidding and Managing Successful Construction Projects, Officiating in Parks & Rec, Sponsorships, Regulating Controversial Park Activities, The Challenge and Reward of Hosting Large Scale Athletic Tournaments, Planning Successful E- Sports Programs and Spaces, Pickleball Programming, Marketing for Parks and Rec and Back to Basics with Rec Sports

In addition to the classes and workshops, the trade show and networking opportunities were exceptional. We plan to attend this in the future as our budget permits.

### **OSLAD Grant**

The Granite City Park District was named in the Governor’s press release on January 30, 2024, as a recipient of the 2023 OSLAD Grant. We will receive \$500,000 for a Universal Playground. The grant requires no matching funds due to our status as an economically distressed community.

The plans submitted with the grant are for a \$500,000 Universal Playground. We have hoped to have a playground that would become known as a destination due to the size and level of opportunity for all children. Once the funding is finalized, we have a two-year window to complete the project in its entirety. I’m continuing to explore other opportunities for funding to help us expand the project.

### **Software**

On Tuesday, February 13, I, along with Joey, Megan, and RP, met with Civic Rec for the second time; this session was exclusively for a demo. This is the third company we have met with over the past few months. Unlike some of the others that base pricing on each separate module and percentage of sales, Civic Rec includes all modules at one price whether you use them or not.

We plan to have demos with at least one other company to help determine the best fit for our operation, coupled with pricing and customer service. We hope to have our recommendation for your approval in the next two months. With that timeline, we could be working towards implementation sometime this fall.

### **Gymnastics Equipment**

The new vault table and training mats were delivered on January 25.

### **Baseball Parade**

As you all know, parade participation has slowly declined over the past several years. The staff has been exploring options for our Baseball season kickoff. The Rec Team will share them in greater detail at our next meeting. One option includes a Touch A Truck as part of the kickoff events.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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