

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK
COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 28, 2024 6:00 PM**

Committee Chairperson, Commissioner Jenna DeYong, called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Commissioners in attendance were Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Don Harris, and Matt Jones. Also in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

A list of suggested projects was supplied by Justin Brinkmeyer. Commissioner Ames asked about funds required in addition to the OSLAD grant funding for the universal playground. Justin informed the Board that fundraising will be a route for fundraising for that project and he does not recommend including that project in this list of projects. Commissioner Ames suggested the Board and the Park consider updating the restrooms next to the playground to accommodate ADA compliance.

Commissioners also discussed the current tax rate and the trends in the EAV over past years. It was noted that the community wants improvements to facilities and that requires funding for updates and maintenance.

A Resolution will be brought to the next Board Meeting to hire bond counsel.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

**RULES, PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 28,2024 6:30 PM**

Committee Chairperson, Commissioner Linda Ames called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM. Commissioners in attendance were Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Don Harris, and Matt Jones. Also in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Community members Kenny Jackson and Chris Hogan arrived at 6:42 PM.

An outline of the concerns regarding personal golf cart use at Legacy Golf Course was provided by Justin Brinkmeyer. Steve Finn summarized the situation and what has led up to this

discussion. He noted that a waiver of liability, proof of insurance, and a signed agreement of rules are the industry standard regarding personal cart use. Implementation of a new policy would give the Park a leg to stand on if there are issues and will let everyone know of the expectations and guidelines. Golfers have complained about cart use during golf times (joining current player groups or being in the way of play). Steve also noted that pets have been brought on private carts as well.

Commissioner Harris suggested a basic cart policy and informing the residents of the policy, why it was needed, and that we want to work with them to keep things positive and minimize issues. It was noted that the policy should also include walkers, bikers, and use of e-bikes. Commissioner Ames suggested two policies/documents. One for guidelines of use outside of golf play and a second for use of personal golf carts during golfing. Steve agreed with this idea.

Resident Kenny Jackson spoke about his experiences with his personal cart on the course, a lack of communication about expectations in the past, and posed questions. Questions include: what concerns have been raised and are there specific homeowners responsible for the damages to the course? He shared information about a waiver he obtained from Stonewolf regarding the cart use policy at that course..

Commissioner Jones noted that the Park District and Board want to have a good relationship with the residents and want to find a middle ground for this situation. Steve will bring policies to the next Board Meeting. No changes to usage will occur until this policy is approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Matt Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Don Harris, and Matt Jones. Also in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Recreational Programming and Security

Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2024 (Pages 680-683)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 684)

- 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 685-699)

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

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 700-718)

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

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **Request to address the Board**
 - a. Request from resident Kenny Jackson to address the Board regarding resident/private golf cart usage at Legacy Golf Course.

This request was addressed during the Rules, Personnel Policy Committee meeting. No further comment was made during the Regular Board Meeting.

B. Request for use of facilities

None

C. Other

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution establishing naming guidelines for parks and park facilities (Pages 719-722).

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution approving an agreement with Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. for the 2024 Fourth of July Fireworks Display (Pages 723-729)

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

IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 730)

The Maintenance Department has recently completed upgrades/repairs to the 4-Diamonds Concession Stand.

X. GARDENS REPORT (Page 731)

XI. RECREATION REPORT (Pages 732-733)

Parade participation has been declining over the years. The Recreation Dept. likes Scenarios #1 and #2 the best. The goal is to make it more family friendly and to include the whole family more. Commissioners noted the importance of keeping traditions alive and ongoing while meeting the changing needs of the community.

XII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 734)

Pool Report (Page 735)

Ice Rink Report (Page 736)

Concessions Report (Page 737)

XIII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 738-739)

XIV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tennis Courts

I was notified on Saturday evening regarding an accident involving the tennis courts' fence. The damage was limited to two sections of chain link and one fence post. The driver looked away to check a message on their phone. We are thankful nobody on the walking path was injured as it was a busy evening in the park. Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone has notified Belleville Fence regarding the necessary repairs.

Legislative Breakfast

On Tuesday, March 11, at 10:00 AM, the Illinois Association of Park Districts will host the annual Legislative Breakfast via Zoom. In addition to elected officials' participation, many agencies from our area will be participating along with us.

Patriots In the Park

The committee held its second meeting last week to discuss the event. In the past, we have offered an essay contest to all the schools in our District, along with the Parochial schools. Over the past several years, participation has dropped dramatically, inspiring the committee to look at new ways to engage school-aged children. We are launching an art contest to design our 5K shirts this year.

This year, our greatest need continues to be sponsorships to cover the costs associated with the fireworks, stage, and entertainment. The United States Air Force has numerous bands that perform, and I have submitted a request for the USAF to be our main stage entertainment. It usually takes several weeks to hear the status of these requests.

Picnic Shelter Sidewalks and Sidewalk Repairs

If the weather permits, Tindall Construction is projecting a start on or before Monday, March 11. We would like to have the sidewalks installed before the start of shelter reservations, which begins April 1.

Great Job

Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone and his team have been doing an outstanding job making repairs to the exterior of the Four Diamond building.

I congratulate Facilities Manager Joey Hall on another successful ice rink season.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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