

**RULES, PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2024 5:00PM**

Chairman of the Rules, Personnel Policy Committee, Commissioner Linda Ames, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Commissioners in attendance were: Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, Matt Jones, Don Harris, and Linda Ames. Employees in attendance were: Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

Ginger Harrison has spoken with Commissioners regarding a “runner” fee for golf carts at an upcoming tournament for the GCHS Girls’ Golf Team. Justin Brinkmeyer has spoken with Steve Finn about the GCHS Golf Team and the amount they were billed this season. This topic will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. The Board would like to waive the \$75 fee for this tournament to allow “runner” cart use.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, “aye.” Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
MONDAY MAY 1, 2024 5:30PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:42PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Don Harris, and Matt Jones. 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 PARK BOARD MEETING  
OF APRIL 24, 2024 (Pages 1-4)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Park Board Meeting of April 24, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 5)**

- 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. OLD BUSINESS**

None

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:43PM.

### **V. REORGANIZATION MEETING OF MAY 1, 2024**

#### **A. Seating and Oath of newly elected Park District Commissioners**

No new commissioners were seated at this meeting.

#### **B. Roll Call to include newly seated commissioners**

Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Linda Ames, Don Harris, Jenna Deyong, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Also in attendance were: Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

#### **C. Formation of New Board**

##### **a. Election of Officers**

##### **i. President**

Commissioner Linda Ames moved to nominate Commissioner Matt Jones for President of the Granite City Park District. Upon call for further nominations for President, there were no further nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second

by Commissioner Jenna DeYong to close nominations for the office of President. Commissioners Linda Ames, Jenna Deyong, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Commissioner Don Harris voted “Nay.” Motion carried. Commissioner Matt Jones was declared to be elected President of the Granite City Park District.

**ii. Vice President**

Commissioner Jenna Deyong moved to nominate Commissioner Craig Sykes for Vice President of the Granite City Park District. Upon call for further nominations for Vice President, there were no further nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames to close nominations for the office of Vice President. All commissioners present voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Motion carried. Commissioner Craig Sykes was declared to be elected Vice President of the Granite City Park District.

**iii. Treasurer**

President Matt Jones appointed Jenna Deyong for Treasurer of the Granite City Park District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames to close nominations for the office of Treasurer. All commissioners present voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Motion carried. Commissioner Jenna Deyong was declared to be elected Treasurer of the Granite City Park District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**iv. Secretary**

President Jones appointed Stephanie Koishor as Secretary of the Park District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion to approve Secretary for the 2024-2025 fiscal year was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Motion carried.

**b. Appointment of Director of Parks and Recreation**

President Jones submitted the name of Justin Brinkmeyer as his appointee for Director of Parks and Recreation of the Granite City Park District for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Motion to approve the appointment of the Director of Parks and Recreation was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Motion carried and Justin Brinkmeyer was appointed as Director of Parks and Recreation for the District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**c. Appointment of Granite City Park District Attorney**

President Jones submitted the name of Ryan Robertson as his appointee for attorney for the District for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Motion to approve the appointment of the attorney for the Granite City Park District was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes,

second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “Aye” on Roll Call. Motion carried and Ryan Robertson was appointed as attorney for the District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**d. Appointment of Committee Chairmen**

President Jones submitted the appointments of the following Commissioners as Committee Chairmen: Jenna Deyong- Finance Committee, Don Harris- Engineering Committee, Craig Sykes- Municipal Relations Committee, and Linda Ames- Rules, Personnel Policies Committee. All commissioners present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Request for Use of Facilities

1. Request from Sister to Sister Outreach to use Centennial and the area around it for a “Juneteenth” on Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM (Page 6)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Health Insurance**

We received notification that our current health insurance plan cost will increase 7.72% if we choose to remain with our current Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois plan. We are briefly discussing some comparable options with our broker to see if we can get better coverage with a different carrier.

**Appropriation Ordinance**

Late last week we received our extension numbers from the county. That was the piece needed to start putting hard budget numbers together.

**Making a Difference**

Yesterday, Mike Bush of News Channel 5 came to speak with Ed Coulson about the exceptional volunteer work that he does for the Granite City Park District. Ed will be highlighted in the coming weeks on a Sunday evening during the 10:00 PM newscast as part of the “Making a Difference” segment. I’ll share with all of you once they notify us of the date

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

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