

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Craig Sykes, Don Harris, Linda Ames, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Jenna DeYong was not in attendance. Employees 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 AND COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 1, 2024 (Pages 7-11)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board and Committee Meeting of May 1, 2024 was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 8 2024 (Page 12)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Committee Meeting of May 8, 2024 was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 13)

- 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

V. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 14-26)

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

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 27-45)

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

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

None

B. Request for use of facilities

- 1. Request from Granite City Braves to hold football practices at Worthen Park (Page 46)

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

- 2. Request from Grace Baptist Church to use Robertson Park for a "Schools Out Party" on Saturday, June 8 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM (Page 47)

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

C. Other

- 1. Thank you letter from Tri Cities Area Association for Handicapped, Inc (Page 48)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution authorizing the hiring of Hughes & Associates for accounting services (Pages 49-55)

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

X. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 56)

XI. GARDENS REPORT (Page 57)

XII. RECREATION REPORT (Page 58)

XIII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 59)

Pool Report (Page 60)

Ice Rink Report (Page 61)

Concessions Report (Page 62)

XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 63-64)

XV. RECOMMENDED NEW HIRES (Pages 65-66)

XVI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Provided)

Patriots In the Park

Today, I met with Output Unlimited to finalize the layout of our stage and grounds. The walk is necessary to finalize the plan for sound. We are hoping to finalize our music for the main stage in the next few days.

Sponsorships are slowly coming. We currently have \$10,752 of our goal of \$60,000. This year, we mailed the most sponsorship letters out ever, which totaled 147. We received our first submission for the 5K shirt design contest today.

Vandalism and Plant Theft

Over the past few weeks, we have had windows busted out at the Four Diamonds concession stand, a sink busted off the wall at the Main men's restroom, and toilets intentionally clogged at the ice rink. Additionally, we have had several plants stolen out of the garden and in the pots by the office. We got the person on camera, but the image quality isn't great. The incidents were reported to the police.

Universal Playground

Last week, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone and I met with Laura Schellenberg of Nutoys onsite to discuss the layout and design of the new playground. Laura discussed various

pieces of equipment in addition to some grade changes that will need to be changed for drainage.

Pool Update

Due to the pool issues, we have temporarily stopped sales of season passes until we can provide a firm opening date to the public. Once the date is identified we will resume sales. Thankfully, pool parties don't begin until the first week of June so we have some buffer time to get the repairs made before private rentals will be impacted.

Worthen Park

Nine dead trees have been identified at Worthen Park. We plan to have them removed in the next couple of weeks.

On another note, the splash pad project is still under review by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The plans have required some minor adjustments, but they continue to have dialogue with Junea Associates regarding the modifications.

Wood Carving

The newest wood carving has been completed near Sykes Field. The feedback has been very positive.

Next Meeting: June 12

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

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