

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Linda Ames, Jenna Deyong, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Don Harris was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance was a member of the community, Dan Klueskins.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 24, 2023 (Pages 67-70)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of May 24, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2023 (Page 71)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of May 24, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 72)

- 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. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of Facilities

1. Request from Granite City Football and Cheer Club to use Worthen Park for the upcoming season (Page 73)

This request is from the Braves organization. Justin has met with them and this request is the same as they have made in the past, and they will complete a special request if they want to do anything different. Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

2. Request from Granite City High School to use Wilson Park on Saturday, September 2, 2023, for the Granite City Cross Country Invitational (Page 74)

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

B. Other Communications

1. Request from Dan Klueskins to address the Board regarding the possible creation of an Alamo Scout Memorial.

Dan Klueskins addressed the Board: He looked online at the criteria for naming a park and did not find the specific procedure on our website, however some cities consider historic events/groups and organizations or significant contributions to the community. He noted that he would never want to change the name "Veterans Parkway." Dan then provided a history of the Alamo Scouts and noted a member from Granite City, Sargent Ellis. He then provided a history of his own story and military background. Dan informed the Board that he would like to install a bronze marker and a bench in the grass near the gazebo facing Madison Ave within Veterans Parkway. He is asking the Board to put the items in place and hold a dedication ceremony; he will secure the funding and purchase the items. The Board informed him they will do more research on the process and can vote on the request at an upcoming meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding annexation of properties.

Justin informed the board that Attorney Ryan Robertson received an ordinance from Juneau from 1998 and they believe we have already annexed the area up for

discussion. However, Justin is not sure the plat numbers listed do not include the area we have been discussing. He has talked with Madison County Maps and Plats, and they will do a search on the area and follow up with Justin. No action was taken at this time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution regarding authorizing the hiring of Hughes & Associates for accounting services relating to the annual audit (Pages 75-81)

Justin noted that we have used this company for about 10 years. Motion to approve the resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pool

Over the past week, we have had repeated instances of the pool pump losing prime. We located a stuck valve in our surge pit last Saturday. The surge pit is an underground pit next to the pool where the water moves in and out to regulate the pump and chemical feeders. It appears that something caused one of the valves to hang up, causing water to flow out but not back in, which goes directly to the pump. We were able to get the valve unstuck and functioning again.

Sunday, the same issue occurred a few different times, but after working with the pump, Facilities Manager, Joey Hall, got the pump primed again. We contacted Capri Pools on Monday to check our valves and all pool mechanics to ensure everything was functioning correctly and we didn't miss something. Capri was unable to detect any issues while on site.

We had the Pump Shop on site to check the pump to see if everything was functioning correctly. Everything they were visibly able to see appeared to be working properly. The only real unlikely possibility is the impeller which they can only check if the pump can be completely dismantled. The impeller was replaced five years ago when the pump was completely rebuilt. They did suggest a few things on the fill pot to seal it completely to keep air from getting in, which Joey has done. We are continuing to monitor the pump operation for any irregularities.

Golf Course

Greenskeeper Chuck Carson and his team have been manually watering the greens due to the failure of both irrigation pumps. We finally received two proposals for the backup irrigation to get it functional again. The earliest we can get someone onsite to make the repair is the end of the month.

We are still awaiting final proposals for the main irrigation pump, which requires total replacement. We hope to have the final numbers for that in the next few days.

Stutz Excavating is planning to complete the cart path repair sometime next week, weather permitting.

Budget

I have been working on our budget over the past few weeks and hope to have a draft sent to you for review in the next few days as the draft will need to be placed on the next agenda.

We have Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, and our policy will automatically renew at the end of this month. We were fortunate only to have a five percent increase in our overall cost of the plan. Our broker recommends staying with our existing plan based on what the industry costs are for similar plans.

Patriots In the Park

Sponsorships are slowly coming in this year. Currently, we have collected \$28,100. Additionally, we still have several significant pledges to come.

Discussed this year's pan(s) and we will discuss potential ideas for the future after the event.

Discussion to move the next meeting to 6/27/23 at 4:00 PM in the Ice Rink Meeting Room. Also discussed scheduling upcoming Committee Meetings and that Heartlands Conservancy is still planning to help us with the upcoming grant cycle.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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