

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Linda Ames, Don Harris, and Matt Jones. Commissioners Jenna DeYong and Craig Sykes were 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 JUNE 26, 2024 (Pages 161-164)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of June 26, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JULY 1, 2024 (Page 165)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Special Board Meeting of July 10, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 166)

- 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 to address the Board

None

B. Request for the use of facilities

1. Request from Teri Bodi to use Centennial Pavilion for a church service on July 20, 2024. (Page 167)

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

2. Request from Holy Family to use baseball fields in Wilson Park for practices and home games (Page 168)

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

C. Other Communications

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patriots In the Park

Feedback for the Patriots In the Park event this year has been overwhelmingly positive. The new layout was a hit, allowing everyone to enjoy the full fireworks display. The food trucks also had a successful evening of sales.

This year's 5K run/walk had nearly 50 participants, while the car show attracted 75 participants, and we had 18 vendors for the vendor fair. Combining both events in the same location turned out to be a good decision as they complemented each other well.

We will be hosting an Appreciation Party for our sponsors on Thursday, July 18, from 7:00-9:00 PM. Please plan to join the party.

Memorial Park

Saturday evening I got a call from the Granite City Police Department. They had been informed about someone causing damage to the park. When they arrived, they found a person throwing plants from the landscaping into the fountain and dismantling the flag pole lights before throwing them in the park. The police arrested the individual and plan to charge them with damaging government property.

Free Walking Program

We have been offering a free walking program at Brown Recreation for many years. However, due to Covid, participation has significantly declined. A small number (less than five) of people still participate in the program regularly. The program takes place Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM. The challenge is our inability to ensure a clear path for walking around the perimeter of the room.

In 2020, we stopped renting the gymnasium because our gymnastics equipment was wearing down from frequent setup and tear down. Our gymnastics program has been growing, requiring more building usage. As a result, it has become increasingly challenging to accommodate the free walking program at Brown Recreation due to the permanent setup of equipment and mats. We are considering moving this program to Lincoln Place three days a week, where we already have an attendant for exercise classes.

Worthen Park Splash Pad

Juneau and Associate received permit approval from the Illinois Department of Public Health today. This was the link needed for the project to go out to bid. They expect to put the project out to bid over the next few weeks.

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

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