

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF PARK  
COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 6:30PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Jones called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Don Harris, Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Linda Ames was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Attorney Ryan Robertson joined the hearing after it began.

No members of the public attended the Hearing and no public comment was made.

With no questions or comments from the public, President Jones called the Hearing to a close at 6:56 PM.

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**I. ROLL CALL**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Don Harris, Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Linda Ames was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Secretary Stephanie Koishor, LGI/Lifeguard Ava Hoppe, and Lifeguard Emilee Franklin. Also in attendance were members of the community Tom Manis, Amy Franklin, Tracy Manis, and Amelia Hoppe.

## **II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023 (Pages 150-152)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

## **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 153)**

- 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. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Request for use of facilities  
None
- B. Other Communications  
None

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding annexation of properties. (Pages 154-156)

An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting. No additional action was taken at this time.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Resolution recognizing the quick actions of Lifeguards Ava Hoppe and Emilee Franklin on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at the Wilson Park Pool (Page 157)

Joey Hall expressed gratitude on behalf of himself and the Park District for Ava and Emilee's actions and quick thinking while using their training and skills during the

situation. President Jones read the Resolution to those gathered and expressed gratitude to both individuals. Don Harris and Justin Brinkmeyer also expressed gratitude and complemented Ava and Emilee.

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

2. Resolution authorizing payment to Stutz Excavating (Page 158)

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.

## **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Patriots In the Park**

Most of the event feedback was positive. The vendor fair was poorly attended by patrons, so if we keep it in the event line up, we plan to possibly place it closer to the car show to hopefully get more visibility and increase participation by making it a single-day event.

We received many compliments on the stage and the addition of food trucks. Eric Smith with GCSD 9 was extremely helpful in ensuring that we had all the access we needed to the grounds and providing two lifts to elevate the American Flag. Next year we hope to have a slightly smaller American Flag to have as the backdrop to the stage.

All of the fireworks didn't meet the height needed to be visible over the tree line on State Street. I have expressed my continued disappointment to Pyrotechnics since we had a number of previous conversations. I'm still awaiting a conversation with our representative to discuss this in greater detail, as we have been playing phone tag.

### **Storm Cleanup**

Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone and his team continue to do an incredible job with storm damage cleanup throughout all of our properties. I think it's fair to say that most of the worst stuff has been cleaned up. However, crews are continuing to get limbs and brush between cutting grass.

### **Legacy**

We plan to seed the area where the cart path was previously. In addition, as previously discussed, we plan some additional trees in that area of the course. I have been moving slowly on planting new trees due to the lack of rain and heat, but after a conversation with the nursery, we can add Gator Bags to keep them from drying out. I want to see the trees in person before making a purchase, so I'm planning to visit the nursery sometime over the two weeks.

Additionally, the main irrigation pump is still in need of being rebuilt. We are waiting for one additional proposal before proceeding with the rebuild.

**Security**

We currently have two new cameras for the entrance area of the pool on order which Utilitra plans to install once they arrive.

On Tuesday, July 11, it was discovered the scoreboard at Sykes had been broken into for the second time this summer.

**Chainsaw Class**

We had an opportunity to send two of our maintenance team members to a tree training event put on by Heartlands Conservancy and taught by representatives from the Illinois Arborist Association. Both individuals that attended said the class was extremely beneficial, and they learned some great tips on cutting, pruning, and how to better maintain equipment for tree cutting.

**Summer Recreation**

Friday, July 14, is this summer's final day of camp.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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