

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2022 7:00PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President ones 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, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, Attorney Ryan Robertson, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, 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 JULY 12, 2023**

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Public Hearing of July 12, 2023, as presented was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of July 12, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 163)**

- 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. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 164-179)**

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

#### **V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 180-199)**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

#### **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the addition of an Alamo Scout Memorial located near Veterans Parkway and Madison Ave.

Justin Brinkmeyer has conducted research as requested by the Board of Commissioners. He noted that the policies and procedures we establish in this situation will set the precedent moving forward. Justin recommended that Mr. Klueskins collaborate with a local veterans' organization to obtain a letter of endorsement for the proposed memorial project. Commissioners present discussed agreement with this proposed recommendation. Mr. Klueskins noted his understanding and agreement with the request. No further action was taken at this time.

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 520 APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024 AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE (Pages 200-216)

Motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

2. **ORDINANCE 521 PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL TERRITORIES TO THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 3-10, ARTICLE 3 OF THE PARK DISTRICT CODE, AS AMENDED (Pages 217-233)**

Motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Pages 234-235)**

The Park District will be filing an insurance claim for tree damage to Shelter 4 and the Lohman Concession Stand in relation to the recent storms.

**X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 236)**

**XI. POOL REPORT (Page 237)**

The pool is wrapping up the fourth session of swim lessons next week. All party slots have been fully booked at this time.

**XII. ICE RINK REPORT (Page 238)**

The boards will be cleaned next month.

**XIII. CONCESSIONS REPORT (Page 239)**

**XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Page 240)**

Steve was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he is at Legacy. Justin Brinkmeyer reported the golf course is hosting the PGA Jr. awards tonight. Legacy will host the PGA Jr. Golf Regionals next week and expect to have 120 teams participating. There will be food trucks at the event. July sales have nearly doubled from July of last year. The Park District plans to begin repairs on the main irrigation pump on August 7. The high school golf season also begins on August 7.

## **XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Fireworks**

I discussed with Pyrotechnico the lack of viewable fireworks from the main seating area. Sometime over the next few weeks, they plan to send out one of the show designers to see exactly what needs to happen to correct this problem fully. They may shoot off a few fireworks of different sizes to see exactly what will fix the problem. Although it was better this year than last, I was assured the height can and will be corrected if the opportunity is granted to them.

### **Storm Damage**

Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone and his crew have worked tirelessly to keep up with damage sustained from the storms over the last three weeks. We had damage throughout all of our properties. Wilson Park and Veterans Parkway had the most tree damage. In addition to the storm damage, ball field preparation and grass cutting continues.

### **St. Louis Cardinals Kids Clinic**

The St. Louis Cardinals will host their final Kids Clinic session of 2023 at Wilson Park on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The clinic runs from 8am-12:30pm. For the third year in a row we are completely sold out. The guest speaker this year is Ryan Helsley.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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