

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Don Harris, Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Jenna DeYong and Matt Jones. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, Gardens Supervisor Freda Bolling, Attorney Eric Robertson, and acting Secretary/Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman. Also in attendance was a member of the community, Jason Smith.

II. MINUTES OF THE RULES, PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2023.

A. Motion to approve the minutes from the rules, personnel and policy meeting of August 9, 2023 as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2023

A. Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners presented voted "aye". Motion carried.

IV. 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

V. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 253-267)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners presented voted “aye”. Motion carried.

VI. TREASURER’S REPORT (Pages 268-286)

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of facilities

1. Request from Granite City High School to use Wilson Park for Cross Country meets on Tuesday, October 3 and Saturday, October 28, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

2. Request from St. Elizabeth School to use Diamond #2 for the designated dates and times for baseball practices and games. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes to approve the usage, second by Commissioner Jenna DeYong. All Commissioners present voted “aye”. Motion Carried.

B. Other Communications

1. Resident Jason Smith was present to address the Board regarding tournaments at the Legacy Golf Course. Mr. Smith explained that 2023 marked the 12th annual GCHS Warrior Hockey Club tournament at the Legacy. Over the years he had been asked to move it to other courses but remained loyal to Legacy because of the club’s connection to the Park District (Ice Rink). He raised concerns regarding new rules and fees for fundraiser tournaments at the Legacy Golf Course (i.e. No Saturday tournaments, ice/beverage cart fees, score keeper fee), as these fundraisers help keep activities for the youth in our community/programs. His hope with this presentation is to find middle ground for all parties to promote successful fundraisers and the continued growth of the golf course.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A resolution authorizing the City of Granite City to apply for a Metro East Parks and Recreation District, Park and Trail Grant to Civic Park Improvements. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second made by

Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. Maintenance Report (Page 295)

XI. Recreation Report (Page 296)

XII. Pool Report (Page 297)

XIII. Ice Rink Report (Page 298)

XIV. Concessions Report (Page 299)

XV. Golf Course Report (Page 300)

XVI. Directors Report

Insurance Claim

You may have noticed the tables were removed from Shelter #4 while we await storm damage repairs to be made due to the hole in the roof. All reservations were moved to a different shelter in the park.

Audit

The 2022/23 Audit process began on Tuesday as the auditors have been onsite obtaining documents and information. The Audit will be wrapped up and filed with the County by the end of the calendar year.

Brown Recreation

On Monday, the air conditioner could not keep the temperature close to the set range. We have had issues off and on this season. We had the units checked by two contractors. Problems were identified on both main units that control the gymnasium, causing the building not to cool, so parts have been ordered. We are hopeful the work will be completed on Friday. In the meantime, all Gymnastics classes have been canceled due to the temperature in the building. Fortunately, preschool has its smaller unit, so they haven't been impacted by these issues, as the first day of preschool was Tuesday.

Both main units are over 15 years old, so full replacement is recommended. This project has been added to our bond project list.

Water Line

On Monday, park staff located an underground water leak near the main concession stand. Those restrooms had to be closed for a few days. Our maintenance team completed the fix, but that repair caused another small leak that will be repaired before the hole is filled.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2023

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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