

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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 and Matt Jones. Commissioner Jenna DeYong was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Eric Robertson, and acting Secretary Megan Dittman.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 26, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of July 26, 2023, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. 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)

None

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

None

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of facilities

1. Request from Holy Family to use baseball fields. This request was made by Athletic Director Shelby Myatt to use baseball and softball fields at Wilson Park for their 2023 season. Game dates have been provided to the Park and fields will be marked accordingly. The field prep fee is not listed, but they will be charged our cost for field prep. 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.

2. Request from the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor (GMCF of Labor), AFL-CIO to utilize the areas encompassing 29th Street in Wilson Park for the Labor Day Parade was made by Vice President of GMCF of Labor Mike Fultz. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

1. Letter from the City of Granite City regarding MEPRD grant funds to make upgrades and improvements was presented. Justin discussed details of the letter with the board and reassured them that should this grant be awarded; it would not interfere with us being awarded dollars in the next cycle. He also explained his plans to talk in-depth with MEPRD to determine the parameters of the funding since the City is leasing from the Park District. Motion was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes to allow for the continuance of these conversations. A second was made by Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Storm Damage

Last week I met with our insurance adjuster to discuss the areas of noticeable storm damage throughout the district. While onsite, he was able to check all our park facility locations for hail damage since it was heavier in different areas of the city. In addition to the tree damage we had throughout, the roof of Shelter #4 was heavily

damaged by falling tree limbs. The loss report should be available in the next couple of weeks to determine what we will be reimbursed for.

Cardinals Camp

The Saint Louis Cardinals Kids Camp was a huge success for the third year in a row. This event was a sellout, with nearly 150 children participating. All in attendance had a great time, and we heard a lot of positive feedback from parents. We are hopeful we will be chosen again for the 2024 season.

Halloween Festival

On Tuesday evening, we met with all of the organizations that participated in the festival last year. Josh Anderson is once again helping spearhead this great event. All organization participants were given priority for hosting a pavilion this year, and it appears all of them want to return this year. The feedback was all positive.

This year the festival will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Last year we went until 9:00 PM and realized it was unnecessary to go that late as most families came earlier in the evening.

Youth Baseball

Tonight is the final championship game for the Atom division. This game will be the close of the baseball season.

Disc Golf

Recreation Supervisor RP Phelps is working with a company to complete our signage for the disc golf course. The company will be onsite sometime in the next few weeks to walk the course to help us determine what we need.

Legacy

Today we hosted the National Junior PGA Championship Allstars. The Legacy staff did an exceptional job having the course and clubhouse in great shape for this event. In addition, a few food trucks were onsite.

The main irrigation pump was removed on Monday by the Pump Shop and taken for a complete rebuild. They hope to have the pump reinstalled in the next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2023

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

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