

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Don Harris, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Jenna DeYong was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were: Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance were members of the public: Scott Fick, Jeremiah Goltz, Kevin Simb, and Jim Hawkins.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2023 (Pages 3011-304)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of August 23, 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 305)

- 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

1. Request from Restoration Church in conjunction with United to Revive Ministries to use Centennial Pavilion October 5 through October 7 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM (Pages 306-307)

Jeremiah Goltz spoke to provide the Board additional information about the event. This event has been successfully held in surrounding communities in the past and the organizers are looking forward to a positive event.

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.

- B. Other Communications
None

V. OLD BUSINESS
None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution approving the submission of the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant application and certification and acknowledgement of grant requirements (Pages 308-309)

The Park District qualifies as a distressed community, so there is no funding match requirement for this grant. A playground project will be the primary focus of this grant application. The Park District has a potential to receive \$600,000 from this grant if we receive the full funding request.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Wood Carvings

In the coming days, more wood carvings will begin to take shape, to a few more of the carvable stumps in Wilson Park. We have donors for two of the more extensive carvings. We plan to have a few smaller stumps for him to carve some sports-themed items.

Later this fall, we will rent equipment to remove many of the uncarvable stumps due to the wood being too soft.

Commissioner Harris noted that the Park District has tree turnover approximately every four to five years, so we need to be sure to budget and plan for this. It might be a good idea to get staff trained on stump removal and use of equipment.

Playground Equipment

We anticipate having the new playground equipment before the end of the year, but we are hopeful it will be here sometime this fall. The estimated time upon ordering was four to six months. The equipment was ordered in May once we received our notice to proceed from the County.

We have several replacement parts that were ordered for the Wilson Park playground that have yet to arrive, so some pieces were temporarily removed.

Fireworks

Pyrotecnico advised they plan to have their show designer onsite sometime during the last week of September to determine what changes should be made for 2024. We want to ensure visibility throughout the show in the main seating area.

Commissioner Harris noted there were multiple issues with community members shooting off their own fireworks during PIP. He suggested posting signs leading up to and during the event to inform individuals that fireworks are not allowed in the park. Commissioner Jones noted that we could also include this information on our social media post(s) about the event.

Food Trucks

The City is posting food truck parking-only signs next week on 29th Street by Wilson Park, on Amos near Stearns Park, and on Parkview near Worthen Park.

Legacy Golf Course

Questions about proposed policy changes have been brought up by community members. Topics in question include: fundraisers, rates, and golf cart use. Jim Hawkins has been speaking with Justin Brinkmeyer about the proposed changes to the golf cart use policy. He wants to collaborate with the Board and Park District to provide possible solutions and assist with communication of policies. Commissioner Jones would like to hold a Policies Committee meeting prior to the next Regular Board Meeting on September 27. All commissioners in attendance agreed with this suggestion. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss fundraising tournaments. Discussions on rate changes and golf cart use will be conducted at a later date.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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