

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 7:00PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the regular 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. Also in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, Attorney Eric Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2022 (Pages 364-369)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the regular board meeting of October 26, 2022, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 370)

A. Finance Committee- Jenna Deyong, Chairman

No report.

B. Engineering Committee- Don Harris, Chairman

No report.

C. Municipal Relations Committee- Craig Sykes, Chairman

No report.

D. Rules, Personnel Policies Committee- Linda Ames, Chairman

No report.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of facilities

None

B. Other Communications

1. Thank you letter for Friends of the Library for use of the ice rink for the 2022 book sale (Page 371)

The donation made covered the cost of the table rental for the event.

2. A letter from HeartLands Conservancy regarding an Urban Forest Management Plan (Pages 372-373)

The City of Granite City is also working with HeartLands on this project. Justin has submitted a letter of support on behalf of the Park District.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding annexations.

This item was tabled until the regular meeting scheduled for November 22, 2022.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding a splash pad.

President Jones and Justin Brinkmeyer met with Mayor Parkinson and Paula Hubbard regarding the splash pad project. The City is working on a draft for the intergovernmental committee. We hope to have a draft ready to review at the regular meeting scheduled for November 22, 2022. At this time, it is proposed to draft two RFPs. One will be for the splash pad and fencing and the other will be for the volleyball court and parking lot.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. A Resolution approving an agreement with Bigfoot Landscaping Company for an erosion control project at legacy golf course (Pages 374-375)

Motion to approve the agreement, as presented, was made by Commissioner Braig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

2. An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$184,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2022, for the purpose of providing the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of the Park District and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Royal Banks of Granite City (Pages 376-397)

The Ordinance was presented by President Matt Jones. President Jones read the Ordinance by title. No additional questions or discussion was presented at this time. Motion to approve the Ordinance, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

3. Notice of proposed property tax increase for the Granite City Park District (Page 398)

Motion to approve the notice of proposed property tax increase, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Granite City Park District "Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report" for the year ending April 30, 2022 (Pages 399-446)

Justin Brinkmeyer informed the Board that the Park District received additional funding via Replacement Tax compared to an average fiscal year. No additional questions or discussions were presented at this time. A motion to approve the draft of the "Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report," as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

5. A resolution approving an agreement with Golf Now to provide tee time marketing and technology services for the purpose of marketing, promotion and selling tee times (Pages 438-446)

Justin Brinkmeyer explained that the Park District currently uses this software at Legacy Golf Course and the current three-year contract is coming to an end. To continue use of the software, the Golf Course will need an upgraded internet connection at the clubhouse. Per the agreement, the Park District will incur this cost upfront and Golf Now will reimburse the District. Hardware devices used at Legacy will also be upgraded upon acceptance of the new contract.

With no additional questions or discussion, a motion to approve the agreement, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Halloween Festival

Our first Halloween Festival was a great success. Special thanks to Josh Anderson for all of his help in making this event come to fruition. Positive feedback was received from those in attendance. We have already started discussing things we can add to the event next year.

Memorial Park Fountain

I have been in conversation with Hydrodramatics regarding excessive water bills. Upon further investigation, they noticed a piece of equipment was not working correctly. The equipment was repaired, and the fountain has been winterized for the season.

Garden Water Feature

On Tuesday, November 1, we had a mandatory meeting with the contractors that picked up packets to bid on the project. Out of the three contractors that picked up, two attended the meeting and intend to submit a plan for the project.

Patriots in the Park

The Patriots in the Park committee began meeting in September to plan for the 2023 event. The committee agrees that the stage for the 2023 show should be moved to provide better viewing of the display. In addition to the 5K, car show, and softball tournament, we are making plans to add a vendor fair with food options on Saturday and possibly Sunday.

I have been in contact with Pyrotechnica, our fireworks vendor. We may see an increase of upwards of \$2,000 this year if freight costs aren't down by January of 2023.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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