

GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2022 7:00 PM

AGENDA

ITEM:

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the regular meeting to order at 6:59 pm. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Don Harris, Jenna Deyong, and Matt Jones. Also in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Golf Course Supervisor Brian Stitch, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 (Pages 309-312)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the regular board meeting of September 28, 2022, as presented was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All Commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 313)

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 c=Committee- Linda Ames, Chairman

No report.

IV. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 314-326)

Motion to approve the finance report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "aye."
Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 327-345)

Motion to approve the treasurer's report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request for use of facilities

1. Request from the Girl Scouts to hold a Candy Cane hunt in Wilson Park on Sunday, November 27, 2022 (Page 346)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

2. Request from Janesia McDonald to use Lincoln Place Community Center on Sunday, November 13, 2022 for a young men's mentorship program (Page 347)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

B. Other Communications

1. Letter from Mayor Parkinson to inform the Park District that the City of Granite City is initiating planning studies to be conducted by its consultant, to determine the feasibility of amending the Redevelopment Project in a study area of the community (Pages 348-350)

2. A RESOLUTION CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A REGULAR BIENNIAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTION IN THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON APRIL 4, 2023 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE (1) PARK COMMISSIONER FOR A FULL SIX YEAR TERM, AND DIRECTING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATING PAPERS RELATIVE TO SUCH ELECTION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO EXERCISE HER AUTHORITY AND OFFICE AS THE ELECTION AUTHORITY FOR SAID ELECTION (Pages 351-353)

Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

3. WAIVER OF RIGHT TO CONDUCT IN-PERSON ABSENTEE BALLOTING FOR THE APRIL 4, 2023 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION AND REQUEST THAT SAME BE CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS THE ELECTION AUTHORITY (Page 354)

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Jenna Deyong. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

4. NOTICE OF CHANGE IN BOUNDARIES (Page 355)

The notice outlines no changes in current boundaries. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

5. NOTICE RELATIVE TO PETITIONS FOR NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR PARK COMMISSIONER OF THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT (Page 356)

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

6. Resolution approving general and local bond counsel for General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2022 (Page 357)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a splash pad(s).

President Jones and Parks Director Brinkmeyer will be having another meeting with City representatives soon to further discuss the project. Commissioners discussed a possible location for the splash pad and feel that Worthen Park will be the best location for the project. All commissioners agree on planning one larger splash pad, instead of multiple, smaller splash pads. Commissioners asked Attorney Robertson for an update on the Intergovernmental Committee. He informed commissioners that the agreement will be signed upon decision of specific details such as location, cost, and maintenance plans. He will remain in contact with the City's attorney to develop and finalize this agreement.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 358)

X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 359)

R.P. and Megan are looking into the formation of a middle school volleyball program.

XI. POOL REPORT (Page 360)

New deck chairs have been purchased for next year.

XII. ICE RINK REPORT (Page 361)

The Ice Rink opened for the season last weekend. The ice surface has no brown spots to start the year.

XII. CONCESSIONS REPORT (Page 362)

XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Page 363)

The Golf Course will host the annual Chili Open in the coming weeks. This will be the last tournament of the year.

XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vandalism

We have had significant vandalism over the last few weeks, particularly in Wilson Park. At the Main building partitions between the bathroom stalls have been knocked down and the soap/paper towel dispensers have been ripped from the walls. This destruction is in addition to the wooden railing around the gazebo being kicked out and most recently, three burglaries into our pool concession stand building. The first time the individuals pried the window open to gain access inside. The two most recent occurrences were Sunday (October 23) and Monday (October 25) of this week, where the windows were shattered to gain entry. We have security surveillance videos of the last two incidents, which were provided to the officers that came to take reports.

Tree Fire at Legacy

I was notified of an active tree fire at the golf course on Friday evening. The Granite City Fire Department extinguished the fire. Roughly one hour later, I received another call from the Fire Department shift commander telling me the tree was on fire again inside the hollowed-out area. They felt the only way to get the fire fully extinguished would be to cut the tree down due to the high winds and extremely dry ground conditions. They contacted the Street Department to cut the tree down. We are appreciative of the City getting the tree cut down. The Park crew cleaned and hauled away the tree debris Monday morning.

We are also getting a second rip-wrap proposal for Legacy.

Cameras

Utilitra has started the installation of our cameras throughout the Park. They hope to get them installed as they come in as many of them have been on backorder due to supply chain issues. By the end of this week, they plan to have the camera in the garden near the gazebo installed and possibly the Rink lot.

Garden Water Feature

RFP's for the garden water feature were available beginning last week. As expected, three contractors have picked up. We have a pre-bid meeting scheduled for November 1 at the prospective site of the new water feature for the contractors to get any questions answered before bids are returned.

Annexation

Attorney Ryan Robertson has contacted Joe Juneau regarding the neighborhood near Maryville Road and Buenger. That neighborhood falls within the city limits, but they weren't previously annexed into the Park District. Attorney Robertson has additional information regarding these residencies being annexed into the Park District.

There are ninety (90) acres of property that fall within the identified area. Since the area in question is less than 120 acres and falls within City limits, we can continue to work with Mr. Juneau to survey this area and proceed with annexation without a referendum.

Wilson Park Halloween Festival

Saturday, October 29

4:00-9:00 PM

Neideringhaus

President Jones and I attended a meeting with the City and the School District to discuss the Neideringhaus School building. At this time, the School District owns the building and property and is exploring options for the location moving forward. We will continue to remain in contact with the City and the School District regarding this location.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Jenna Deyong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

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