

**GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 7:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**ITEM:**

I. ROLL CALL

President Jones called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 (Pages 267-270)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the regular board meeting of September 14, 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 271)

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. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 272-283)

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

#### V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 284-302)

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

#### VI. COMMUNICATIONS

##### A. Requests for use of facilities

None

##### B. Other Communications

None

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

Since the last meeting, President Jones has met with Mayor Parkinson and Paula Hubbard regarding the board's discussion of a splash pad. President Jones summarized that the City is willing to pay for the splash pad project, including a sand volleyball court with upkeep of the project for the first year or two. The City would like to execute this project via an Inter-governmental Committee.

Discussion among commissioners included the following topics and questions: Can the Park District sustain the project after the city ceases to financially support (financially and with man power)? Justin Brinkmeyer noted that ongoing costs of operation will include winterization, painting, cleaning, security/staffing. Commissioners also noted the need for appropriate restroom facilities at the determined location.

Motion to enter into an Inter-governmental Agreement with the city of Granite City regarding the development of a splash pad and sand volleyball court was made by

Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners in attendance voted "aye." Motion carried.

Attorney Ryan Robertson, Justin Brinkmeyer, and President Matt Jones will coordinate with the City to draft an agreement and will present it at an upcoming meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 303)

X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 304)

Megan Dittman and RP Phelps discussed a potential Halloween softball tournament as well as a potential Turkey Trot 5k/Candy Cane Parade associated 5k.

XI. POOL REPORT (Page 305)

XII. ICE RINK REPORT (Page 306)

Ice rink staff play to begin laying ice next week, weather permitting. Opening day is scheduled for October 22.

XIII. CONCESSIONS REPORT (Page 307)

XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Page 308)

A discussion was had regarding the flooring in the clubhouse. This space is multi-use and is utilized often. The Park District is still accepting applications for a Golf Pro.

XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Disc Golf**

The St. Louis Disc Golf Association recommends making a few minor adjustments to our course to make things safer around some high-traffic areas. This is why they recommended waiting to install the tee boxes. They plan to meet with us in the next couple of weeks to share the course modifications on-site. These adjustments were noted after they played the course several times this summer.

## **Legacy**

We are waiting for another proposal to be returned for the riprap project near hole #7.

Today, we met with a couple of residents near hole #6 to discuss the problem they have had this summer with golf balls due to the tee box adjustments made to assist with the issues the resident on Country Place Lane was having. We are continuing to discuss possible solutions to remedy this problem for residents on both sides of the course.

## **Patriots In the Park**

The committee has met twice over the past two months to begin the planning for 2023. We have decided to pursue moving the main stage area onto State Street near the band practice field. We plan to offer an exclusive stage sponsorship that would help cover the rental for a portable stage. These stages are properly equipped to handle the large racks needed to hold the speakers. This would free up funds that we typically use to rent the large lifts to hold the speakers. The efficiency of the entire setup would be a bit more streamlined since the need to cover five tractor trailers with plywood, carpet and the addition of railing will be eliminated. It is important to note this plan will still need approval from GCSD #9 for the usage of the grounds and the City of Granite City for the required street closure.

The committee continues to discuss potential events throughout the holiday weekend.

Justin Brinkmeyer met with Emily Gavilsky regarding a universal playground. Emily wants to move forward with the project when possible. Billie's Kids plans to provide \$10,000 as an initial investment. Justin will share additional details as we move forward. At this time, grants have been applied for, but we have not received any. Some grants that would be available are reimbursement grants, which require the Park District to have full funding up front, then the grant would reimburse costs upon project completion. Justin noted that issuing bonds or expanding the Park District are potential avenues to raise the capital required for these types of grants. Attorney Robertson will provide the board with options on expanding the district. It has been discussed to start with residents who live within the City, but are not yet part of the District.

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

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