

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 5:30PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Craig Sykes, Don Harris, Linda Ames, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Jenna DeYong was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Attorney Eric Robertson, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2024 (Pages 347-348)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachment of the Regular Board Meeting of October 9, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2024 (Page 349)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachment of the Local Government Efficiency Committee of August 28, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye." Motion carried.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 350)**

- 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

\*Next Committee Meeting will be held November 13, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

## **V. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 351-363)**

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye." Motion carried.

## **VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 364-382)**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye." Motion carried.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Request to address the Board  
None

B. Request for use of facilities  
None

C. Other  
None

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 24-20 accomplishing compliance with The Truth-In-Taxation Act for the tax year 2024. (Pages 383-385)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. By roll call, all Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye." Motion carried.

2. Ordinance 528 making a tax levy for the Granite City Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 2, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025. (Pages 386-399)

Motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. By roll call, all Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye."  
Motion carried.

3. Resolution 24-21 approving the Park District to enter an agreement with Waldbart and Sons to plant 25 trees throughout the Park District (Pages 400-401)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. By roll call, all Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye."  
Motion carried.

4. Resolution 24-22 approving the Park District to enter an agreement with Clarity Ponds to install a second water feature (phase two) in Wilson Park (Pages 402-403)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. By roll call, all Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye."  
Motion carried.

5. An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$875,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2024, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving, and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing 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 the purchaser thereof.

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. By roll call, all Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye."  
Motion carried.

**X. MAINTENANCE REPORT (Page 406)**

**XI. GARDENS REPORT (Page 404)**

**XII. RECREATION REPORT (Page 405)**

**XIII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 407)**

Pool Report (Page 408)

The pool has been winterized and will be pressure tested prior to the start of the season to address the new leak.

#### Ice Rink Report (Page 409)

The Zamboni was on the ice today and things went well. The Rink will open Saturday and public sessions will be pushed by 1 week due to weather and ice conditions. The GCHS Hockey Club has been in contact with Joey Hall regarding the purchase of speakers near the student seating section of the bleachers.

#### Concessions Report (Page 410)

### **XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 411-412)**

### **XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Worthen Park**

On Tuesday, October 15th President Jones and I attended a meeting with Mayor Parkinson and his team to discuss the Splash Pad project. After much discussion it appears the project will be presented to the City Council for acceptance of the base bid at their first meeting in November.

#### **Neighborhood Park Update**

The replacement of the Robertson Park playground is scheduled to begin before the end of October. A new slide has been installed at Dave Williams Triangle Park, and the maintenance team plans to install the new basketball hoops at Loman Park over the next few weeks. An additional piece of playground equipment has been ordered for Tri City Park. Fall protection is being added at playgrounds throughout the District.

#### **Civic Rec**

We had our first of many training sessions for our registration software on Monday, October 21st. We will have remote training sessions weekly through the middle of December. If all the back-end work continues as scheduled, we will roll out online booking and registration by the end of January 2025, just in time for the start of our spring and summer programs.

#### **Tennis & Pickleball Court Project**

Since this project was initially proposed over a year ago pricing has increased dramatically. The proposed project will demolish the current tennis courts, pickleball courts, and fencing. The ground will be regraded before the new surface installation. The current lighting will be kept; however, the poles will be painted.

If everything runs as scheduled with our funding, it is possible this project could begin in November, at which time we may call a special meeting to approve the agreement with All Weather Courts.

We use Equalis Group, a cooperative purchasing organization that provides contracts competitively solicited by public agencies. Like many other cooperative

purchasing organizations, this allows us to proceed without going through the formal bidding process since the company we are using already meets the required standards through Equalis Group.

### **Wood Carvings**

Brian Willis has completed our newest carving. Like most of our carvings, this was paid for by a donation. The Master's Voice Choir was donated as a memorial to a member who lost his fight with cancer, Ritch Alexander.

You may notice some cracks in the softball player carving. Due to the intricacies of the carving, cracking isn't uncommon. The cracks will be repaired and sealed before winter.

### **Joint Review Board**

The annual JRB meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22nd, at The Mill Events Center. Due to a TIF Surplus in the Route 203 TIF all taxing bodies were provided surplus payments. The Park District received a surplus check for \$50,689.86

### **Universal Playground**

We would like to propose holding a committee meeting to share the existing layout and plan for our Universal Playground project. Our representative from NuToys will present the plan and answer any questions.

### **Halloween Festival**

On Saturday, October 26th, we will host our Annual Halloween Festival from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. This year, 16 different businesses, churches, and organizations are participating. The forecast looks good, so we are expecting a big crowd. We have asked all participants to have enough candy for 3,000 children.

There will be a Rules, Personnel Policy Committee meeting on November 13 at 4:30PM.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

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