

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 5:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Don Harris, Jenna DeYong Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Commissioner Linda Ames was not in attendance. Employees 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, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Member of the public, Randy Christy, was also in attendance.

I. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2025 (Pages 724-727)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 728)

- 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

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

- 1. Randy Christy of GC Tribe Baseball & Softball Club (Page 729)

Mr. Christy spoke on behalf of the GC Tribe requesting the use of Worthen for more than one year. He is nervous each year about being told the group must find a new location. He also noted that some coaches would be willing to volunteer with field maintenance and similar tasks without Bradley Boone being around this season, if needed. The construction at Worthen Park should not impact the use of the facilities this year.

B. Request for the use of facilities

1. Request from GCSD 9 for the usage of baseball fields in Wilson Park for July, August, and September (Page 730)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

2. Request from the Granite City Lutheran Churches to hold Easter Sunrise Service at the Wilson Park Ice Rink (Page 731)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

C. Other

1. MEPRD FY 2025 Park and Trail Grant- Notice to Proceed (Page 732)
2. Letter from Juneau Associates, Inc., regarding a meeting to discuss proposed improvements to Madison Avenue from 23rd Street to 29th Street (Page 733)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ice Rink

On Friday, February 7th Facilities Manager Joey Hall contacted Ameren after smelling natural gas in the lobby of the ice rink. Ameren’s inspection revealed a gas leak coming from one of the furnaces that heat the Warming Room. ameren shut the gas off on the furnaces until they could be checked by a technician.

We notified Barnhart Heating and Cooling and they were able to be onsite within thirty minutes. After checking all the units, it was determined that two of them had cracked heat exchangers. The furnaces required replacement due to the age and inability to get parts for the units. Since it was determined that replacements were needed and because the cost of the units fell under the bid threshold, we proceeded with ordering replacement units. Installation of the replacement units should be completed tomorrow.

Water Feature (Phase two)

As part of our 2024 PEP Grant, Clarity Ponds completed the second phase of the garden water feature project yesterday.

GC Alumni Association

Due to the scheduled upgrades of the GCHS Baseball Field, the recent Bullpen installed by the GC Alumni Association will be removed. The association proposed the idea of moving it to Diamond #1. After some discussion we will work with them and some of their volunteers to make this happen. This will be a nice enhancement to the diamond.

PEP Grant 2025

We were notified that 2025 will be a significant one-time increase as they clear a surplus of funds this grant cycle. The district will receive \$218,759 this year. This will be helpful since we will use a significant amount to complete drainage and fencing repairs around the site of the new Universal Playground in Wilson Park which will be installed late this summer/early fall. I will present additional project options at our next meeting.

Maintenance Superintendent Posting

The job posting for the Maintenance Superintendent went live last week. Thus far there have been three resumes received.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

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