

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 5:30PM**

ROLL CALL

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Linda Ames, Don Harris, Jenna DeYong, Craig Sykes, and Matt Jones. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, Maintenance Supervisor Bradley Boone, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance was Director of Arts, Entertainment, and Tourism for Granite City, Brenda Whitaker.

I. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2024 (Pages 338-340)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of August 28, 2024, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners in attendance voted, "aye." Motion carried.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 341)

- 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. City of Granite City- Director of Arts, Entertainment and Tourism, Brenda Whitaker to discuss possible upgrades to Civic Park.

The City would like to build a new stage with updated electrical in Civic Park. This would allow for electricity on the stage without the need for extension cords. The project would likely start after January 1, 2025. The Board would like to see a mock-up of the project proposal prior to voting on the project.

B. Request for the use of facilities
None

C. Other Communications
None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 24-18 authorizing Utilitra to supply and install an additional pole mount security camera in Wilson Park (Pages 342-344)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes, All Commissioners in attendance voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Worthen Park

The bid opening for the Worthen Park project has been rescheduled to the end of September. This change was necessary because several subcontractors would have been unable to bid on the project due to another large bid opening on the same day. The rescheduling will give everyone enough time to prepare and ensure a good response from bidders.

Office Door & Window

We are still four weeks away from the delivery of our new window and door.

Recreation Software

Our order with Civic Rec was completed last week. I’m meeting with them next week to set up the timeline and training for our project.

Carving Update

The ball player carving has developed some significant cracks, which are not uncommon due to its intricacies. The person who donated the funds for this project will cover the cost of having the cracks filled and properly sealed to ensure the longevity of this unique carving. This work will be completed soon before the weather changes for the season.

Resident Meeting Requested

Two residents requested a meeting with me to discuss adding another brick memorial program in Wilson Park.

Tax Levy

I'm currently working on our Tax Levy.

Audit

Hughes, Cameron and Company auditors were on-site for two days last week to gather information for our 2023/23 audit. They are likely to finish the entire audit by the end of October, and we are required to file it with the County Clerk by the end of the year.

Legacy Irrigation Pump

This morning, Grounds Superintendent Chuck Carson informed me about a significant leak in our irrigation pressure tank. Although we replaced both irrigation pumps last year, the pressure tank remains original. We contacted the Pump Shop, and they were able to come on-site today to reroute the water, allowing us to continue irrigating for the rest of the season. We must have proper irrigation since the greens are scheduled for aeration tomorrow.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

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