

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON APRIL 11, 2023 AT THE GENESEO
COMMUNITY CENTER, 541 EAST NORTH STREET GENESEO, ILLINOIS AT THE HOUR**

OF 6:30 P.M. The meeting was held pursuant to the notice posted in the office of the Park District. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners were physically present at said location: Doug Bodeen, Julia McAvoy, Nate Vorac, Christina Zobrist and Bethany Winkleman. Also present were Andy Thurman, Executive Director; Paula Verbeck, Superintendent of Finance and Administration; Scott Himmelman, Superintendent of Facilities; Andrew Sigwalt, Superintendent of Recreation and Jodie Olson, Administrative Assistant. President Bodeen acted as Chairman of the meeting and Commissioner McAvoy acted as Secretary. President Bodeen announced that a quorum was present, and the meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with its business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Zobrist, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 14, 2023 were approved as follows:

Winkleman – Yes, Zobrist – Yes, McAvoy – Yes; Vorac – Yes, Bodeen – Yes

DISBURSEMENT REPORT: The disbursement report was presented to the Board. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner McAvoy and seconded by Commissioner Vorac, the disbursement report was approved as follows:

Winkleman – Yes, Zobrist – Yes, McAvoy – Yes; Vorac – Yes, Bodeen – Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Verbeck presented the March 2023 Treasurer's report to the Board. After a discussion, Commissioner Zobrist made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winkleman and approved as follows:

Winkleman – Yes, Zobrist – Yes, McAvoy – Yes; Vorac – Yes, Bodeen – Yes

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Executive Director: Mr. Thurman has been updating the IT Security Response Plan provided by PDRMA. This document is another requirement of the new Cyber Liability Coverage that we need to update to continue coverage with PDRMA. They have provided new training videos for all staff that use computers to complete. This will be added to our annual training for all staff. Staff met with Tom Hudson, from Steve's Nursery, to review and approve a plan for landscaping around the new playground. We will include stones and trees on the west side of the playground to help provide a barrier between the playground and parking. The surfacing of the playground has been installed and PDRMA will inspect the playground on April 24th. After passing inspection, a grand opening will be scheduled. Staff are currently reviewing contracts for Growth, RecTrac online hosting, Central Theater, options for Silver Sneakers, Incode payroll options, the new Government Efficacy Committee and a Lewis and Clark Circus at the Athletic Field in August as a fundraiser for the Park District Foundation. On March 20th, we hosted the Legislative Breakfast. This program is initiated by IAPD and the Joint Legislative Committee. The goal of the breakfast is to have state legislators meet with parks, recreation and forest preserve staff and commissioners to better understand the needs of the professionals in the field. We have also been in contact with our Legislators regarding a bill that would increase lifeguard wages only to \$22.50 per hour. Staff have computed the expenses, and this would increase our Indoor Pool budget by \$30,000 and the Aquatic Center by \$65,000 for lifeguard wages alone.

Superintendent of Recreation: The Park District teamed up with Central Bank and the Geneseo Police Department to offer a Scam/Fraud Seminar to the public. The Bank was able to present how to handle and identify these situations from their side and how to protect your banking accounts. The police department presented how to report the information and how they can respond to situations. There was a Sr. Dance on March 12th which brought in 38 participants. The Mom/Son Dance was held on March 17th. A total of 103 participants came out to enjoy the evening with their little guys and friends. Spring Break Camp had a total of 18

campers for a week of games, activities and special events. The campers were able to enjoy the Free Swims on Mon and Wed, the Inflatables on Tues and Thurs and the Free Movie at Central Theater on Thursday. The Free Swims had 90 participants on Monday and 80 participants on Wednesday. The Inflatables had about 80 participants both Tuesday and Thursday. The Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Athletic Field on April 2nd. The weather was a bit cool and windy, but a total of 136 participants came out to enjoy the event and get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Inflatables were offered on April 10 due to schools being out on Easter Monday. The next Adult Cooking class will be April 13th on Veggie and Herbs. There was no Senior Dance in April due to Easter Weekend. Pitch Hit & Run will be held on April 23rd at Bollen Field.

Superintendent of Finance and Administration: None.

Superintendent of Facilities: The lights at Anderson Park have been replaced with a frosted globe and a timer added to allow staff run times vs on a dawn to dusk photo eye. A tree limb fell on a portion of the fence at Anderson Park. It was determined the tree was mostly rotten and was completely removed. A new fence panel and hardware have been ordered. Preventative maintenance was performed on the Central Theater digital projection system on April 5th. The zero-turn lawn mower and push mower have been serviced for the mowing season. The water has been turned back on for the season at the Aquatic Center, Anderson Park and Athletic Field bathrooms. The sidewalk poster frame at the Theater has been removed until Central Bank repairs the leaking from the sidewalk overhang which drips directly on the poster. The assisted chin/dip machine has been repaired. Mr. Himmelman will be attending a PDRMA playground safety inspection course on April 28th. Mr. Himmelman shared the Central Theater monthly report with the Board.

Commissioners: Commissioner McAvoy stated she received a request to show the movie Air at Central Theater. Commissioner Zobrist stated she attended the Doggy Easter Egg Hunt at

the Athletic Field and it was very fun.

Citizen Input: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.


NEW BUSINESS:

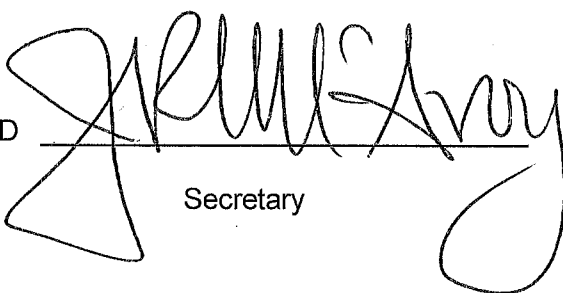
Geneseo Youth Basketball Rental Fee: Staff have been discussing the Youth Basketball program for the last few months with several individuals who are creating a Geneseo Youth Basketball organization (GYB). They have presented their situation to us. They would like to take over the basketball program at all levels and include travel basketball as well. The main program change would be the 4th – 6th Grade League. The program would have Recreational Leagues in the fall for both boys and girls and then K – 1st Grade, 2nd – 3rd Grade and Travel Basketball January through March. This proposal would have the whole program be run through this group of individuals. We discussed still trying to hold our program, but also weighed the benefits of another organization running this program. We also reviewed our net revenue when determining a rental price. It seems that this group would be moving forward either way and meeting the needs of the travel programs and have the backing of a core group similar to Geneseo Youth Baseball, Soccer and Football. While it is not ideal to give up recreational programs, we do understand how these programs have changed over the years. We have also struggled with staffing, volunteers and minimum wage while running these programs. We originally offered this group the ability to be the volunteers, establish schedules, teams and run the program while still keeping it a Park District program. They were not interested in this model and preferred to be able to run it through their newly formed organization. We believe the group will have an easier time with parent volunteers and a volunteer board running the program while eliminating the staffing, payroll, independent contractor referees, registrations, and background checks among the areas we would give up. We believe this organization will continue this program with the skills and enthusiasm that the Park District has for the last fifteen plus years.

This will also free up full-time staff to concentrate on other areas and establish new programming. Staff have established a rental fee that is less than the regular fee but would cover our budget for this youth program. We budgeted for \$2,100 net for all youth basketball and will be charging \$3,000 for the program. This breakdown would be \$18 per hour for the gym. We would still offer time for our members in the evening, similar to our current schedule. After a discussion, Commissioner Zobrist made a motion to approve the rental fee for Geneseo Youth Basketball. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vorac and approved as follows:

Winkleman – Yes, Zobrist – Yes, McAvoy – Yes; Vorac – Yes, Bodeen – Yes

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board and upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Zobrist the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M.


President

APPROVED 
Secretary