MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 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 January 10, 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 Zobrist and seconded by Commissioner McAvoy, the disbursement report was approved as follows:

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs. Verbeck presented the January 2023 Treasurer's report to the Board. After a discussion, Commissioner Vorac 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:** At the beginning of January, Mr. Thurman attended a Run, Hide, Fight program. This program is designed to give you tools to keep you safe during an active shooter situation. The program was held at Geneseo Middle School and hosted by representatives from Louisiana State University. There were individuals from the Geneseo Police Department, School District, City, Hospital and other local law enforcement agencies. Mr. Thurman plans to provide a training during our regular PDRMA training on active shootings. Mr. Thurman met with Above the Barre Dance Studio to discuss providing rental space at the Poolside Room for their dance program this fall. They explained the flooring system they would use in the Poolside Room and how it would work, they plan on purchasing a floor that matches the room and can be removed once they are done for the season. We have provided a draft contract and are awaiting any changes prior to the next meeting. Mr. Thurman and Mr. Himmelman meet with Growth to begin discussing their lease. The Board will be apprised of all ongoing discussion regarding the new lease. Mr. Thurman attended a virtual round table hosted by the IT Committee through IPRA. The group is continuing to provide updates to cybersecurity training and PDRMA attends these webinars. This month the IPRA Board met for a special board meeting on January 13th and Mr. Thurman oversaw the IPRA Workplace Task Force that met on January 24th. Mr. Thurman attended several sessions at the IPRA/IAPD Conference from January 25th through January 28th. As a member of the IPRA Board and now Chair Elect he had several responsibilities throughout the Conference outside of the sessions he attended. The Park District will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast in March. Invitations have been mailed to Legislators and park professionals within our region. Staff have dealt with several police incidents in January and will be working on continuing with our behavior management policy regarding suspensions and removing kids from the Community Center if necessary.

**Superintendent of Recreation:** The Daddy Daughter Dance went very well on February 10<sup>th</sup> with over 200 people signed up for the event. The free Senior Dance on February 12<sup>th</sup> went well also. Mr. Sigwalt will be attending the Geneseo High School Job Fair on February 17<sup>th</sup>,

promoting our current Summer positions available and volunteer opportunities. We will also bring our photobooth for people to take pictures (#workwhereyouplay). Upcoming free programs include a HHH Seminar/Luncheon on February 16<sup>th</sup> and a Middle School basketball night on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Park District will be partnering with Central Bank and the Geneseo Police Department to put on a free Fraud & ID Theft Seminar on March 9<sup>th</sup>, a light lunch will be provided. An Adult Pickleball Clinic will be provided by Pickleball Professional Jeffrey van der Eems with PiQCkleball & More on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The clinic is set up in two sessions for beginners and advanced players. Mr. Sigwalt presented the 2022 Fall and Annual Recreation Reports to the Board.

**Superintendent of Finance and Administration:** Mrs. Verbeck stated the auditors finished their on-site fieldwork on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent of Facilities: Four failing concrete areas at the Growth Daycare parking lot have been repaired. The drop off/no parking shaded area will be painted as the weather allows. The Growth window replacement and interior trim project is complete. We are experiencing a roof leak in the cardio weight room near a skylight that has been repaired twice and still leaking. Economy Roofing will be out for a 3<sup>rd</sup> visit and has recommended staff re-caulk all four skylights in the Spring. Quarterly preventative maintenance on the cardio/weight equipment is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>. Three failing indoor pool butterfly valves have been replaced. The Community Center & Growth Daycare annual fire alarm inspection took place in February. The 50lb and 55lb dumbbells have been replaced. A failing men's indoor pool bench has been replaced. The failing toilet seats in the cardio/weight room bathrooms have been replaced. Mr. Himmelman shared the January Central Theater report with the Board along with an annual usage comparison report.

**Commissioners:** Commissioners Winkleman and McAvoy shared feedback about the changes made to the Volleyball Leagues this year. Commission Bodeen suggested the carpet in the

stretching room be replaced. Commissioner Zobrist shared positive feedback about the Poolside Room being a great place for rentals at a reasonable price and suggested a broom and dustpan be kept in the closet of the room for patron use. Mrs. Winkleman shared positive feedback about the Activity Room for rentals and the STEM program.

**Citizen Input:** Mr. Thurman shared a thank you note from the Boy Scouts for our donation to their fundraiser.

Citizen Input on ADA Compliance: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

IPRA Environmental Report Card for Parks and Recreation Agencies: Mr. Himmelman prepared the self-evaluation tool. After all questions were answered and points totaled, the Park District earned a score of 61% which means our agency is doing a good job and certainly more than most public agencies. Questions that received a no answer, will be reviewed and strategies will be developed to address these areas. After a discussion and upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner McAvoy, the IPRA Environmental Report Card was approved as follows:

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

Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual Section 3.07 Financial Assistance: The Geneseo Park District Foundation supports our financial assistance program and over the past couple years we have been very fortunate to receive additional support for this initiative from the Geneseo Foundation. In 2022 we worked with both the Geneseo School District and the Geneseo Food Pantry to promote the program. The support from the Geneseo Foundation was used to offset the recipient's portion and most recipients ended up paying nothing. While this seemed great in the beginning, we quickly became aware of recipients not utilizing the benefits of their memberships while depleting the funds available for those that would use them. The

recommended changes to the financial assistance policy are based on what we have found from our own personal experiences with the program over the years, researching what other park districts offer and knowing the support available from the Geneseo Park District Foundation. After a discussion and upon a motion made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Winkleman, revisions to Section 3.07 Financial Assistance were 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 6:56 P.M.

President

APPROVED

Secretary