

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT THE PARTY ROOM OF 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 Paula Verbeck, Superintendent of Finance and Administration; Scott Himmelman, Superintendent of Facilities; Andrew Sigwalt, Superintendent of Recreation and Jodie Olson, Administrative Assistant. Citizens in attendance were none. President Bodeen acted as Chairman of the meeting and Commissioner Winkleman 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** President Bodeen announced that the first agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell not to exceed \$925,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (the "*Bonds*") (i) 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 District, (ii) to provide the revenue source for the payment of the District's outstanding debt certificates, and (iii) for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto. The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: 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 District, (ii) to provide the revenue source for the payment of the District's outstanding debt certificates, and (iii) for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Whereupon the President asked for

additional comments from the Park Commissioners. Additional comments were made by the following: None. Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*: None. Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following: None. The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Park Commissioner Vorac moved and Park Commissioner Zobrist seconded the motion that the Hearing be adjourned. After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion. Upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners voted AYE: Vorac; Zobrist; McAvoy; Winkleman and Bodeen. The following Park Commissioners voted NAY: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was adjourned.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Zobrist, the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 12, 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 September 2023 Treasurer's report to the Board. After a discussion and upon a motion duly made by Commissioner McAvoy and seconded by Commissioner Vorac, the Treasurer's Report was approved as follows:

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Fees and Charges Schedule:** The proposed fees and charges schedule for 2024 was

presented to the Board. After a discussion, a motion to approve the 2024 Fees and Charges Schedule was made by Commissioner McAvoy, seconded by Commissioner Vorac and approved as follows:

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

Commissioner Winkleman left the meeting at this time.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**Executive Director:** Mr. Thurman had initial conversations with three different architect firms to acquire Master Plan quotes. The proposal requested will take the information that we obtained in our in-house plan last year and develop the drawings to accompany those plans. The priorities of this plan are the Community Center and Athletic Field. The secondary conversations will be the Farm Property and Anderson Park and finally very limited input on the Aquatic Center due to the age of the facility. This plan may require a Board/Staff discussion and a staff discussion. This will all be determined by the architect we choose and staff. We are hopeful that we can develop a design plan moving forward to make updates to the facilities. The Park District worked with the Gray Matters Collective to host an event on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Our contribution was to allow usage at the Athletic Field for several hours that evening. This organization works with area high schools to “Change the world with mental health advocacy and suicide prevention”. This was a great program and had about 150 attendees. Mr. Thurman attended several IPRA Meetings that resulted in a staffing change. The association will be searching for a new Executive Director over the next several months. Mr. Thurman attended a “Rails to Trails” meeting at the Central School House Inn on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The trail is the American Discovery Trail that will run from Washington D.C. to the Pacific Ocean in Washington State. The group is looking for local input and support. There may be a way that we can support a grant for this project in the future that would not take away from Park District funding but work to make the trail accessible to town. Mr. Thurman had several conversations with a technology company

regarding moving our services to their managed services program. After upgrading several of our components and going to the cloud with others, the cost was not appropriate at this time. This will always be on our radar moving forward.

**Superintendent of Recreation:** Senior Dances were held on September 10<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon of September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Park District and members of the Geneseo Pickleball group hosted a youth pickleball tournament for kids in grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. A Quilt Show was hosted in the main gym on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The September HHH Lunch / Seminar was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> and the topic was Cardiovascular Health. Flag Football was played under the lights on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Athletic Field. There was a Free Swim in the Indoor Pool on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The next HHH Lunch / Seminar will be October 12<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be The Importance of Sleep. Mr. Sigwalt shared the Summer 2023 recreation report and 2023 Aquatic Center report with the Board.

**Superintendent of Finance and Administration:** None.

**Superintendent of Facilities:** Staff reviews accident/incident reports at monthly safety meetings. Staff compile these reports quarterly to track trends to determine preventive measures and avoid future occurrences. 3rd Quarter accidents/incidents: Gym = 3; Gymnastics = 4, Day Camp = 2, Aquatic Center Deck = 2, Activity Pool = 1, Indoor Pool Locker Room = 2; Dunk Tank = 1; Parking Lot = 1, Pool Lounge = 1; Playground = 1; Athletic Field Parking Lot = 1; Lap Pool = 1. The Community Center annual roof inspection found some minor preventative maintenance needed. The oldest section of roof is the main gym which was installed in 2002 should expect another 4/5 years before replacing. Aquatic Center Features (splash pad, drop slide, climbing wall etc.) have been cleaned and waxed to improve longevity. The filters have been degreased and demineralized for the season. Failing grout on fence posts have been regouted. Splash pad self-closing gate hinges & latch have been replaced. The failing depth marker signage has been replaced and the showers have been repainted in both bath houses. The walls in the free weight room and sauna room have been repainted. The failing main gym

clock has been replaced. Preventative maintenance has been performed on cardio & strength equipment. New bushings were installed on the leg extension/curl. Mr. Himmelman shared the Central Theater monthly reports with the Board.

**Commissioners:** Commissioner McAvoy shared comments received that the new playground at the Athletic Field is amazing for youth football and flag football and suggested providing more lighting over the playground than what is currently in place.

**Citizen Input:** A thank you letter from Hammond Henry Hospital Foundation for a donation to their annual golf outing and a thank you letter from Chris and Larry Ward for their years of service bonus were shared with the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

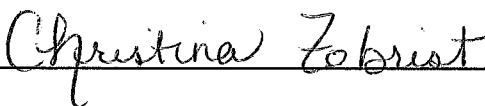
**IAPD Credentials Certificate:** The Board appointed Executive Director, Andy Thurman, to serve as delegate at the IAPD Annual Business Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

**IAPD/IPRA Conference:** The IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago January 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Board members were asked to check their schedules and let Mr. Thurman know the dates they were able to attend by the end of October.

**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 6:59 P.M.



President

APPROVED 

Secretary