

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE  
OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT THE GENESEO  
COMMUNITY CENTER, 541 EAST NORTH STREET GENESEO, ILLINOIS AT THE HOUR**

**OF 7:00 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 7:09 pm and upon the roll being called, the following Committee members were physically present at said location: Doug Bodeen, Christina Zobrist, Julia McAvoy, Nate Vorac, Andy Thurman, Marty Golby and Valerie Shoemaker. Bethany Winkleman was absent from the meeting. Others in Attendance were: Jodie Olson, Administrative Assistant. Citizens in attendance were none. Mr. Thurman acted as Chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Olson acted as Secretary.

Mr. Thurman explained The State of Illinois passed Public Act 102-1088, also known as the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act that requires units of local government that levy any tax, including park districts, to form a committee to study local efficiencies. The duties of the Committee are to study the governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State of Illinois.

**PROCEDURES TO ACCESS ORDINANCES, RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

**Online Document Site:** Mr. Thurman stated we have given each member of the committee access to a document site where they will be able to access park district ordinances, rules, policies, and procedures. Mr. Thurman shared instructions on how to login and use the document site. Mr. Thurman requested committee members review these documents at their convenience and bring any questions or comments to the next committee meeting for discussion.

**Park District Website:** Mr. Thurman discussed documents available on the Park District website and explained documents the Community has access to.

**EFFICIENCY REPORT REQUIREMENTS:** Mr. Thurman explained the committee is required to collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to prepare a written report that includes recommendations with respect to increased accountability and efficiency. This written report will then be provided to the administrative office of the county board in Henry County no later than eighteen months after the formation of the committee. Mr. Thurman stated a sample report will be sent to the committee for review.

**PARK DISTRICT AGREEMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS:** The Geneseo Park District understands that with the demand for greater services and fewer resources, no one can do it alone. The Park District seeks opportunities to act collaboratively, leverage resources, meet challenges and address the needs of our community. Through partnerships, sponsorships, volunteers, and intergovernmental agreements the Geneseo Park District has been able to expand services and offer greater opportunities for our community to access and enjoy recreation. We realize that recreation is critical to the physical, emotional, and mental side of a person's development and partnerships are a powerful way to get things done. Mr. Thurman shared a list of partnerships and intergovernmental agreements that the Park District has or has had in the past with the Committee. Mr. Thurman explained the Park District is a member of the following agencies: PDRMA – pooled risk management and health insurance; NRPA – National Park and Recreation Association; IPRA – Illinois Park and Recreation Association; IAPD – Illinois Association of Park Districts.

**PARK DISTRICT BENEFITS AND SERVICES:**

**Use of volunteers.** Mr. Thurman explained one way in which the Park District reduces the burden on taxpayers is through the use of volunteers. Last year, 50 individuals volunteered 430 hours of service to the Park District.

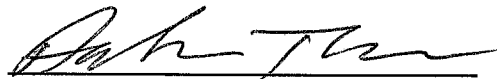
**Youth employment.** Mr. Thurman stated The Park District is a major employer of youth in the community. Last year, the Park District employed 54 youth. Not only is this an efficient way to

deliver services, but youth employment serves as a valuable training tool for the future workforce.

**ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE:** Mr. Thurman set the next meeting date as February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. At the second meeting, the committee will discuss any questions/concerns from review of documents on the document site. Discuss any opportunities for increased transparency. Discuss any opportunities for other governmental and intergovernmental agreements. Discuss opportunities for savings such as Energy Efficiency Projects. Update the tentative report as necessary. Establish the next meeting date. At the final meeting, the committee will discuss any questions/concerns from review of documents and tentative report, and finalize and approve said report.

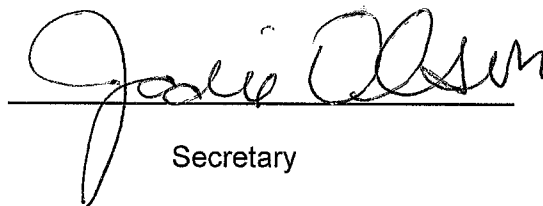
**CITIZEN INPUT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the committee and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Vorac and seconded by Mrs. Zobrist the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.



Chairman

APPROVED



Secretary