

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON APRIL 9, 2024 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, Bethany Winkleman, Nate Vorac and Christina Zobrist. Also present were Andy Thurman, Executive Director; Paula Verbeck, Superintendent of Finance and Administration; Andrew Sigwalt, Superintendent of Recreation and Jodie Olson, Administrative Assistant. Citizens in attendance were: Jane Verplaetse. 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.

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 12, 2024 were approved as follows:

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Verbeck presented the 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:

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Executive Director: On March 13th Mr. Thurman attended a meeting coordinated by Todd Sieben on behalf of the Friends of the Hennepin Canal to discuss an alternative route to access the Canal Path from Geneseo. Others in attendance were Brandon Maeglin, City of Geneseo, Chad VanDeWoestyne, City of Geneseo and Zack Sullivan, Geneseo Chamber of Commerce. The discussion was centered around discussions that Todd has had with State Officials regarding access to the Canal and grant opportunities. Our role would be to be supportive and informed in this process. Streamline Architects came to Geneseo on March 26th to meet with staff to discuss the needs and priorities of existing facilities. Discussion centered around: the higher priorities based on the staff generated Strategic Plan last year; program needs; fixed assets and useful life of several larger mechanical needs of the district. Streamline will follow-up regarding next steps. On March 7th there was an incident in the gymnasium with a fight involving a male middle school student and a female high school student. The police were called, and follow-up happened with both families, they have both been suspended. The cameras throughout the facility assisted with this process and made it convenient to corroborate stories and provide the police department with the info they needed. The Park District will host the Northwest Illinois Association of Parks & Recreation on April 19th for a tour, lunch and presentation by Suzi Wirtz the new IPRA Executive Director. Mr. Thurman attended the IPRA Board Meeting on March 7th at the Cary Park District, which was his first meeting as the Chair. This was a joint meeting with Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation. Suzi Wirtz did an orientation for all Board Members and then held their regular Board Meeting. Mr. Thurman's next IPRA Board Meeting will be in Springfield on May 8th. This meeting is in conjunction with the IAPD Legislative Reception and Conference. Mr. Thurman is currently working on scheduling meetings with our local Representatives while in Springfield. Staff are working on the "Discovery Club" which is the after-school program that would incorporate several grants and fun programming opportunities for elementary and middle school students. Mr. Thurman stated Above the Barre will no longer be offering dance classes at the Park District and staff are

looking into other options.

Superintendent of Recreation: The annual Mom & Son Dance was held at the Community Center on March 15th from 6 – 7:30 pm. A total of 100 participants were registered for this event. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt had a great turnout on a cold and dreary day at the Athletic Field. Approximately 230 children came out to participate. Spring Break Camp saw it's highest number in program history. Campers enjoyed a variety of arts/crafts, two days of swimming, bounce house and inflatables in the gym, roller-skating, time at the Athletic Field playground, and movies at Central Theater. 21 participants signed up for the entire week. Between 2 – 8 participants signed up for the individual days. The Senior Dance had 36 participants for March. The Park District provides different areas of opportunities of inclusion for individuals with disabilities. These opportunities range from participation in programs, educational opportunities and assisting with cleaning around the facilities. The Life Skills class from the High School has come and used the kitchen to teach cooking classes to the students. The Life Skills class has brought students over to assist with daily tasks around the facility, such as sweeping, dusting, and cleaning windows. The INSPIRE organization will bring their clients over to participate in BINGO on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. They also utilize the gym during the winter months to play games and get some exercise. This summer the John & Carla Aquatic Center will be hosting a "Special Needs" swim day. This will be a designated time specifically for individuals with disabilities to come enjoy the Aquatic Center in a calm and controlled environment. Swim Lessons are also available throughout the year in the Indoor Pool for anyone with disabilities. Summer Day Camp program registration opened on April 1st. The Preschool Soccer program began on April 7th. The first two weeks are practices, followed by three weeks of games. The NEW Theater program began on April 1st. Bravos group (7-9) has 16 participants. Encore group (10-11) has 9 participants. The program will conclude with a performance on May 11th at Central Theater. The Youth Golf Clinic will be held on April 14th. Currently 8 participants are enrolled. The Park District will host a Pitch Hit and Run event on

April 21st.

Superintendent of Finance and Administration: Mrs. Verbeck stated our Accreditation Mentor has been assigned and we have given him our prepared files to review. We will go through the accreditation review later this summer.

Superintendent of Facilities: IDPH conducted an indoor pool inspection in March with no remediations needed. Staff has applied for our annual state license renewal required each year for both pools. We have also submitted a permit to IDPH to make the switch from calcium hypochlorite chlorine to liquid chlorine. Work has begun in the aquatic center filter building for the season by replacing the activity pool manual main drain butterfly valve, lap pool check valve and repairing an air leak in the lap pool filter system. Quarterly preventative maintenance was performed on the cardio & strength equipment in March. A magnetic timer has been installed on the Athletic Field bathroom doors. This will allow the doors to automatically unlock and lock. The bathrooms will open to the public on April 15th. Preventative maintenance was performed on the Theater projection & sound system on March 25th. Construction on the garage in the back North parking lot has begun. The two failing activity room interior doors have been repaired. A new sidewalk movie poster display has been installed at the Theater now that the roof leak has been repaired. Painting the Theater store front will begin soon. Staff has begun Spring cleaning at Anderson Park. Central Theater monthly budget reports were presented. Ghostbusters will begin showing on April 12th.

Commissioners: Commissioner Vorac stated his daughter is attending the new Theater class and she loves the instructor, Tom Akers. Commissioner Bodeen inquired about additional security cameras and new stretch mats.

Citizen Input: Mr. Thurman shared thank you cards received from the Seth Ernst Memorial Soccer Slam and the IAPD/IPRA Joint Legislative Committee. Jane Verplaetse spoke to the Board as an advocate for additional lap swimming times at the Aquatic Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Respect Award Recipient: Four nominees for the 1st Quarter 2024 Respect Award were presented to the Board. After a discussion, Gloria Hartsock was chosen as the 1st Quarter Respect Award recipient.

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 6:52 P.M.



President

APPROVED



Secretary