

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON MAY 14, 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, Julia McAvoy and Christina Zobrist. 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. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Zobrist, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 9, 2024 were approved as follows:

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Verbeck presented the Treasurer's report to the Board. After a discussion, Commissioner McAvoy 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 – Yes

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Executive Director: On April 2nd Mr. Thurman attended the Early Childhood Education Committee Meeting at the Geneseo School District Unit Office. The group discussed how to provide services by partnering and communicating on opening spaces. The School District has created a community flyer to show the preschool offerings in the Community. One major hurdle in all these discussions is the transportation of half day preschoolers. There are also less available teachers to help open up classrooms. The School District seems to be one or two classrooms short of providing enough space but have met the needs of all of the students that qualify at this time for ladders. There is funding from ISBE and the "PFA" or Preschool For All campaigns throughout the state. The next steps will be to review the upcoming audit of the schools preschool programs by the state. It does not seem that the Board is interested in childcare facilities as part of the School District at this time. Mr. Thurman was invited to present at STRIVE through Rotary at the High School on April 16th. This presentation consisted of his journey into Parks and Recreation and how higher education can contribute to the benefits of your future career. The STRIVE program encourages students to increase their GPA over their senior year to possibly receive a scholarship to Blackhawk College. The goal of the STRIVE program is to motivate, guide and reward high school students who have struggled academically and have the greatest opportunity for academic improvement. On April 19th, we hosted about 30 individuals from the Northwest Illinois Association of Parks and Recreation. We toured the Community Center, Aquatic Center and Theater as well as lunch. Suzi Wirtz, IPRA Executive Director attended and gave the program on the benefits of IPRA as well as educational, volunteer and networking opportunities the organization provides. Individuals attended from Sterling, Freeport, Genoa, Belvidere, Moline, Sandwich, Annawan, Coloma (Rock Falls), Rock Island County Forest Preserve and IPRA. On April 26th, Mr. Thurman and Mr. Forst met with our new representative from Advanced Business Systems. ABS has assisted us with our IT needs for years and while we continue to manage updates and changes in cyber security

it was nice to have them out and review our systems and back-up. Mr. Sigwalt and Mr. Thurman had a phone conversation with a staff member from the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation to assist with some summer staff training. This organization is one of the SRAs or Special Recreation Associations in the Chicagoland area that have a pool of Park Districts that they work with. They will provide about an hour of training to help our staff learn how to de-escalate maladaptive behaviors. Mr. Thurman shared a list of staff celebrating their 5 year anniversary with the Park District. Mr. Thurman will be discussing our summer activities on the Geneseo Radio show on May 17th at 7:30 am.

Superintendent of Recreation: Mr. Sigwalt attended an IPRA Diversity Equity and Inclusion training in Bolingbrook IL on April 26th. The training provided educational topics that touched on programs and facilities and how we need to better understand that all participants need to be included within our organization and community. The Park District Theater program has been running very well with new instructor Tom Akers. The program concluded with a final performance at Central Theater on May 11th. The Park District hosted the annual Pitch Hit and Run event at Bollen Field on April 21st. There was a very small turnout for the event. We are looking at collaborating with the Jr. Leafs and youth baseball/softball program to see if we can work out a better day during their season to host the event to increase participation. The Geneseo Pickleball group helped host a youth pickleball tournament on April 24th up at Richmond Hill. This was a ½ of school, so it was a great opportunity to give the kids an opportunity to do something fun during the afternoon. The Summer Day Camp program opened registration on April 1st. There are currently over 90 participants signed up at this point between the 5 day, Pick-3, and individual week sessions. The Splash Pad opened to the public on May 13th. Public hours are 10am – 7pm daily. The Aquatic Center is scheduled to open on May 25th (weather permitting). Day Camp will begin Wednesday June 5th. Mr. Sigwalt stated we have a lot of returning staff for the Aquatic Center and Day Camp, our retention of staff continues to

grow and Staff credit that to the great job Mr. Hines is doing at the Aquatic Center and Ms. Zvonik is doing with Day Camp.

Superintendent of Finance and Administration: Mrs. Verbeck stated she is working with Mr. Hines to expand/improve the Employee Wellness program. Several scholarships for memberships have been given over the last few months.

Superintendent of Facilities: The annual fire alarm system preventative maintenance & testing was performed at the Aquatic Center & Growth Daycare. Staff is working on preparing the Aquatic Center for the season. The lap pool has been filled and systems turned on. Preventative maintenance has been performed on both roof top units, two valves have been replaced in the filter room, the deep well sump pumps have been balanced and the heating elements replaced for poolside and concession stand hot water. Lockers have been installed for the lifeguard staff. We are currently waiting for approval from IDPH to make the change from Calcium Hypochlorite to liquid chlorine at all three pools. Back flow preventers have been re-certified at the Aquatic Center and Athletic Field. Water has been turned on at the Athletic Field along with the football field irrigation system and Anderson Park. The Athletic Field turf has treated for weed and feed in the entire park. In the past the football field has been the only area treated. Electrical has been bored for the garage and electricity is being installed. Staff will continue to install insulation and interior sheeting along with stairs to the attic storage and sealing the concrete floor. The community gardens have been prepped for the season. Staff has been working on preparing Anderson Park; mulching, weeding, and adding flowers. Central Theater monthly budget reports were presented to the board. Upcoming movie options include Unsung Hero, IF, Planet of the Apes and Garfield.

Commissioners: Commissioner Vorac stated his daughter attended the new Theater class and she loved it. All the kids had a lot of fun and the theater had a full house for the performance on May 11th.

Citizen Input: Mr. Thurman shared a thank you card and certificate of partnership received

from the GHS Life Skills program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Staff have been working with the Quilt Guild to be able to rent the gym for their one quilt show every two years. This show is how they cover all their presenters, rental fees, and donations to area organizations. We do not have any programs that this interferes with but do have to shut down the gym and Activity Room for this rental. Staff are proposing a rate of \$1,250 based on the days requested and our relationship with other long-time renters. After a discussion, Commissioner Winkleman made a motion to approve the rental rate of \$1,250. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vorac and approved as follows:

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

Adjourn to Annual Meeting: 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 regular meeting was adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Election of Officers: After a discussion, Commissioner McAvoy made a motion to elect Commissioner Bodeen as President. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zobrist and approved as follows:

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

Commissioner Winkleman made a motion to elect Commissioner Vorac as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAvoy and approved as follows:

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

After a discussion, a motion by Commissioner Vorac, seconded by Commissioner Winkleman, to appoint Mr. Thurman as Director; Mrs. Verbeck as Treasurer; Commissioner Zobrist as Secretary; Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, Dicianni & Krafthefer, PC and Nash Nash Bean & Ford, LLP as Counsel; Mr. Thurman as FOIA Officer and Mrs. Olson as FOIA Officer Alternate was approved as follows:

McAvoy – Yes; Zobrist – Yes, Vorac – Yes, Bodeen – Yes; Winkleman – 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 6:48 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Bodeen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

President

APPROVED 

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Zobrist". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Secretary