

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024 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. Upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners were physically present at said location: Doug Bodeen, Julia McAvoy, Bethany Winkleman and Nate Vorac. 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 called for a motion to appoint a Secretary pro-tem in Commission Zobrist's absence. Commissioner Winkleman made a motion to appoint Commissioner Vorac Secretary, the motion was seconded by Commissioner McAvoy. President Bodeen acted as Chairman of the meeting and Commissioner Vorac 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 Winkleman, the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 8, 2024 were approved as follows:

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented to the Board. After a discussion, Commissioner Vorac made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAvoy and approved as follows:

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Executive Director: Mr. Thurman and Mr. Sigwalt attended the NRPA Conference in Atlanta, from October 7th to 10th. They attended several sessions and the exhibit hall. The Community Center dealt with several shutoffs of water to our facility and Growth. Staff worked with the City to facilitate a meeting with Growth during this time to communicate and resolve some issues that had come up with their shutdowns. Mr. Thurman attended a United Way Impact Funding Meeting in Moline. The United Way gives out \$1.5 million in funding to programs that include Youth Opportunity & Education, Financial Security & Workforce and Healthy Community. During the presentation they mentioned this year the funding would only be provided to those serving Scott County Iowa and Rock Island County Illinois. Mr. Thurman and Mr. Sigwalt attended the NWIAPR Meeting in Princeton. They toured the Princeton Metro Center and networked with Sterling, Byron, Genoa, Coloma and Princeton Park Districts. The Mayor of Princeton was the guest speaker. Mr. Thurman attended the Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation Meeting on October 18th and worked with the IPRA Board on the Executive Director's performance evaluation. Mr. Thurman attended an IPRA Board Meeting in Oak Brook on November 7th after the Legal Symposium where they reviewed and approved the IPRA Budget. He also attended a Joint Legislative Council meeting in Oak Brook the evening prior, this includes representatives from both IPRA and IAPD to discuss upcoming legislation forums relative to our associations in 2025.

Superintendent of Recreation: The Park District's new Discovery Club program began in September. The first month had 16 participants signed up for the elementary age group which met on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 6pm. October had 21 signed up, and November is at 23 for the elementary age group. The middle school age group did not have anyone signed up, so it was cancelled again for the months of October and November. The Geneseo Theatre

Program's final performance was held on October 26th at the High School Auditorium. The performance went extremely well thanks to the lighting and sound effects assisted by Larry Lord. The Middle School Flag Football program had 15 participants come out and play with us for the afternoon. Teams were divided onsite, and games were played at the Athletic Field. The Henry County Sheriff's Office presented a Free Active Shooter Response Training to the community on October 17th. The class is designed to empower participants with the knowledge and confidence to protect themselves and others in emergency situations. The Sheriff's Office also presented a training for Park District Staff earlier in the day for those who were able to attend. The Park District held its first Roller Skate event of the season on October 26th. This was our annual Spooktacular Skate funded by the Park District Foundation. Admission was free to everyone. Skate rentals and concessions were available for a small fee. GYB began their rental practices on October 14th in the main gym. They had partnered with us to take the older basketball leagues under their program and rent the gym for practice space. The Park District K-1st basketball program began November 2nd and will run on Saturday mornings through mid-December. The Park District held the Babysitting Certification Course on November 3rd. Nine participants were registered for that one-day course. There was no school on November 5th due to Election Day. The Park District held a Free Swim in the Indoor Pool from 1 – 3 pm sponsored by the Park District Foundation. There were approximately 50 swimmers who came out to enjoy the Free Swim. The Annual Turkey Trot was held on November 10th at the Athletic Field. A Sr. Dance was held on November 10th in the Activity Room. Jeffrey from Quad City PiQCkleball will be hosting an adult pickleball clinic on November 15th in the main gym. There are spaces available for beginner and intermediate players who want to step up their game. The Park District is going to be offering the Letters from Santa program again this year. The mailbox for letters will be posted outside the front desk beginning November 25th.

Superintendent of Finance and Administration: None.

Superintendent of Facilities: The Theater's 28-year-old lobby and auditorium carpet along with lobby wallpaper have been updated. Staff are working on replacing the LED aisle lighting and a failed surround sound speaker. The light pole that was removed for the Community Center garage has been relocated to the Athletic Field Playground. The power for tennis/pickleball court lights has been re-routed to the building and is working again. The annual fire alarm inspection and preventative maintenance for the Aquatic Center and Community Center took place on November 5th. A failed obsolete treadmill has been replaced. Concrete has been added to the West side of the Athletic Field building for the additional day camp picnic tables. The original indoor pool filtration controller from 1996 has been replaced. The Aquatic Center, Anderson Park and Athletic Field football field have been winterized. The circuit board on day camp mini-split system has been replaced. The Community Center annual roof inspection found some minor preventative maintenance needed such as repairing the roof edge membrane at the north end of the low roof and monitor blisters in membrane stripping. The oldest section of the roof is the main gym which was installed in 2002 should expect to be replaced in approximately 5 years. Red One will begin showing at Central Theater on November 15th.

Commissioners: Commissioner Winkleman stated the evening fitness classes are great and the participants are trying to get more people to attend. Mr. Sigwalt stated the classes will run thru December and staff are promoting the classes to get more participants as well.

Citizen Input: Mr. Thurman shared thank you notes received from The Geneseo Wrestling Boosters and Hammond Henry Hospital Foundation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Master Plan Discussion: Streamline presented several options of renovations and updates for the Community Center to Park District staff during the month of October. We have been working back and forth on minor updates to fit operations, programs, rentals and accommodating the

recommendations from the community, staff and Board input surveys and sessions. Staff have spent hours walking the facility, measuring areas, taking into consideration new programs and rental spaces as well as preschool, aquatics and future additions. These updates were shared with the Board during the meeting. Streamline will be working with contractors to get cost estimates to help plan for a phased approach to the plans. Streamline will attend our December Park Board Meeting. These drawings give us a completed Master Plan to help with future capital planning and a guide to follow while developing the Community Center.

IAPD/IPRA Conference: will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago January 23-25, 2025.

Mr. Thurman asked the Board to respond in the next few days if they are attending.

IAPD Credentials: The Board appointed Executive Director, Andy Thurman, to serve as delegate at the IAPD Annual Business Meeting on January 25th, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance #2041-171: President Bodeen stated a proposal had been received from Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, Kewanee, Illinois, for the purchase of \$1,115,000 non-referendum general obligation park bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Park District Code 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, to provide the revenue source for the payment of outstanding debt certificates of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. The Board will consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon. After a discussion, Commissioner Vorac made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2041-171. Commissioner McAvoy seconded the motion and it was approved as follows:

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

Approval for Preparation of Estimated Tax Levy Ordinance #2024-172: After a discussion, Commissioner Vorac made a motion directing staff to prepare the 2024 Tax Levy Ordinance, not to exceed more than 5% greater than the preceding year's extension, therefore a Truth in Taxation Hearing is not required. Commissioner Winkleman seconded the motion and it was approved as follows:

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

The Park District's goal is to maintain a stable tax rate as close to the .50 rate as possible. The tax rate is a total of the annual rollover bond and the operational levy. Next year the board will need to consider increasing the operational levy more than 5%, requiring a truth in taxation hearing. While the operational levy will increase more than 5% the annual rollover bond will be decreased to maintain the .50 tax rate. More information will be shared with the board and public to help everyone understand the process and results.

Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-173: Mrs. Verbeck presented Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2025-173 to the Board for review.

621 Easy North Street Storage Lot Lease: Staff recommend rent remain set at the current rate of \$50.00 per year as of January 1, 2025. Staff recommend the duration of the lease remain at 1 year. This property has a signed lease through December 31, 2024 . Commissioner McAvoy made a motion to approve the lease at \$50.00 per year for 1 year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winkleman and approved as follows:

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

Director Performance Evaluation: President Bodeen will email an evaluation tool to the Board and will meet with Mr. Thurman to discuss his evaluation.

Advisory Committee Application: Mr. Thurman presented an application received from Jen Edlefson stating her interest in being a representative on the Advisory Committee.

Commissioner McAvoy made a motion to appoint Ms. Edlefson to the Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vorac and approved as follows:

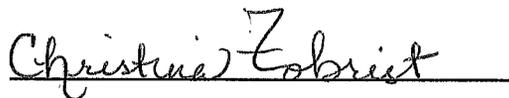
McAvoy – Yes, Winkleman – Yes, Vorac – Yes, Bodeen – Yes, Zobrist – Absent

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board and upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Winkleman the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M.



President

APPROVED



Secretary