

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON APRIL 8, 2025 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 Andy Thurman, Executive Director; Paula Verbeck, Superintendent of Finance and Administration; Scott Himmelman, Superintendent of Facilities and Andrew Sigwalt, Superintendent of Recreation. Citizens in attendance were: Elizabeth Schuler; Angie Murray and Chris Vorac. President Bodeen acted as Chairman of the meeting and Commissioner Zobrist 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 11, 2025 were approved as follows:

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

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

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

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**Executive Director:** Mr. Thurman met with the city, Chamber and Todd Sieben, representing the Friends of the Hennepin Canal, to discuss bicycle pathways throughout the community and access to the Canal. There are grants available and funding through the Friends of the Hennepin Canal and possibly the city. This currently doesn't directly impact the Park District but could in the future. Staff met with Andrew Dasso and Emily Storm from Streamline Design to start the discussion regarding Phase 1 of the project. This included outlining the scope of the work needed to help Streamline prepare the updated contracts and start engaging the engineers. We will continue to work with Streamline to have regular communication to get the plans to a point to go out to bid. Mr. Thurman met with Senator Li Arellano on March 11, to tour the Park District facilities and talk about the needs and future of the District and keep the communications open with our legislators. Mr. Thurman plans to meet with Senator Arellano while in Springfield during the Legislative Conference at the end of April. On March 13<sup>th</sup> Mr. Thurman presented at 3:30pm and 6pm to roughly 30 community members about the Master Plan. It was a great turnout from a variety of members. There was great discussion at the meetings and Emily, from Streamline, attended as well to take notes. Since that meeting Mr. Thurman met with one member to walk through the plan one on one as they could not make the meeting. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Thurman presented the Master Plan at the weekly Rotary Meeting to about 20 Rotarians. Staff met with Jamie Sullivan, the sculpture for Anderson Park, and agreed upon a place to post the sculpture presented to the Board a couple of months ago. Jamie completed the sculpture a couple of weeks later and the sculpture, Rooted Wings, will be in Anderson Park until the fall. There is a QR code to scan next to the sculpture that gives a little background on the program. There have been some questions with the Ladders Program at Northside and the impact that it has on our preschool and others in the area. Mr. Thurman met with Principal Joe Mowen at Northside to better understand how they place children and how the timing impacts area registration. We had an Advisory Committee Meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Superintendent of Recreation:** The Annual Mom / Son Dance was held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 100 participants registered for the dance in 2025. Spring Break was held the week of March 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 20 campers signed up for the Spring Break Day Camp for that week. Campers participated in the free inflatables in the gym, free swims and attended one of the free matinee movies at Central Theater along with many other games and activities during this week. The K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Indoor Soccer League began on March 9<sup>th</sup> and concluded on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of four teams registered for the program. Games were held in the gym after hours beginning at 3pm. Jeffrey van de Eems with PiQCkleball & More hosted an Adult Pickleball Clinic the morning of March 14<sup>th</sup>. There were 25 participants registered for the program. Jeffrey will return this summer for another session of clinics. Summer Day Camp registration began on April 1<sup>st</sup>. After the first two days of registration, there are 47 campers registered for the program. Nathaniel Hines and Andrew Sigwalt attended a PDRMA Aquatics and Day Camp Safety Training on April 4<sup>th</sup> in Glen Ellyn. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Athletic Field. Participants will be able to hunt for eggs, get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, and shop at the Park District Foundation SWAP which will be held in the Sideline Room during the event. The Park District will be hosting its first eSports event in the form of a Madden Tournament for Middle School aged kids. Participants will be able to battle against each other in a tournament style bracket to see who the real master of the gridiron is. The Annual Pitch, Hit and Run event will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a ½ day of school on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Park District and the Geneseo Pickleball club will be holding a youth Pickleball clinic at Richmond Hill.

**Superintendent of Finance and Administration:** We received the annual farmland rent of \$10,500. We have given \$2,533.75 in financial assistance so far year to date. The applications for the scholarship program normally start to pick up after the summer activity guide is released. The Geneseo Foundation has committed to donating \$20,000 a year towards the scholarship

program over the next 3 years. The scholarship program allows qualified applicants to get up to 80% off their membership. Members can then participate in most of the Discovery Club programs for free in addition to being able to take swim lessons year-round for free from the end of their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year until they start 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Park District Foundation received a \$175,000 donation from the Geneseo Foundation for Phase 1 of the Community Center capital improvement plan.

**Superintendent of Facilities:** The Illinois Department of Public Health completed an inspection of the indoor pool in March with no remediations required. The Aquatic Center's seven main drains expire after this pool season. Staff will begin that process this summer as a new Federal law requires a permit submittal from a pre-approved engineer or architect to replace. Quarterly preventative maintenance was performed on all strength & cardio equipment on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The new lean-to has been added to the West side of the Athletic Field Day Camp room.

Window installation take place soon followed by the metal siding going back up. The Miller Foundation granted \$15,000 towards this project. Staff will begin preparing the Aquatic Center for the summer season with the splash pad opening in approximately mid-May, weather permitting. Staff is also working on replacing the drop slide pump & motor that failed this off season. Two 8' basketball hoops have been ordered and will be installed soon at the Athletic Field basketball court. These hoops were funded through a grant from Charles Davis Trust. A camera inspection of the Community Center's sewer line from the boiler room to the front desk and from the South parking lot cleanout to the Street was performed. Wirth Inc. will come back to complete the scope from the parking lot cleanout to the main entrance. No deficiencies were found other than a small bellying area that held water. Mr. Himmelman shared Central Theater monthly budget and annual usage reports. Minecraft began showing on opening night April 4<sup>th</sup>.

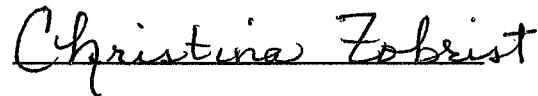
**Commissioners:** None.

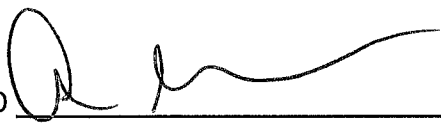
**Citizen Input:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Thurman thanked President Bodeen, Vice President Vorac and Commissioner Winkleman for their years of service to the Geneseo Park District. Their final term ends in April of 2025. New commissioners elected to the Board are Elizabeth Schuler, Angie Murray and Chris Vorac who were take their oath of office at the May 2025 board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board and upon a motion made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Zobrist the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

  
President

APPROVED   
Secretary