

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON MAY 13, 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 the Oath of Office was administered by the incoming Commissioners: Angie Murray, Liz Schuler and Chris Vorac. Upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners were physically present at said location: Julia McAvoy, Christina Zobrist, Angie Murray, Liz Schuler, and Chris Vorac. Also present were Andy Thurman, Executive Director; Scott Himmelman, Superintendent of Facilities and Jackie Beach, Recreation/Aquatics Supervisor.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:** Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner McAvoy and seconded by Commissioner Vorac, the election of President Zobrist was approved as follows: *Zobrist-Yes, McAvoy- Yes, Murray- Yes, Schuler – Yes, Vorac – Yes*

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:** Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Vorac, the election of Vice President McAvoy was approved as follows: *Zobrist-Yes, McAvoy- Yes, Murray- Yes, Schuler – Yes, Vorac – Yes*

**APPOINTMENTS:** Upon a motion duly made by Vice President McAvoy and seconded by Commissioner Vorac, the appointments of Andy Thurman, Executive Director; Paula Verbeck, Treasurer; Angie Murray, Secretary; Ancel Glink, P.C., Counsel, Jim Nash, Honorary Counsel; FOIA Officer Andy Thurman, and Alternate FOIA Officer, Jodie Olson were approved as follows: *Zobrist-Yes, McAvoy- Yes, Murray- Yes, Schuler – Yes, Vorac – Yes*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon a motion duly made by Vice President McAvoy and seconded by President Zobrist, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were approved as follows: *Zobrist-Yes, McAvoy- Yes, Murray- Yes, Schuler – Yes, Vorac – Yes*

**DISBURSEMENT REPORT:** Mr. Thurman presented the disbursement report to the Board. Upon a motion duly made by Vice President McAvoy and seconded by Commissioner Vorac, the disbursement report was approved as follows:

*Zobrist-Yes, McAvoy- Yes, Murray- Yes, Schuler - Yes, Vorac – Yes*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Thurman presented the Treasurer's report, in Mrs. Verbeck's absence, to the Board. Vice President McAvoy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's

Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vorac and approved as follows:

*Zobrist-Yes, McAvoy- Yes, Murray- Yes, Schuler – Yes, Vorac – Yes*

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Executive Director: Mr. Thurman and Mr. Forst met virtually with Tyler Technologies, our current financial software vendor, to discuss their cybersecurity. This is an area that we continue to explore. We currently have some systems in-house and have worked with ABS (Advanced Business Systems) for many years to monitor our systems. We continue to explore cybersecurity options to manage our systems. Mr. Thurman is working with the Geneseo Current to bring back the Senior Expo. This event has not happened since COVID and we have been discussing it for several years. This brings 300 – 400 Seniors into the Community Center one day in August and provides numerous vendors to give information. There is also lunch provided. This event has been a huge asset to our seniors, and we are happy to be working to bring it back. Mr. Thurman met with our new Commissioners to start the onboarding process. It's a lot of information as everyone knows and we are excited for the continued progress of the Park District. Mr. Himmelman, Mrs. Verbeck and Mr. Thurman met with Streamline Design for our first design meeting in April. We came back with our input on the new office spaces and storage needs that will be going out to bid this summer. Mr. Thurman attended the Legislative Conference and Reception on April 29th and 30th. On Tuesday, he was able to attend Parks Day at the Capitol. This day allows for Park Districts, Forest Preserve and Special Recreation Districts to set up booths in the Capitol Building. It's a great networking day and opportunity to see some of the neat things other Districts are working on. That afternoon Mr. Thurman met with our State Senator Li Arellano to discuss happenings in Geneseo and continue to keep open communication with him. Tuesday evening is a social networking event with professionals and legislators at the Illini Country Club. On Wednesday there are Legislative Sessions in the morning. The discussions include updates from the Capitol, a panel of legislators and reporting to get results. As mentioned before, Mr. Thurman is the Outgoing Chairman of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IPRA), and he had a Board Meeting for the Association that afternoon. As part of his role with IPRA, he worked on a joint task force this month to help support the Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation and their funding of IPRA and staff. Two of the volunteer organizations Mr. Thurman works with, as part of his role as Executive Director here, are the Geneseo Youth Baseball/Softball Association and the Geneseo Rotary Club. He

had a Board Meeting for GYBS this month to coordinate the leagues this summer. His role on the Board has been Secretary and he assisted with hanging the sponsorship banners and coordinating all of the uniforms for the leagues. He attends the weekly Geneseo Rotary Club meetings at the Community Center. As a member, he is the Chair of the Maple City 4 Committee and coordinates the race during Musicfest. Mr. Thurman presented the Commissioners with the information about IAPD Boot Camp. The Boot Camp is a power-packed course for new and seasoned commissioners covering key issues, basic skills and best practices. There are several in-person camps in May and one held virtually from 6:00-9:00 pm on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Superintendent of Recreation:** Mr. Thurman presented the information in Mr. Sigwalt's absence. The Park District held its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Athletic Field this year. This event coincided with a Park District Foundation SWAP event in the Sideline Room. The weather was beautiful, and we had a great turnout. The Park District held its first e-Sports tournament on Friday April 18th. We had eight middle school boys sign up for a Madden NFL tournament. The Tournament was held in the Party Room and was a single elimination bracket. Pop, cookies and pizza were provided for the participants. The Park District took a bus trip with the Active Adults to a River Bandits Game on April 23rd. We had eight participants who purchased tickets to the game. The Pitch Hit and Run event was held on April 27th at Bollen Field. The Geneseo Pickleball group ran a Youth Pickleball clinic for middle school aged kids on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3pm. The Park District participated in the Middle School Career Fair on April 30th. The 8th graders were able to go around to different businesses and ask questions and find out about different career opportunities that are available around Geneseo. Summer Registration is open, and programs are starting to fill up. Mr. Thurman reported that currently the Summer Day Camp program has 130 participants signed up for the first session and Pick-3 option. Day Camp will start on Wednesday May 28th. The Park District hosted a Nature Day on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Nathaniel and the Boy Scouts Troup 10 showed participants how to set up a tent, start a fire and take hikes through Geneseo Prairie Park. The annual Kayak / Water Safety class will be held on Sunday May 18th at the Izaak Walton League along the Canal. Participants will spend time learning about the different styles of Kayaks and gear, and proper water safety techniques. At the end of the session participants will be invited to take a quick paddle along the canal. The Pool will open Saturday May 24th.

**Superintendent of Facilities:** Mr. Himmelman reported that the splash pad opened Monday May 12th from 8am- 7pm. He also stated that a new splash pad feature has been installed replacing a failed feature at the end of last year's swimming season. This is the reason for the resolution later in the meeting for the disposal of excess property. Mr. Himmelman stated that there were cracks in the current feature due to sitting in the buckets, but we are hoping to not have that with the new feature. Mr. Himmelman also stated the drop slide pump & motor failed over the off season and has been replaced. This is also part of the resolution for the disposal of excess property later in the meeting. A failed stainless-steel gutter seam in the Activity Pool has been welded. Preventative maintenance was performed on both roof top units at the Aquatic Center. The lily pad deck landing pads have been re-lined. The Aquatic Center synthetic turf has been re-stretched and low areas back filled. Staff will begin working on removing mold & mildew from areas on the brick siding at the Aquatic Center prior to opening date. A failed flow switch has been replaced on the indoor pool dehumidification line. Preventative maintenance has been performed on the fire alarm systems at the Aquatic Center & Growth Daycare. Spring turf applications have been applied to Anderson Park, Athletic Field and the Community Center. Central Theater monthly budget report also provided by Mr. Himmelman.

**Commissioners:** Commissioner Vorac raised the topic of social media and posts made by citizens. Commissioner Schuler emphasized the need for dance classes, noting that none are currently available in the community.

**Citizen Input:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Master Plan Update. Mr. Thurman provided the Commissioners with an update of the meeting with Streamline for the first phase. He also provided overhead conceptual plans. This phase would include front office space as well as storage space in the gymnasium.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Thurman and the Commissioners recognized Nathaniel Hines for 10 years of service and Jackie Beach for 35 years of service.

Resolution #2025-51: Upon a motion duly made by Vice President McAvoy and seconded by Commissioner Vorac, Resolution #2025-51 was approved for the disposal of excess property as follows:

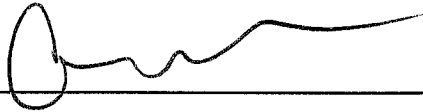
*Zobrist-Yes, McAvoy- Yes, Murray- Yes, Schuler – Yes, Vorac – Yes*

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board and upon a motion duly made by Vice President McAvoy and seconded by Commissioner Vorac, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

*Christina Zobrist*

President

APPROVED

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Secretary