**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2026 AT THE PARTY ROOM OF THE GENESEO COMMUNITY CENTER, 541 EAST NORTH STREET GENESEO, ILLINOIS AT THE HOUR OF 5:00 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 5:00 pm and upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners were physically present at said location: Julia McAvoy, Angie Murray and Chris Vorac. Also present were Andy Thurman, Executive Director; Paula Verbeck, Superintendent of Finance and Administration and Jodie Olson, Administrative Assistant. Citizens in attendance were Laura Goetz. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Vorac and Seconded by Commissioner Murray, Commissioner McAvoy was appointed President Pro-Tem in President Zobrist's absence. President McAvoy acted as Chairman of the meeting and Commissioner Murray acted as Secretary. President McAvoy 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 Murray, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2026 were approved as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

**Executive Director:** Mr. Thurman introduced Laura Goetz to the Board and congratulated her on 30 years of service with the Park District. Mrs. Goetz thanked the Board and shared her love for the indoor pool and it's patrons, her ideas and concerns regarding participation numbers for water fitness and the importance of aqua exercise for people of all ages. Mr. Thurman shared a conversation he had with Seth Ernst Soccer about developing the Edwards Park Property into soccer fields. After a discussion, Board and Staff feel more time, funds and planning are needed before engaging in a project of that scope that is not included in our current Master Plan. Staff shared a presentation on some ideas for transforming empty spaces available after the completion of the new office area and storage room to add value to our membership and create new revenue opportunities using community input from our Master Plan. The Board directed staff to proceed with this process when financial funds/grants are available. Mr. Thurman stated he is looking into a naming rights policy for the Park District. Staff met in early January to outline the Aquatic Center 10 year celebration. We are planning to hold the event the evening of June 20th with more information to come. Mr. Thurman spoke on the "Let's Talk Geneseo" radio show on January 9th to highlight upcoming programs and events along with a teaser of the Aquatic Center birthday party. Mr. Thurman was the Strive speaker at the High School on January 20th. Staff have been revisiting the Silver Sneakers discussions we have had in the past and looking at options to bring in this program and others to help with membership and pricing. Mr. Thurman met with Wyatt Brieser from Hammond Henry Hospital and Casey Disterhoft, Chief of Police, to discuss our previous warming shelter agreement. There were some changes based on the hospital's position and we updated these and have a new agreement in place. This opens up the Community Center as a warming shelter during times of need, with assistance from the police department during closed hours. The hospital is deemed a necessary warming shelter during emergency situations. Staff had an Advisory Committee Meeting on January 26th. The committee was updated on Phase 1 Construction and the

upcoming Aquatic Center Birthday Party in June. We also heard some feedback regarding placement of competitive gymnasts versus the recreation classes, numbers in our aqua fitness classes as well as pricing for birthday parties. Mr. Thurman, Mr. Sigwalt and Mr. Hines attended the IPRA/IAPD Annual Conference in late January.

**Superintendent of Recreation:** Youth Basketball Clinics started January 25, the Park District hosts clinics for Kindergarten Skills and 1st & 2nd Grade. Clinics for 3rd Grade and above are managed through GBA. The kindergarten session has 29 participants enrolled. The 1st and 2nd grade sessions had to be split into two separate sessions (boys & girls) due to the size of the enrollment numbers. The girl's session has 24 enrolled, and the boy's session has 35 enrolled. Adult Women's Volleyball Leagues began on January 21 and run through April 1. The Women's Rec League has 8 teams registered, while the Power League has 6 teams registered. Spy Academy, a new Discovery Club program, will run during the month of February for kids ages 5 – 12 that will sharpen their detective skills as they solve puzzles, find hidden clues, and complete exciting missions. There are 18 enrolled out of a maximum of 20. Daddy Daughter Dance was held on February 6th there were 224 participants registered for the event which took place in the Main Gym from 6 – 7:30pm. On February 7th a roller-skating free event with a Valentine's theme was held. A Luncheon & Seminar was held on February 12th. This month's seminar covered radiology, the latest advancements in medical imaging and cutting-edge diagnostic ultrasound technology. A Hitmaker's Workshop was held on February 12th. Those registered collaborated with fellow participants to create an original song from scratch, guided by local producer Jose Urquiza. A MS All-Star Shootout will be held on February 13th. Middle School guests will enjoy a night of snacks, drinks and basketball games in the gym. A Brew & View will be held at Central Theater on February 15th. GBC will provide a keg of beer and seltzer for the movie "The Blues Brothers". The movie is scheduled for 6:30pm following the 3:10pm feature showing. The Jump Into Fun Day on February 16th has been cancelled due to

the School District cancelling classes on January 23rd due to extreme cold temperatures. Mr. Thurman shared the 2025 Fall and Annual recreation reports with the Board in Mr. Sigwalt's absence.

**Superintendent of Finance and Administration:** Mrs. Verbeck updated the Board on the Buyck Trust disbursements, the auditor's annual fieldwork and an upcoming IMRF audit.

**Superintendent of Facilities:** An indoor pool solenoid failed causing the system to lose diatomaceous earth into the pool and unable to re-start the filter system until a replacement solenoid could be ordered and installed. The pool was down for five days between waiting for the part and heating and treating the pool water back to required levels. The new solenoid began leaking air and another one was ordered. In the interim staff have been able to utilize a portable air compressor to keep the pool system satisfied. A gas valve failed on the Trane air handling unit which serves the front area of the building (activity room, dedrick room, offices, kitchen, etc.) which left us without heat for a few days but was restored on February 4th. The motor on the main gym air handler unit burned up leaving us without heat in the gym for a few days. The air compressor that serves the Trane air handler and indoor pool pneumatic systems had a leaky check valve. Staff were able to separate the two systems with two air compressors to keep both systems satisfied. Staff removed an old basketball hoop and fans from the ceiling and dusted chalk from the walls, ledges and floor in the program gym during gymnastics meets in the main gym. Staff will schedule the ceiling and duct work the next time the equipment is moved. Preventative maintenance was performed on the Theater's projection & sound systems. The sound processor is beginning to fail by losing connection to the back surround sound speakers. A new processor has been ordered. Mr. Thurman shared Central Theater monthly budget report, three-year comparison and attendance report for the last 22 years in Mr. Himmelman's absence. Mr. Himmelman spoke with the owner of the Princeton Theater which is similar in size, and they are experiencing similar trends; being up 14% in 2024 and down 19% in

2025. Their higher percentage in both directions has to do with Princeton operating 2 screens and more movie turnover.

**Commissioners:** Mrs. Murray shared a complaint she received about the pickleball survey. Mr. Vorac stated the Daddy Daughter Dance was great again this year.

**Citizen Input:** None.

**Public Input on ADA Compliance:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Master Plan Update:** Mr. Thurman stated the Phase 1 construction project is moving forward nicely. We continue to have construction meetings every two weeks to review upcoming phases of the project and discuss any changes. Staff met with Streamline, Daxon and IMEG, the structural engineer, to discuss a change in the foundation footings that required a change order. The projection is scheduled to be completed in late February/early March.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2025 Goals Summary:** Mr. Thurman shared a highlight summary of the Park District 2025 Goals. Staff regularly reviews the goals throughout the year to determine the progress or completion of these goals. The goals stem from the 2022 Master Plan or from current program, staff or facility needs. It is important to recognize that these goals are just a fraction of the day to day scope of what transpires throughout the year at the Park District. The 2025 Goals Summary is posted on the Park District website.

**IPRA Environmental Report Card for Parks and Recreation Agencies:** Mr. Himmelman prepared the self-evaluation tool. Mr. Thurman presented the report to the Board in Mr. Himmelman's absence. After all questions were answered and points totaled, the Park District earned a score of 64% which means our agency is doing a good job and certainly more than most public agencies. Questions that received a no answer, will be reviewed and strategies will

be developed to address these areas. After a discussion and upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Murray, the IPRA Environmental Report Card was approved as follows:

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

**Purchase of Property Discussion:** the Board determined it was unnecessary to adjourn to Executive Session. A discussion was held regarding the purchase of property adjacent to the Community Center. The Board directed Mr. Thurman to proceed with gathering more information about the property.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board and upon a motion made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner Murray the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

Christina Zobrist

President

APPROVED _____

Secretary