**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON JANUARY 8, 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, Chris Vorac, Liz Schuler 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 Zobrist acted as Chairman of the meeting and Commissioner Murray acted as Secretary. President Zobrist 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 McAvoy, the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 11th, 2025 were approved as follows:

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

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

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

**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 Schuler and approved as follows:

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

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

**Executive Director:** Mr. Thurman attended the Quad City Area Regional Director's meeting and a Holiday Director's Luncheon in December. On December 9th, the Geneseo Park District Foundation Board held the last meeting of 2025. Paula Verbeck highlighted the year and the Board approved the 2026 Budget. Staff continue to hold bi-weekly construction meetings with Streamline Architects and the Daxon Construction team to talk about the upcoming schedule, any changes and other questions throughout the process. These meetings will continue through the entirety of the project. On December 11th, Mr. Thurman attended the IPRA Board Meeting virtually. This was the last meeting of 2025 and his last official meeting on the IPRA Board after 7 years. In the past we have been in discussions with the Geneseo Police Department, Hammond Henry Hospital and several of the nursing homes regarding the Community Center being a warming shelter when people lose heat or in case of emergency. We have communicated that these agreements need to be updated and will coordinate a meeting time in January.

**Superintendent of Recreation:** This year's Santa at the Center event was one of our biggest yet! Nearly 100 children visited to share their Christmas wish lists and take a photo with Santa. Middle School Movie Night had 25–30 middle schoolers who enjoyed an evening of pizza, drinks, games, and a screening of *Minecraft* on the inflatable screen in the gym. Letters to Santa Our North Pole mailbox received 71 letters this season, and every child got a personalized response from Santa himself! The Park District hosted free activities at the Center: Monday & Wednesday: Free Swim in the indoor pool, with 50–60 swimmers each day. Tuesday & Friday: Inflatable fun in the gym, attracting about 70 participants daily. Upcoming High School Gymnastics Meets include high school meets which are scheduled for January 10 and January 16. Park District USAG Meet is scheduled for January 18. Nathaniel Hines will complete the Aquatic Facility Operators (AFO) course, which will complement the existing Certified Pool

Operators (CPO) certification held by the Superintendent of Recreation. Adult Women's Volleyball Leagues begin January 21 and will run through April 1. Youth Basketball Clinics begin January 25th and include Kindergarten Skills and 1st & 2nd Grade. Clinics for 3rd Grade and above are managed through GBA.

**Superintendent of Finance and Administration:** Mrs. Verbeck shared the 2025 Geneseo Park District Foundation Year in Review with the Board. The Auditors will be here January 12th - 13th and February 9th – 11th. A 10 Year Celebration "Birthday Bash" will be held at the Aquatic Center on June 20th. Mrs. Verbeck updated the Board on the Buyck Trust disbursements.

**Superintendent of Facilities:** Staff review accident/incident reports at monthly safety meetings. Staff also compile these reports quarterly to track possible trends to determine preventive measures and avoid future occurrences. Total 2025 accidents/incidents are as follows: Gymnastics (4), Main Gym (8), Racquetball (1), Indoor Pool (2), Cardio Weight Room (1), Aquatic Center Grounds (6), Aquatic Center Activity Pool (6), Aquatic Center High Dive (1), Aquatic Center Lap Pool (12), Aquatic Center Drop Slide (1), Aquatic Center Current Channel (1), Aquatic Center Splash Pad (1), Aquatic Center Parking Lot (1), Athletic Field Playground (3), Athletic Field/Day Camp (14). The indoor pool was shut down for annual maintenance December 20th - 28th. During this time half of the pool water volume was drained to remove total dissolved solids; all three benches in the women's locker room were replaced; repaired a leak in the domestic hot water boiler; replaced two failed door closers in the men's and women's locker rooms; detailed cleaning of the indoor pool section took place including stainless steel, floors, showers etc. and filter maintenance. Jake Vorac with Mechanical Sales has donated a ceiling fan for the gymnastics room. VanOpdorp Electric is scheduled for installation while the gymnastics equipment is in the main gym. Four wall anchor plates have been installed in the Theater in preparation for handrails at the aisle slopes on each side of the auditorium. Song Sung Blue will begin showing at Central Theater on January 9th. Upcoming movies could include

Avatar, David, and The Housemaid. Mr. Himmelman shared the ADA Report with the Board. Deficiencies completed in 2025 include: AI Powered Accessibility Compliance Widget on our website making it instantly accessible to people with disabilities allowing people to adjust the site according to their needs. Replaced failed handrails in the men's and women's indoor pool locker rooms. Replaced two aquatic center lift batteries, remotes and one actuator. Adjusted lobby doors to an opening force no heavier than 8.5lbs and minimum 5 second closing time. Installed metal plates in preparation for handrails at the sloped aisles in the auditorium at Central Theater.

**Commissioners:** Mrs. Zobrist shared 2 compliments she received about Steve Elliott for how nice and welcoming he is at the Front Desk.

**Citizen Input:** Mr. Thurman shared thank you notes from Rachel Bieneman and GPAC and an email received from Dave Stover about Pickleball at the Athletic Field.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Master Plan Update:** Mr. Thurman stated the Phase 1 construction project is moving forward nicely. The floor on the storage side should be started next week and the bricklayers should be starting on the office side in the next week or two. A new wall will be constructed where the windows in the Executive Director's old office was. The office side will include 4 offices and a meeting room. There will be limited winter conditions due to the current favorable conditions and work getting done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution #2026-53 Review of Closed Meeting Minutes:** After a discussion, Commissioner Vorac made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-53. Commissioner McAvoy seconded the motion, and it was approved as follows:

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

**Post Compliance Report:** The Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Report was presented to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board and upon a motion made by Commissioner Vorac and seconded by Commissioner McAvoy the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

President

Pro - Tem

APPROVED

Secretary