

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENESEO PARK DISTRICT, HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2025 IN 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, Bethany Winkleman and Christina Zobrist. 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 none. 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 December 10, 2024 were approved as follows:

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

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

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: The December 2024 Treasurer’s report was presented to the Board. After a discussion, Commissioner 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, Vorac – Yes, Winkleman – Yes, Bodeen – Yes

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Executive Director: Mr. Thurman attended a luncheon with the Quad City Area Regional Director (QCARD) group. Directors from Rock Island, Davenport, Bettendorf, Moline, Scott County and Rock Island County Forest Preserves all meet to discuss happenings in their areas, trends and any issues they have had and how they have navigated those situations. Mr. Thurman attended a planning and walkthrough meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago where Conference is held. This included seeing some of the areas you don't normally see while at Conference and gives the Joint Conference Committee the chance to ask questions. The Committee also had a sit down meeting to go through numbers and highlights a month out from Conference. Mr. Thurman attended this as the Chair of the IPRA Board this year. He also attended the Director's Luncheon. It's a great chance to network and celebrate accomplishments of Districts, IPRA and the Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation. Mr. Thurman had a virtual IPRA Board Meeting on December 12th. This meeting was the final meeting as Chairman of the Board. He will continue next year as the Outgoing Chair and that will be his last year on the IPRA Board. This transition happens at the IPRA Annual Business Meeting at Conference. Mr. Thurman met with representatives of the Geneseo Foundation on December 16th to share our program requests for 2025 and share information on our Master Plan. Over the past few years we have requested for individual programs and wanted to share the idea of including all the programs together for our planning purposes. They loved this idea and really liked the process of the Master Plan Facility Drawings. Mr. Thurman will plan on attending the February Geneseo Foundation Meeting to share the Master Plan with the whole Board and the future asks and phasing of the project. Mr. Thurman mentioned that a local sculpture, Jamie Sullivan, is interested in placing several sculptures around Geneseo after a grant she received for 2025. She is planning on providing more information and Board approval at the February Meeting. The sculpture would be placed in Anderson Memorial Park.

Superintendent of Recreation: The Santa at the Center program had a great turnout on December 6th. Santa was set up in the Party room with his bench and Christmas trees, and children could come in and get their picture taken with Santa and then tell them their list. Santa also did house visits on December 8th for those who signed up for the program. Tony Rokis has been our Santa for our programs for the past seven years for these two programs and he has done a wonderful job setting aside time for our programs. The Middle School Movie night had a nice turnout of approximately 50 kids on December 6th. They were given full access to the Gym and Activity Room for games, activities and just a safe space to hang out. Pizza was ordered from LaRoma's, and pop and water were provided. The movie in the Gym was displayed on the large outdoor movie screen, and the movie was Inside Out 2. The Senior Dance was held on December 8th and around 25 participants came out to enjoy the evening. The Wild Side has been our band for the past two year, and they have agreed to sign another contract to do our dances again in 2025. The Jinglebell Skate event was held on December 13th this year so it would not be on the same night as the Christmas Walk events downtown. The Jinglebell Obstacle Course was held on December 14th in the main gym of the Community Center. The weather was super gross that day, lots of wind and freezing rain, but we still had a great turnout for the event from 1 – 3pm. This was the first event that we used the new Obstacle Course inflatable with the public. During the Christmas Break, while kids were out of school, we had Inflatable days on 12/26, 12/31 and 1/2. There were Free Swim days in the Indoor Pool on 12/30 and 1/3. The Gymnastics equipment got moved out to the Main Gym on January 2nd and will remain there until January 20th. The High School will have three home meets on 1/3, 1/8, 1/11. The USAG program will have their meet on 1/19. The Home School Program has 12 registrants. The Discovery Club program will be changing its format slightly in 2025. The After School program will stay the same for the K – 5 group. They will meet on Monday and Thursday to do their games, activities and crafts. There are currently 30 signed up for January. Some of the other programs that will now fall under the Discovery Club umbrella will be the

Middle School Madden Tournament, the S.T.E.M. classes, Junior Architects (legos), Hands on Engineering (robotics), and Hitmakers Workshop (music). These smaller programs will only meet one to three times, but they will cover age groups from elementary to middle school aged participants. There will be a Free Swim on January 20th – No School. There will be Inflatables in the Gym on January 31st – No School. The Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on February 7th. The next Middle School event will be the All Star Shootout on February 14th.

Superintendent of Finance and Administration: None.

Superintendent of Facilities: Staff reviews 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 2024 accidents/incidents are as follows: Gymnastics (3), Main Gym (9), Indoor Pool (2), Cardio Weight Room (2), Aquatic Center Turf (3); Athletic Field (8), Aquatic Center Activity Pool (10), Party Room (1), Aquatic Center Lap Pool (14), Aquatic Center Locker Room (1); Aquatic Center Current Channel (1), Aquatic Center Splash Pad (1), Theater (1). The indoor pool was shut down for annual maintenance December 21st – 29th. Half of the pool water volume was drained to remove total dissolved solids. The automatic fill valve was repaired. Detailed cleaning of the indoor pool section including stainless steel, floors, showers etc. The return wall grate was painted. The Theater floor aisle lights and concession stand counter glass top have been upgraded with new replacements. Staff replaced the three remaining original LED lights in the program gym while the gymnastics equipment was in the main gym. Staff completed our PDRMA SMART Goal consisting of evaluating and updating all emergency action plans for all facilities and programs. The Aquatic Center pump has failed and options for replacing are being explored for summer season. Central Theater monthly budget reports and annual usage reports were shared with the Board. Wicked began showing on January 10th. Possible future movies include Sonic 3, A Complete Unknown and Flight Risk.

Commissioners: Commissioner Winkleman mentioned the letters written by staff in the Discovery Club to all of the participants. She mentioned how each was personalized and this was a really nice gesture. We have a lot of good things going on.

Citizen Input: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2022 Master Plan Update Approval: Mr. Thurman shared the Master Plan update with the Board. After a discussion, Commissioner Vorac made a motion to approve the Master Plan update. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zobrist and approved as follows:

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

2025 Revised Salary Schedule: The 2025 salary schedule was revised to include the Recreation Program Specialist position. After a discussion, Commissioner Winkleman made a motion to approve the 2025 Salary Schedule. Commissioner Zobrist seconded the motion, and it was approved as follows:

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

Recreation Program Specialist Job Description: the Recreation Program Specialist job description was shared with the Board.

2025 Organizational Chart: the organizational chart was revised to include the Recreation Program Specialist position, approved by the Executive Director and shared with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Resolution #2025-49 Review of Closed Session Minutes: After a discussion, Commissioner Vorac made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-49. Commissioner McAvoy seconded the motion, and it was approved as follows:

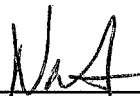
Zobrist – Yes, McAvoy – Yes, Vorac – Yes, Winkleman – Yes, Bodeen – Yes

Resolution #2025-50 Disposal of Excess Personal Property: After a discussion, Commissioner Zobrist made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-50. Commissioner McAvoy seconded the motion, and it was approved as follows:

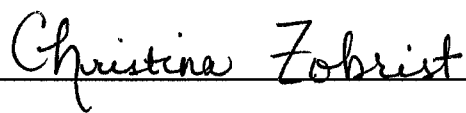
Zobrist – Yes, McAvoy – Yes, Vorac – Yes, Winkleman – Yes, Bodeen – Yes

ADA Report: Mr. Himmelman shared the updated ADA report with the Board. Deficiencies completed in 2024 include: Theater lobby doors were adjusted to no more than 8.5lbs to open. One door closer was replaced as it was no longer adjustable. Theater toilet dispensers were remounted to no lower than 15 inches and no higher than 48 inches and a centerline of the dispenser of 7 inches minimum and 9 inches maximum in front of the toilet. The Theater's non-compliant drinking fountain was removed, and complimentary water is offered to all customers. The motors were replaced on both chair lifts at the Aquatic Center. A detectable warning surface was added to the Community Center's back parking lot sidewalk. The Indoor Pool ADA entrance was re-worked to swing open for the public using the front desk doorbell system.

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 6:46 P.M.



President

APPROVED 

Secretary