

**GENEVA PARK DISTRICT
EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING 1
SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTER
NOVEMBER 20TH, 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

President Frankenthal called for roll. Vice President Moffat, Daniel McGarry, Jim Kafer, and Executive Director Nicole Vickers answered present. Commissioners Jones and Cullen were absent. Commissioner Cladis arrived at 6:05 pm.

Staff Present were Supt. of Recreation Elliott Bortner, Supt. of Parks and Properties Carl Gorra, and Administrative Assistant Hannah Sterricker.

HEARING OF GUESTS

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

No changes.

IDENTIFY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Efficiency Committee is made up of the Geneva Park District Board members, Executive Director, and two community members. Ms. Vickers thanked Mr. McGarry, and Mr. Kafer for participating in the committee and acknowledged all they have done for this community.

OVERVIEW OF DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT

Executive Director Vickers stated that holding an efficiency committee is part of a new law that was adopted last year. The committee has 18 months to complete an Efficiency Report in three meetings. All meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act where all rules will be followed accordingly. Ms. Vickers reviewed shared services and partnerships that the Park District currently has and stated that these relationships help the district provide the best possible programs, services, and facilities to our community at a low cost. The Park District partners with the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association, which enhances programs for people with all abilities. Intergovernmental agreements the Park District has include; the City of Geneva, Geneva School District, Geneva Public Library, Batavia Park District, and the Kane County Forest Preserve. Commissioner Cladis commented that the Park District has a good amount of IGA's. He asked if other Park Districts have as many IGA's. Ms. Vickers stated that other districts do have IGA's and the Geneva Park District is fortunate to have great relationships that add great value to what the Park District does. Ms. Vickers provided examples of ways the Park District conducts operations efficiently. The Park District has two affiliates; Geneva Baseball Association and River Rats. The Park District works together and shares costs with four soccer organizations and two softball organizations. The Butterfly House runs solely by volunteers. Ms. Vickers shared that the Park District is one of the biggest youth employers in Geneva. Vice President Moffat stated that the Park District is able to retain youth and part-time employees and has even had a couple individuals come back and work as a full-time employee. Ms. Vickers stated that having a great relationship with the other Tri-City Park Districts allows joint

purchasing for items that purchasing individually may not be fiscally responsible of the tax payer's dollar. Vice President Moffat stated that overflowing city trash bins seem to be an issue on Saturdays. Ms. Vickers shared that partnering with the city would be mindful and cognizant of the tax payer's dollar. The Geneva Park District Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that completely funds or helps fund many projects for the Park District. The foundation holds two events a year; Autumn Fair, and Wine, Cheese, and Trees. Wine, Cheese, and Trees is a fundraising collaboration between the Park District Foundation, Geneva National Resource Committee, and The Geneva Library Foundation. Other collaborations include; the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Geneva History Museum, and share trainings with other Park Districts. Ms. Vickers shared that the report will cover the tax levy, budget, audits, and community feedback.

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ms. Vickers stated that she will bring the efficiency report, to the second meeting, and ask for additions and changes from the committee members. The report will be finalized and voted on at the third and final meeting and submitted to the county. The second meeting will be held on February 19th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

SURVEY OF RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Moffat made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm. Commissioner Cladis seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Director

Submitted by: Nicole Vickers / Hannah Sterrick