

**GENEVA PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2025
Location: Peck Farm Park / Time: 7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

President Moffat called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

President Moffat called for the roll. Commissioner Cladis, Commissioner Jones, Vice President Cullen, and President Moffat answered present. Commissioner Kaven was absent.

Staff members present were Executive Director Nicole Vickers, Supt. of Parks & Properties Carl Gorra, Supt. of Finance & Personnel Christy Powell, Supt. of Recreation Elliott Bortner, and Administrative Assistant Hannah Sterrick.

Press: None.

Guests: None.

HEARING OF GUESTS

None.

READING OF MINUTES

Vice President Cullen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of July 21, 2025, and the Special Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2025. Commissioner Jones seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Vice President Cullen made a motion to approve the claims and accounts as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE REPORT

Supt. of Finance & Personnel Powell reviewed the July financial reports. Supt. Powell reviewed the investment report. Revenues and expenses are a quarter through the year and are on track. Commissioner Cladis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Superintendent of Finance Report as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice President Cullen made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Vickers passed around the media binder for all to review.

OLD BUSINESS

SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTER EXTERIOR PAINTING BID RESULTS

Supt. Gorra reminded the Board that the district first went to bid for this project in February of 2025, and all bids were rejected due to the bids coming in higher than the budget. Staff rebid the project on August 11th and all bids came in higher than the budget again. Vice President Cullen asked why the bids continue to come in high. Supt. Gorra believes it to be competitive. Supt. Gorra stated that staff would like to move forward with tuckpointing and Dryvit repairs in the Fall of 2025 in-house, and painting to be included in the proposed facade improvements of the building or completed in-house in the Spring of 2026. Commissioner Jones made a motion to reject all bids as opened and read on August 11th, 2025, for the Sunset Community Center Exterior Painting. Vice President Cullen seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY PARK FENCE REPAIR BID RESULTS

The Mill Creek tennis courts need renovation, as well as repair of the perimeter fencing. The fabric of the fence is in good condition and will be reused once the other repairs are completed. Commissioner Cladis made a motion to approve the

low bid from Paramount Fence to repair tennis court fencing at Mill Creek Community Park in the amount of \$25,942. Commissioner Jones seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS COURT ASPHALT OVERLAY

The current surface of the tennis courts has extensive cracking. The courts were striped three years ago to accommodate both pickleball and tennis play. The courts will be returned to tennis only, and a 2" overlay of asphalt will be applied to the existing surface. This type of repair was completed at the Sterling Manor tennis courts in 2023, and the results have been good. Damico Paving submitted a quote to the district, and references are favorable. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$29,500 to Damico Paving for the addition of a 2" overlay of asphalt at the Mill Creek Community Park tennis courts. Commissioner Cladis seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

PECK FARM WATER WELL REPAIR

An onsite well supplies water for Peck Farm Park. The well was inspected, and it was determined that the well pump needs to be lowered to prevent running out of water during the busier months. Supt. Gorra reported that there have been times when Peck Farm Park was close to running out of water. Commissioner Cladis made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$25,390 to Water Well Solutions for the repair of the water well system at Peck Farm Park.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Vickers informed the Board that after the Park District's Special Meeting held on July 30th, 2025, Shodeen was notified of the Board's directive and requested the developer agree to voluntarily petition to disconnect the Geneva Park District if a TIF district was established for the La Fox Development site. Shodeen has denied this request, and they have been made aware that the Geneva Park District will not accept land and will not build parks at this site, and they did not negotiate back. Executive Director Vickers also noted that the Village of Campton Hills has reached out to the Park District, and she will keep the Board apprised if anything develops with the village.

The final public meeting for the renovations at Wheeler Park took place on August 6th before the final Concert in the Park. Staff received, once again, great feedback, and the Board can expect a recap of the information at next month's meeting.

Staff is in discussion with Mike Abts of the Geneva Township, as they have requested a potential site for a future garage-like structure to house their winter maintenance equipment at Wheeler Park. Executive Director Vickers conversations are being pursued, as this will be a nice partnership and improve efficiencies.

The Geneva Parks Foundation will host the annual Tri-City Foundation Meeting at Peck Farm Park tomorrow evening.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tri-City Foundation Annual Meeting	August 19, 2025	7:00 PM	* At Peck Farm Park
Autumn Fair Committee Meeting	August 26, 2025	7:00 PM	* At Peck Farm Park
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting	September 15, 2025	7:00 PM	

STAFF REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

Supt. Bortner reviewed his report, adding that the Geneva Park District collaborated with the Geneva Police Department in their first National Night Out event at the Geneva High School. The event was very positive, and the district is looking forward to being a part of the event next year. President Moffat noted the increase in membership numbers for both Sunset and SPRC. He also asked Supt. Bortner to send out surveys for our teen events to collect data on what events or activities that age group would like to see in the future. Supt. Bortner agreed and stated that the recent game night event in collaboration with the Geneva Library was wonderful, and working with the Library has been very positive. Vice President Cullen asked if the "how to" QR codes were added to the fitness machines and are being used. Supt. Bortner stated that the codes have been added, and although we don't have a way to track how many times they are being scanned, the response staff have received has been positive.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS & PROPERTIES

Supt. Gorra briefly reviewed the concern of e-bike use on park district property. President Moffat agreed, stating that it is

a large concern and believes it needs to be regulated at the state level. Supt. Gorra informed the Board that the school district has informed staff that they are currently not interested in being a part of ballfield renovations at Harrison Street Elementary School or Western Avenue School. Staff will re-direct efforts toward ballfield infield renovations at Stanley Esping Park. Commissioner Cladis asked if the school district is pausing projects since the district has not heard further about the tennis courts at the high school. Supt. Gorra stated that the school district did have staff turnover, and they could be evaluating the needs of the district.

NEW BUSINESS

MILL CREEK KIDDIE POOL WATER LINE REPAIR

Supt. Gorra shared that the water supply line to the kiddie pool at Mill Creek Pool travels under concrete from the pool to the main pump room. Technicians have discovered a leak under the concrete. The repair will consist of localized concrete removal, pipe replacement, testing of the line, and pouring fresh concrete. Executive Director Vickers shared with the Board that staff were able to outrun the leak using the autofill feature on the pool, but the Board will see an increase in water usage. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$14,800 to Helm Mechanical for the replacement of a water supply line at the Kiddie Pool at Mill Creek Pool. Commissioner Cullen seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIT TRANSFER – RESOLUTION #2025-05

President Moffat asked if there were any questions regarding the audit transfer resolution. Hearing no questions, Commissioner Cladis made a motion to approve the Audit Transfer Resolution #2025-05, authorizing the transfer of unexpended funds from one appropriation item to another. Commissioner Jones seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Kaven-absent, Cladis-aye, Jones-aye, Cullen-aye, Moffat-aye. Four ayes. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL – ORDINANCE #2025-06

President Moffat asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Cladis asked about the playground disposals listed. Executive Director Vickers stated that the playgrounds listed are still current playgrounds and have been added to the list so the district is able to dispose of them once removed. Playground equipment is typically donated to Kids Around the World. With no further questions, Commissioner Cladis made a motion to approve the Surplus Property Disposal Ordinance #2025-06 as presented. Commissioner Cullen seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Kaven-absent, Cladis-aye, Jones-aye, Cullen-aye, Moffat-aye. Four ayes. Motion carried.

2026 OSLAD WHEELER PARK – RESOLUTION #2025-07

Executive Director Vickers informed the Board that Michelle Kelly from Upland Design will be writing the grant for the district, and she will be present at next month's meeting to go over the project. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve resolution #2025-07 of the authorization for the Wheeler Park project. Commissioner Cullen seconded. Kaven-absent, Cladis-aye, Jones-aye, Cullen-aye, Moffat-aye. Four ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Vice President Cullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Commissioner Cladis seconded. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary

Submitted By: Nicole Vickers / Hannah Sterrick