

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Craig Sykes, Chris Mitchell, Matt Jones and Don Harris. Commissioner Linda Ames was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Eric Robertson, acting Secretary Megan Dittman, and Superintendent of Park Operations Bradley Boone.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2025 (Pages 326-329)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of August 27, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF AUGUST 27, 2025 (Page 330)

IV. OLD BUSINESS (none)

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board
None

B. Request for Use of Facilities
None

C. Other Communications
1. Retirement letter from Maintenance Foremen Donald Pieper (Page 331)
Letter provided as informational only.

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Jenna DeYong, second by Commissioner Don Harris. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (Pages 332-333)

1. Resolution 25-32 approving the submission of the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant application and certification and acknowledgement of grant requirements. Motion to approve the submittal for the Main Bathrooms and Concession Stand Project by Director Brinkmeyer was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All Commissioners present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

VII. OTHER

1. Public Comment
 - a) President Harris allowed Mr. Larry Burgan to discuss the need for a soil sample to be taken from Triangle Park to assist in an investigation being held by Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). Motion to allow the sample to be taken was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All Commissioners present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

VIII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

OSLAD Grant

We are working with an architect for our ADA Restroom and Concession grant application. If we aren’t awarded the grant, we will have plans ready for any future funding opportunities that present themselves.

Park Signage

Our Maintenance Team has begun assembling the new park signage, and we’ll be installing it over the next few months.

Hummingbird Carving

Check out the newest carving located in the woodland trail across from the garden.

Asphalt

The asphalt sealing project for The Legacy, Park Office, and Pool/Ice Rink parking lots came in higher than anticipated. Additionally, the asphalt repair/overlay projects at Wilson Park and The Legacy are higher than the initial projections. I’m working with Juneau Associates to prepare a bid package for these projects, which I will provide for

formal approval at our next meeting. I've attached diagrams indicating the areas that will be sealed and repaired.

Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, September 20th – 10am until 1:00pm

Upon the completion of the Directors Report, Commissioner Matt Jones made a motion to enter into Closed Session, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. The Board entered into Closed Session regarding personnel at 6:05 PM. Motion to end Closed Session was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones.

Closed Session ended at 6:16 PM. Closed Session Minutes are provided separately.

Commissioner Chris Mitchell brought up questions regarding Frohardt Park ownership and the possible partnership with GCSD 9 to help alleviate parking issues at Frohardt School.

Follow on questions comments regarding the Parking Lot Project at The Legacy were made by Commissioner Matt Jones. as well as questions regarding the tennis court/pickleball landscaping project.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

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