

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Chris Mitchell, Linda Ames, Craig Sykes and Don Harris. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, acting Secretary Megan Dittman, and Superintendent of Park Operations Bradley Boone.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2025 (Pages 397-398)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of October 8, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

IV. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 400-413)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 414-432)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

VI. Communications

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the draft version of the basic financial statements and independent auditor's reports (**Pages 433-470**)

Motion to accept the draft audit so that the final version can be sent to the State of Illinois was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All Commissioners present voted, "aye". Motion carried.

2. Resolution 25-38 securing bond counsels for the issuance of Series 2025 General Obligation Bond Issue (**Page 471**)

Motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

3. Resolution 25-39 approving agreement with Waldbart and Sons to plant 41 trees in Wilson Park (**Pages 472-473**)

Motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners presented voted, "aye". Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Worthen Park (**Provided**)

Discussion regarding curb grading and fencing possibilities within the Splash Pad facility. No motion or action was taken.

IX. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Pages 474-475)

X. GARDENS REPORT (Page 476)

XI. RECREATION REPORT (Page 477)

XII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 478-481)

XIII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 482-483)

XIV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parking Lot Repairs

The sealing of both the ice rink and office parking lots was completed today. Crews will move to The Legacy tomorrow to lay the new asphalt near the cart barn and make various patches near the clubhouse and in the parking lot. Weather permitting, crews will return to Legacy to complete the sealing on Monday (10/27) with new lot striping to be completed next week. Crews will go to Wilson Park to complete the asphalt repair and overlay near the playground on Tuesday (10/28) or Wednesday (10/29), weather permitting.

If we can maintain the projected schedule, they will finish asphalt repairs and sealing at Loman Park after all projects have been completed in Wilson Park by October 31st.

Universal Playground

The surfacing process is nearly complete. The next phase will be some groundwork near the front entrance of the playground and fencing. The fencing portion, along with the fence replacement projects for Dave Williams Triangle Park and Lincoln Place, will all be part of the bid package. Our maintenance department will demo the old fencing. The fencing projects are covered by our 2025 Madison County Park Enhancement Grant.

Granite City Township

On Tuesday, October 14th, we were invited to present information about the Park District at their monthly senior breakfast. We received lots of positive feedback regarding recent park upgrades.

Halloween Festival

Join us for the fourth annual Wilson Park Halloween Festival, which will be held this Saturday, October 25th, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. We have a few new businesses participating this year, along with a face painter and balloon artist. This year, the park will offer concessions near the check-in area, which will be in addition to food trucks that choose to participate on 29th Street.

Southern Illinois Parks and Recreation Association

On Friday, November 7th, the Park District will host the monthly meeting of the Southern Illinois Parks and Recreation Association at The Legacy Golf Course. Our regular monthly meeting includes business and discussion, followed by lunch. If any commissioner is interested in joining us, please let me know.

All business concluded, Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

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