

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 5:30PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Chris Mitchell, Matt Jones, and Don Harris. Commissioners Linda Ames and Craig Sykes were not in attendance. Employees in attendance were: Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance was Cathy Hamilton of the City of Granite City.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2025 (Pages 484-486)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Park Board Meeting of October 22, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2025 (Page 487)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Finance Committee Meeting of October 27, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Request to address the Board**

1. Cathy Hamilton of the City of Granite City regarding the Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone.

The Park District is already participating in a 4-year commercial enterprise zone. The City is requesting the District move to a 10-year commercial enterprise zone and adding a residential zone as well. This would help the City be competitive with neighboring communities that already offer a 10-year agreement. The City has demolished numerous houses and needs to replace those homes. This program hopes to encourage this residential growth. Commissioners asked about details of growth resulting from the current commercial enterprise zone. The Board wants to help attract growth while

ensuring entities such as the Park District that attract residents aren't harmed by financial losses.

**B. Request for Use of Facilities**

1. Authorizing the Madison County Clerk to use the Brown Recreation Center, Lincoln Place Community Center and the Wilson Park Ice Rink for the General Primary Election on March 17, 2026 (Pages 488-491)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**C. Other Communications**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 25-40 authorizing property tax abatement within the Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone (Pages 492-497)

Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye" via roll call. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 25-41 approving July Fireworks Displays from Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc for the 2026 through 2028 fireworks displays (Pages 498-501)

Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

3. Resolution 25-42 authorizing renewal of the Park District participation in the Illinois Public Risk Fund for policy period 01/02/2026 to 01/01/2027 (Pages 502-506)

Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye" via roll call. Motion carried.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Universal Playground**

Reminder: the grand opening is scheduled for **Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 am.** Should the weather be rainy or snowy, we will assemble at shelter #5. Unfortunately, the permanent fencing won't be installed by then. Landscape Structures can accommodate the fencing portion of the project through Sourcewell, the cooperative purchasing program we are members of, in conjunction with Landscape Structures as a vendor. It looks like the fencing will

be completed sometime in December; until that happens, the temporary chain link will remain. We may need to have intermittent closures while installation is underway.

Additionally, since completion of the asphalt near the playground and Shelter #5, we have identified approximately 127' of sidewalk that needs to be added, repaired, and replaced to provide the best access from the parking area to the playground. Ameren will install two new poles in the vicinity of the playground to accommodate additional security lighting.

We were notified by DNR last week that they plan to name 2025 Open Space Land Acquisition Development grant recipients by the end of the year. If we are fortunate to receive this grant, we can replace the existing restroom and concession building near the playground.

### **Asphalt**

The asphalt crack filling and sealing have been completed in the office lot, rink lot, and Brown Recreation. The installation of new asphalt was completed at Wilson Park near the playground, the entrance to Loman Park, and various areas at The Legacy. Sealing and proper duration of temperatures for the project's longevity.

### **Refunding Bond**

Invitations to bid for the 2025 General Obligation Bonds to be used to provide the revenue source to pay the principal and interest on the District's outstanding General Obligation Bond (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2009 are due to be returned on **Friday, November 14th**. We will likely have the Bond Ordinance for passage on the next agenda.

### **Worthen Park**

I, along with Superintendent of Park Operations Bradley Boone, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, and Recreation Supervisor RP Phelps, am scheduled to have an entire day of training with the aquatics company on Monday. The training will include the day-to-day operation of the equipment and the winterization process.

### **Tree Planting**

Waldbart and Sons Nursery is scheduled to be onsite in the next few days to plant 41 new trees. Gardens and Memorial Supervisor Freda Bolling determined tree species and placement. We have several that will be placed along 27th Street, where we lost many trees during the tornado.

### **SIPRA**

On Friday, November 7th, we hosted our monthly meeting and luncheon at The Legacy. Afterwards, several others from Park Districts and Departments joined us for a tour of the splash pad, Universal Playground, and Ice Rink. We received many positive comments about our parks and facilities.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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