

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 5:30PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Vice President Craig Sykes called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Linda Ames, Matt Jones, Chris Mitchell, and Craig Sykes. Commissioner Don Harris was 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.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING OF JULY 22, 2026 (Pages 240-243)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Park Board Meeting of July 22, 2026 was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING OF JULY 30, 2026 (Page 244)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Special Park Board Meeting of July 30, 2026 was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Request to address the Board**

None

**B. Request for Use of Facilities**

None

**C. Other Communications**

None

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and possible action to adjust the scheduled meeting dates of October 14, 2026, November 24, 2026, and January 27, 2027.

Proposed changes are as follows: October 14, 2026 will move to October 15, 2026; November 24, 2026 will move to November 23, 2026; January 27, 2027 will move to January 25, 2027.

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

## **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Ameren Claim**

Our claim was filed through Acrisure (Ameren's claims partner) for damage resulting from a surge when power was suddenly restored. This surge caused the wading pool pump and a transformer inside the ice rink to require full replacement. The transformer has been replaced, and the new pool pump has been on order for several weeks. It will be installed before winterization to ensure proper operation for the next pool season. At this time, Acrisure is not accepting responsibility for any of the damage or associated costs.

The transformer replacement cost was approximately \$8,500 and the pool pump replacement will be approximately \$10,000.

### **Pool & Splash Pad**

Today was the final day of regular hours of operation at the pool. Adult/Senior Swim will continue through Saturday.

The Worthen Park Splash Pad will remain open through Labor Day during the following hours:

Monday-Saturday: 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

*\*Concessions will not be available*

### **Robertson Park**

Over the past few weeks, a considerable amount of graffiti appeared on the playground equipment at Robertson Park. Fortunately, we have been able to remove most of it.

### **Wedding Gazebo**

With a brief slowdown in other tasks, the Park Maintenance Team has begun repairs to the wedding pavilion. These repairs are intended to extend the life of the structure and restore its appearance and functionality, providing us with more time before a full replacement is required.

Upon completion of the Director's Report, Commissioner Linda Ames made a motion to enter Closed Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. The Board entered Closed Session at 5:52 PM. Motion to end Closed Session was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. Closed Session ended at 6:02 PM. Closed Session Minutes are provided separately. All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

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