REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 5:30PM

I. ROLL CALL

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Matt Jones, Chris Mitchell, Craig Sykes, and Don Harris. Commissioner Linda Ames was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 (Page 299)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2026 was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 302)

A. Finance Committee (Chris Mitchell, Chairman)
None

B. Engineering Committee (Matt Jones, Chairman)
None

C. Municipal Relations Committee (Craig Sykes, Chairman)
None

D. Rules, Personnel Policies Committee (Linda Ames, Chairman)
None

IV. FINANCE REPORT (Page 303)

Motion to approve the Finance Report was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

V. TREASURER’S REPORT (Page 316)

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. **Request to address the Board**
None

B. **Request for use of facilities**
None

C. **Other**
None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 539** AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE USE OF ATV’S, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES, MOTORIZED E-BIKES, MICRO MOBILITY DEVICES OR OTHER ELECTRIC OR POWER DRIVEN DEVICES ON GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY (Page 336)

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

2. **RESOLUTION 26-25** APPROVING THE PARK DISTRICT TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH KODIAK EQUIPMENT SERVICES INC., TO INSTALL ONE WINDOW COUNTER SHUTTER AND ONE ROLLING GRILL SHUTTER AT THE WORTHEN PARK SPLASH PAD BUILDING (Page 338)

   Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

3. **RESOLUTION 26-26** DECLARING IT NECESSARY AND CONVENIENT FOR THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HEAD START- GRANITE CITY, OPERATED BY RIVERBEND HEAD START & FAMILY SERVICES FOR USE OF A SECTION OF PARK DISTRICT RIGHT OF WAY TO PICK UP AND DROP OFF HEAD START-GRANITE CITY STUDENTS (Page 340)

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

4. **RESOLUTION 26-27** APPROVING THE PARK DISTRICT TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH WALDBART AND SONS TO PLANT 42 TREES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (Page 345)

   Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

5. **RESOLUTION 26-28** APPROVING PAYMENT TO SMART INDUSTRY PRODUCTS, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 124 WASTE RECEPTACLES AS PART OF 2026 PEP GRANT FUNDS (Page 348)

   Motion to approve the Resolution, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESCHEDULING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11, 2026, WHICH FALLS ON VETERANS DAY

   Motion to move the meeting to Monday, November 9, 2026 at 5:30 PM was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

IX. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Page 350)

X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 352)

XI. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 353)

XII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Page 357)

XIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Civic Park

The fountain has been out of service for a couple of weeks due to a pump failure. We believe the issue was caused in part by normal wear and tear and by excessive heat in the pit where the pump operates. The pump has been repaired and will be reinstalled later this week. We expect to have the fountain running for a few weeks before it is winterized for the season.

Ice Rink

Today, Superintendent of Park Operations Bradley Boone, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, and I met with an architect and structural engineer to discuss repairs to the Ice Rink. Their assistance is needed to compile the information required for bid packets. The primary focus of this project is to repair the rotted wooden plank ceiling boards and the rubber portion of the pitched roof inside the rink. This work will cover approximately a 4-foot width along the entire east and west sides of the building.

Additional bid package items will include specifications for replacing the T-111 boards on the interior and exterior of the north end of the rink, the interior of the south end, fascia boards around the exterior of the flat roof portion of the building, and the Zamboni garage.

I hope to present a proposal at the next meeting to obtain approval for the architect to proceed with producing bud documents for this project. The project will likely begin as soon as the rink closes for the season in March 2027.

Waste Receptacles

The new waste receptacles, which were funded by our 2026 Park Enhancement Program, have arrived. Only a few will be placed this season, as most will be installed in the spring. During the winter months, picnic tables and multiple receptacles will be removed from shelters for repair and painting.

Wilson Park Courts

Upgraded LED lighting has been installed to cover the court area, providing brighter illumination than before. One new light was defective and had to be replaced due to flashing.

Worthen Park

Our Maintenance Team completed demolition of the Rotary Pavilion this week. We are working to obtain pricing for a new structure and are considering multiple options, aiming for a style similar to the pavilion at the splash pad.

Touch-A-Truck- Saturday, September 26th- 10am-1pm
Board Meeting- Thursday, October 15th- 5:30 pm

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM
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