

AGENDA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 - 4:30 PM

1. **Worthen Park**
 2. **Projects for the 2026 PEP Grant**
 3. **2026/27 Appropriation Ordinance**
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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 - 5:30 PM

- I. ROLL CALL**
- II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2026.....pages 785-787**
- III. COMMITTEE REPORTS.....page 788**
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
None
- V. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Request to address the Board**
 1. Granite City Daily News has requested to introduce themselves to the Park District.
 - B. Request for Use of Facilities**
 1. TWIGS requests to use five different Park District locations as Summer Lunch distribution sitespage 789
 - C. Other Communications**
None
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the 2026 Youth Baseball Rules.....pages 790-792

2. Resolution 26-06 authorizing the Granite City Park District to apply for Park Commission Funds from Madison County.....page 793
3. Discussion and possible action regarding Frohardt Park and possible shared usage by the Granite City School District.....page 794

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

IF PROSPECTIVE ATTENDEES REQUIRE AN INTERPRETER OR OTHER ACCESS ACCOMMODATION NEEDS, PLEASE CONTACT THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 618-877-3059 NO LATER THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING TO ARRANGE ACCOMODATIONS.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 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, Matt Jones and Don Harris. Commissioner Craig Sykes arrived at 5:52pm due to a previous commitment. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, acting Secretary Megan Dittman, Superintendent of Park Operations Bradley Boone, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Recreation and Security Manager R.P. Phelps and Golf Course Manager and PGA Professional Steve Finn.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026 (Pages 735-737)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2026, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE CLOSED SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2c) OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026 (PROVIDED)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Closed Session of February 11, 2026 as provided was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted, "aye". Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

V. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 740-751)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye" via roll call. Motion carried.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 752-770)

Director Brinkmeyer noted that the District is still waiting on reimbursements from the State of Illinois for 2025 PEP Projects and the Universal Playground. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second

by Commissioner Matt Jones. All Commissioners present voted "aye" via roll call. Motion carried.

VII. Communications

A. Request to address the Board

None.

B. Request for use of facilities (Page 771)

1. Sister to Sister Outreach Ministry request to use Centennial Pavilion and the area around it for the annual Juneteenth event scheduled on Friday, June 19, 2026.

Motion to approve the request as presented was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

C. Other

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 26-05 approving payment to Focal Pointe for the purchase, supply and installation of drainage and wall improvements. **(Pages 772-773)**

Motion to approve the payment as presented was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, "aye". Motion carried.

- Discussion and possible action regarding placement of a community mosaic mural at Wilson Park in honor of the United States 250th birthday **(Page 774-775)**

Director Brinkmeyer gave additional details on the project that is being ran by the Granite City Regional Chamber of Commerce. Commissioners in attendance discussed location options and concerns of vandalism. Motion to allow placement within Wilson Park (Garden area preferred), with the final location TBD was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by

Commissioner Matt Jones. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

X. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Pages 776-777)

1. **GARDENS REPORT (Page 777)**
2. **RECREATION REPORT (Page 778)**
3. **FACILITIES REPORT (Page 779)**
 - **Pool Report (Page 780)**
 - **Ice Rink Report (Page 781)**
 - **Concessions Report (Page 782)**
4. **GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 783)**

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (PROVIDED)

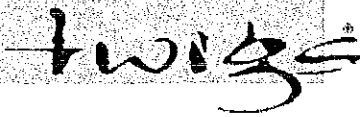
Following the Director's Report conversation was had regarding moving the next Board Meeting to March 10, 2026 at 5:30pm to ensure a quorum. Motion was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

All business concluded, Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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Committee Reports

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| A. Finance Committee | Chris Mitchell, Chairman |
| B. Engineering Committee | Matt Jones, Chairman |
| C. Municipal Relations | Craig Sykes, Chairman |
| D. Rules, Personnel Policy | Linda Ames, Chairman |



February 23, 2026

Mr. Justin Brinkmeyer
Granite City Park District
2900 Benton Avenue
Granite City, Illinois 62040

Re: Summer Lunch Locations

Dear Justin and the Granite City Park District Board,

As we begin preparing for our 16th summer, we are grateful for the Granite City community who continues to support our efforts to make a difference in the lives of children. In 2025, we reached a huge milestone. We have now distributed over 2,000,000 meals to children. Because of you, our load is made lighter.

Once again we would like your permission to use the following parks:

1. Worthen Park - along the road on Park Drive
2. Tri-City Park on McCambridge
3. Triangle Park on the Rock Road
4. Lincoln Place Community Center Park on Niedringhaus Ave.
5. Wilson Park - 29th & State

Like last year, the lunches will be distributed Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 11:30am-12:30pm.

We would also like your permission to hang a banner at each location. We will hang the banners the middle of May and take them down soon after the program ends mid-August.

Again, we cannot say thank you enough for your continued support. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Also, please check out our website www.twigsforkids.com or find us on Facebook to learn more about the important work our volunteers are doing.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Guilliams'.

Lisa Guilliams
Founder/Chief Dreamer

**Granite City Park District Recreation Department Memo
Proposed Baseball Rule Changes for 2026**

- Universal Time Limit: 1 hour and 45 minutes; no new inning to begin after 7:30pm (T-Ball is the only exception as they conclude before then)
- Universal adaptation of Code of Conduct (see attached document)
 - This document will be signed by coaches, players and guardians and will serve as the ground rules for all divisions.

T-Ball Rule Addition

- Art. 9: Pitcher and catcher must wear helmets.

Atom Rule Removal

- Art. 1: Field Markings- These were added in when we adopted the pitching machine. They do not apply to our field size/usage.
- Art. 2: Coaches not allowed to give hitting instruction while feeding the machine. This was another addition when we adopted the pitching machine.
 - Both of the above rules were copied and adapted from SWIBL when we shifted to pitching machines. These are not needed at this level of play.

Atom Rule Addition

- Art. 20: Adding a note that overthrow running will stop at 3rd base.

Bantam Rules Adjustments

- Art. 2: Adjusting pitching distance to 46' (This aligns with the age of the players. Change being made to adjust from when we were previously Bantam I & Bantam II)
- Art. 8; Sec. A: Adjusting the pitch count rule to eliminate the innings reference (only pitches will be used).

Midget Rule Adjustments

IF registration numbers support it the shift will be made to reflect the following:

- Midget I: pitching at 46'
- Midget II pitching at 53'

IF only enough teams for a single division, then pitching would be at 50'

Adjustments to shift back to the old Midget I & II divisions is being proposed as we finally have a surplus of teams in that age bracket and the parents and coaches have expressed concerns over the younger 11-year-olds playing against the 14-year-olds.

The Granite City Park District strives to create a positive atmosphere where children learn the game of baseball, develop values and have fun. All members of the Granite City Pak District Baseball Program have a role to play in creating this positive atmosphere. By giving careful thought to these codes of conduct and putting effort into living up to them, you can help create this positive atmosphere.

Please read the Parent's Code of Conduct below and review the Player's Code of Conduct with your child. All players, coaches, parents and spectators will be held to the Code of Conduct below.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYERS WILL:

1. Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
2. Follow the direction of the Coaching Staff.
3. Respect all, coaches, players, league officials, umpires and spectators.
4. Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices.
5. **NOT** use abusive or profane language.
6. **NOT** taunt or humiliate any other player.
7. **NOT** question an umpire's call.
8. **NOT** abuse, mistreat or mishandle any Granite City Park District equipment or property (e.g., throwing batting helmets)
9. **NOT** use any tobacco products or e-cigarettes in the dugout, playing field or in the concession building.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT:

COACHES WILL:

1. Be positive role models.
2. Display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
3. Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players
4. Do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
5. Ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner, which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
6. Treat all players, parents, spectators and league officials with respect.
7. Provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
8. **NOT** ridicule or demean players, other coaches, umpires, parents, spectators or league officials.
9. **NOT** tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
10. Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by Granite City Park District.

11. Teach the game of baseball to the best of their ability.
12. Be drug and alcohol free while at any Granite City Park District event.
13. **NOT** use any tobacco products or e-cigarettes in the dugout, playing field or in the concession building.

PARENTS & SPECTATORS - CODE OF CONDUCT

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS WILL:

1. Be positive role models.
2. Display and instill in all players, the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
3. Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
4. Do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
5. Make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials and spectators.
6. Agree not to ridicule or demean players, coaches, umpires, or league officials in any public forum.
7. Agree to inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
8. Agree to treat all players, coaches and umpires fairly and with respect.
9. Comply with the decisions of league officials.
10. Support the rules, regulations and bylaws as established or endorsed by the Granite City Park District.
11. **NOT** question an umpire's call.
12. Respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, or coaches.
13. Be drug and alcohol free while at any Granite City Park District event.
14. **NOT** use any tobacco products or e-cigarettes in the dugout, playing field or in the concession building.

Player Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

RESOLUTION 26-06

**AUTHORIZING THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT TO
APPLY FOR PARK COMMISSION FUNDS FROM MADISON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Granite City Park District Board of Commissioners proposes to apply for PEP funds for the following project(s):

WHEREAS, the funding for the projects may exceed the actual amount granted from PEP funds in which the Granite City Park District agrees to fund the completion of the project from another source;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of The Granite City Park District authorizes the filing of the above listed applications to Madison County in adherence to all applicable rules and regulations of the PEP program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of The Granite City Park District hereby directs and designates the Director of Parks and Recreation to act as the authorized representative in connection with the filing of the aforementioned applications and all concurrent meetings and hearings associated with the project approval process.

PASSED this 10th day of March, 2026

APPROVED THIS 10th day of March, 2026

Don Harris
Board President

ATTEST:

Stephanie Koishor
Secretary

