

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, Chris Mitchell, Matt Jones, and Don Harris. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, Recreation and Communications Manager Megan Dittman, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2026 (Pages 723-726)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Finance Committee Meeting of January 21, 2026 was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2026 (Pages 727-730)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of January 21, 2026 was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 731)

- 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

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

None

B. Request for Use of Facilities

1. The Lutheran Churches of Granite City request to hold the annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Wilson Park Ice Rink on Sunday, April 5th, 2026, at 6:30 AM (Page 732)

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 Communication

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 26-04 approving an agreement with Collins & Hermann to install new fencing at the Lincoln Place Community Center and Dave Williams Triangle Park. (Pages 733-735)

The Park District Maintenance team will be doing the demolition for this project. This is the final PEP 2025 project.

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

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PEP 2026

This year we will receive \$310,638 in eligible project funds- a significant increase over last year. We are currently finalizing a list of potential items and projects for your review. This, along with other funding opportunities could include the restrooms at the Universal Playground and may also include new trash cans.

Recreation

Our Recreation Managers have a meeting next week with an individual to discuss running an evening tennis program in the summer.

The annual Youth Baseball coaches meeting is to take place before the end of the month.

We continue to address issues with Civic Rec, most of which stem from individuals missing clearly listed steps in the registration process. Many of these challenges occur during initial

account creation, but once accounts are set up, the process becomes much simpler. Over the next six weeks, Civic Rec will implement an upgrades, more user- and mobile- friendly process.

Worthen Park

Today, Spectrum completed the interior internet installation for our cameras, point-of-sale system, and equipment monitoring. Now that the snow has melted, the damaged concrete will be repaired soon.

Our Maintenance Team removed many dead trees throughout the park. With this being a slower time of year, we were able to rent a boom lift and complete the work internally, resulting in a significant savings for the Park District.

The Granite City Tree Advisory Board (TAB) contacted us about partnering on a grant they received to plant and care for trees over three years. The grant was originally awarded to TAB for another project that can no longer accommodate the trees, so they proposed Worthen Park as an alternative. The grantors have approved of this change, and I will meet with TAB tomorrow to discuss the opportunity further.

The Granite City Rotary Club recently completed a fundraiser to renovate the Milton Worthen Rotary Pavilion. Rotary plans to replace the rotted wood, roof, and pillars as part of the project. The goal is for the renovated pavilion to complement other recent upgrades. We anticipate this pavilion will be busy due to its proximity to sand volleyball and the splash pad.

Upon completion of the Director's Report, Commissioner Don Harris made a motion to enter Closed Session, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. The Board entered Closed Session at 5:55 PM. Motion to end Closed Session was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Closed Session ended at 6:06 PM. Closed Session Minutes are provided separately. All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

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