

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 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. Also in attendance was Stephanie Malench.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2026 (Pages 785-787)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2026 was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 788)**

- 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. 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.

Stephanie Malench awarded Justin Brinkmeyer with the Heartbeat of the Month Award. He was nominated by Chris Mitchell. She also informed the Board of the purpose of Granite City Daily News and briefly discussed its operation.

### **B. Request for Use of Facilities**

1. TWIGS requests to use five different Park District locations as Summer Lunch distribution sites (Page 789)

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 Communications**

None

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the 2026 Youth Baseball Rules (Pages 790-792).

Megan Dittman has spoken with the coaches about proposed changes and they are in agreement. The Code of Conduct will be signed by all coaches, players, and parents (for all sports). Motion to approve the changes, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

2. Resolution 26-06 authorizing the Granite City Park District to apply for Park Commission Funds from Madison County (Page 793)

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

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Frohardt Park and possible shared usage by the Granite City School District (Page 794)

Ryan Robertson has spoken with IAPD regarding this possibility. The request is to lease approximately 4.8 acres behind Frohardt to the Granite City School District to build a parking lot for staff which would help improve traffic flow in the area. The Park District

cannot lease land to be used for a parking lot, however the land can be traded for an equal or greater amount from the school district. Justin Brinkmeyer and the Board questioned if the School District putting equipment there, such as beaches or a walking trail, would be considered allowable. No action was taken at this time. Continuing exploration of the idea will occur.

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

### **Golf Course**

There have been a couple of golf cart accidents recently. One of those was significant, bending the axle of the cart. These accidents have been attributed to the brush/drainage line clean out project on Lake Drive and along the bike trail.

### **Baseball Registration**

Registration for the 2026 Season is open. There has been a good number of sign ups in the first couple weeks and we anticipate to see another wave now that the Rec Department has met with coaches. Opening Day has been set up for May 16th.

### **Summer Recreation**

Registration for the Summer Rec Program is now open. The Rec Department will begin taking applications for counselors in the coming weeks.

### **Job Fair**

The Job Fair date has been set for March 26th from 3pm-7pm. Advertising materials for this event were released today and will be shared with GCSD9 for distribution/promotion.

Upon completion of the Director's Report, Commissioner Matt Jones made a motion to enter Closed Session, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. The Board entered Closed Session at 5:52 PM. Motion to end Closed Session was made by Commissioner Don Harris, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Closed Session ended at 6:15 PM. Closed Session Minutes are provided separately. All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Matt Jones. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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