

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2025 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

Treasurer Matt Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Linda Ames, Matt Jones, and Chris Mitchell. Commissioners Don Harris and Craig Sykes were 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 JUNE 24, 2026 (Pages 161-164)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Park Board Meeting of June 24, 2026 was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2026 (Page 165)

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of June 24, 2026 was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 30, 2026 (Page 166)

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

None

B. Request for Use of Facilities

1. Granite City Braves Football and Cheerleading Club requesting usage of Worthen Park Football for practice and games for the 2026 season (Page 167)

The Park District will put up temporary fencing and will have security present at scheduled games.

Motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

C. Other Communications

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 26-22 approving payment to Sonneberg Asphalt Co., Inc for parking lot improvement projects (Pages 168-169)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted “aye” by Roll Call. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 26-23 approving invoice payment to FairwayiQ (Pages 170-171)

Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted “aye” by Roll Call. Motion carried.

VIII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Patriots In the Park

Overall, the event went well. Feedback has been positive, especially regarding the fireworks and music. The 5K had 57 participants, the car show featured 57 vehicles, and 19 vendors participated in the vendor fair. Combined fundraising efforts totaled \$51,475.90. We are still expecting to receive pledges from a few businesses in the coming days.

Unfortunately, we experienced several issues with people climbing the safety zone fences during setup, as well as during and after the show. At the conclusion of the event, some individuals completely disregarded the safe zone, which was especially dangerous because there were live fireworks that had failed to go off. This posed a serious risk of injury. Next year, we plan to install taller chain link fencing to make it more difficult for people to cross into restricted areas.

There are still a few pledged checks outstanding to be counted toward Patriots In the Park donations.

Trees

Safety pruning has been completed along Benton and Fehling, and one tree was removed near the entrance to the Park District Main Office. The next phase of pruning will take place on State Street, from Fehling to the service road entrance, and is scheduled to be completed before the start of the school year.

Summer Recreation

Friday is the final day of our Summer Recreation Program for the summer. The program will conclude with a pizza party and pool time.

Park Signage

We are working on new signage that will include park hours, leash requirements for animals, no alcohol, no soliciting, and no selling within the Park System. As part of this project, we are also considering revisions to park rules regarding motorized bikes. Motorized bikes remain a problem, with riders speeding through the parks.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM
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