

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025 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, and Don Harris. Commissioner Matt Jones 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, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2025 (Pages 277-279)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of August 13, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 280)

- 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 (Pages 281-297)

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

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 298-316)

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. 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

1. Thank you note from Ken Spalding (Page 317)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Page 318)

- Bradley will be meeting with a vendor on lighting next Wednesday
- There will be many more outhouses (22) for the GCHS races coming up (6 in the past) and GCSD9 will be paying for this expense

X. GARDENS REPORT (Page 318)

XI. RECREATION REPORT (Page 319)

- Megan Dittman is at Cardinals Nation baseball and softball program meeting to discuss new programs being offered in the future. This meeting was by invitation.

XII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 320)

Pool Report (Page 321)

-Joey is getting a quote for painting the slide and slide tower soon

Ice Rink Report (Page 322)

- Joey hopes to begin laying ice on October 6. The floor takes approximately 1 week to cool prior to starting this process.
 - Opening date is October 24
- Concessions Report (Page 323)

XIII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 324-325)

XIV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Main Restroom and Concession Building

Last week, Director of Operations Bradley Boone and I met with an architect to walk through the building and determine what, if any, upgrades could be made to enhance its appearance and make it more functional, fully meeting all current ADA standards.

The walk-through initiated further discussion regarding the possibility of Asbestos remediation, which would also be required if it were determined to be present. Currently, it seems likely that additional consideration should be given to demolishing the existing structure and constructing a new building.

The architect is working to compile numbers and plans to help us determine the best course of action.

Tornado Repairs

The ice rink roof repair has been completed. We still have several more minor repairs to complete as part of our insurance claim, which includes some shelters in Wilson Park and the building and shelter at Loman.

Currently, we have a fencing contractor making repairs to the fencing in the northwest area of the park. The fencing belongs to Bethel Church and was damaged by sections of dead trees on our property, crushing it. The fencing repairs are expected to be completed by the end of next week.

Asphalt Repairs

We have one large asphalt repair project inside the park, located on the service road from 29th Street, just past the Main Concession building. The section includes several failures that will need to be repaired before overlaying the area with new asphalt. The pricing for this project exceeds the non-bid threshold, so the project will need to be put out for bid once bid packages and specifications are prepared. This project should also include a few minor repairs to a section of the walking trail located in front of the ice rink parking lot.

Universal Playground

The majority of the concrete has been poured with the installation of a few pillars for the Zipkrooz and the swings. This project is still on schedule.

Worthen Park

The contractors are continuing work on the electricity and HVAC in the building. Concrete work on sidewalks and areas around the building continues to be completed daily as weather permits. They should be starting on fixture installation for the splash pad in the next ten days.

Labor Day

The parade kicks off downtown at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 1st. The parade concludes at 29th Street, where free food and beverages are available, and a band performs at the Centennial Pavilion.

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10 th – 5:30 PM

Touch-A-Truck: Saturday, September 20th – 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Halloween Festival: Saturday, October 25th – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Upon completion of the Director's Report, Commissioner Linda Ames made a motion to enter Closed Session, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. The Board entered Closed Session at 6:05 PM. Motion to end Closed Session was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Closed Session ended at 6:13 PM. Closed Session Minutes are provided separately. All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

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