

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026 5:00 PM**

President Harris opened the Public Hearing at 5:00 PM. Commissioners in attendance were Craig Sykes, Matt Jones, Chris Mitchell, and Don Harris. Commissioner Linda Ames was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. No members of the public were in attendance. There were no public questions or comments. President Harris concluded the Public Hearing at 5:30 PM.

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I. ROLL CALL

President Don Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Matt Jones, Chirs Mitchell, Craig Sykes, and Don Harris. Commissioner Linda Ames was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Attorney Ryan Robertson via speaker phone, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
JULY 8, 2026 (Pages 172-174)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2026 was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 175)

- 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 176-192)

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

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 193-213)

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **Request to address the Board**
None

- B. **Request for use of facilities**

- 1. The Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club would like to hold a walk at Wilson Park on September 19, 2026 (Page 214)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

- C. **Other**
None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 26-24 approving the acceptance of a gift to the Granite City Park District from Madison County Transit to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 (Page 215)

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

IX. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Page 216)

X. GARDENS REPORT (Page 216)

XI. RECREATION REPORT (Page 217)

Preschool registration is open and the program begins on August 17. August 12 is Meet the Teacher Night. Next Thursday is the last Movie in the Park for the season.

Justin took a moment to give a special shout out to R.P. Phelps and Joey Hall for their hard work keeping things running smoothly with the Splash Pad. They both have done a great job working together and supporting the staff or any issues that have arisen.

XII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 218)

Pool Report (Page 219)

Ice Rink Report (Page 220)

Concessions Report (Page 221)

XIII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 222-223)

XIV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Illinois Electric was on-site Monday morning and removed the pump for the baby pool. They are having trouble obtaining the necessary parts to get us back up and running but hope to complete the installation by the end of the month. The new transformer for the rink will be installed Friday.

Our claim regarding the damages was submitted, but my calls and emails have not received a response. I am hopeful we will hear something by the end of this week.

Audit

We have submitted our first request for information to Hughes, Cameron & Associates, so the audit process has begun. The auditors will be on-site for a few days sometime in the coming weeks to review documents.

Pool & Splash Pad

The splash pad hours have been modified to open earlier on three days each week. The facility will now open at 10:30am on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. On Wednesdays, we will remain open later, until 7:00pm. Typically, very few patrons remain at the facility after 4:30pm (similar to pool attendance), so we hope that the earlier opening will accommodate more families. This adjustment will require an additional 1.5 staff hours per week. Hours will be adjusted again when GCSD 9 schools are back in session. Unlike most communities, we have a staff member at our splash pad to ensure rules are followed and the facility remains clean.

It is also important for the public to know that both aquatic facilities must be cleared for 30 minutes after the most recent lightning strike within ten miles. We use a lightning detection system that alerts our managers when to clear the facilities and when it is safe for patrons to resume activities. This summer, there have been several afternoons with little rain but persistent lightning in the area. When the 30-minute countdown resets frequently due to lightning, we provide rainchecks for patrons to return on another day. In these cases, we often do not reopen because most patrons leave to use their raincheck for a full day, and at that point, we have more staff on site than patrons. In such situations, it makes sense for us to close, and these updates are posted on our Facebook page.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

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