

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 5:30PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Matt Jones, Linda Ames, Chris Mitchell, and Don Harris. Commissioner Craig Sykes 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, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. Also in attendance was Donald Pieper.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025 (Pages 596-599)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of November 25, 2025 was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 600)**

**A. Finance Committee (Chris Mitchell, Chairman)**

Plans to meet on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 4:30 PM (before our next Regular Board Meeting) to discuss projects for 2026 and beyond.

**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 601-613)**

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

#### **V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 614-632)**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, 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. Request from Jasmin Williams to hold a 5K run/walk at Wilson Park to Fundraiser event for HIS Kids to support families affected by pediatric cancer (Page 633)

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**

None

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #536 abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay debt service in General Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2009 of the Granite City Park District, Madison County, Illinois (Pages 634-635)

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

2. Resolution 2542 authorizing acquisition of general liability property, wrongful acts, and business auto insurance for the period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

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. Resolution 25-43 recognizing the contributions of Maintenance Foreman Donald Pieper (Page 639)

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

4. Resolution 25-44 exploring the possible acceptance of a gift of land (Page 640)\

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

5. Resolution 25-45 approving payment to Sonnenberg Asphalt Co., Inc. for parking lot improvement projects (pages 641-642)

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.

6. Resolution 25-46 approving payment to Tindall Construction, Inc for repairs to pavilions in Wilson Park (Pages 643-644)

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

7. Resolution 25-47 authorizing the Park District to apply for Madison County Sustainability Environmental Grant funds (Page 645)

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

## **IX. RECOMMENDED HIRES**

## **X. PARK OPERATIONS REPORTS (Pages 646-647)**

## **XI. GARDENS REPORT (Page 648)**

**XII. RECREATION REPORT (Page 649)**

**XIII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 650)**

Pool Report (Page 651)

Ice Rink Report (Page 652)

Concessions Report (Page 653)

**XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 654-655)**

**XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Office Awning**

Our awning over the front door was scheduled to be installed today. They showed up to complete the work, had the awning nearly installed, and realized the lettering was improperly sized, so it had to be removed and reupholstered.

**Fencing**

The fencing contractor will be on-site over the next couple of weeks, weather permitting, to begin installing the playground fence.

**Splash Pad Meetings**

We have been meeting to finalize rules and regulations for the splash pad. We plan to have a draft available for review in January.

**Meeting Date Change**

The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th. I, along with Superintendent Bradley Boone, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Recreation and Security Manager R.P. Phelps, and Recreation Supervisor Megan Dittman, will be attending the annual Illinois Parks and Recreation Conference in Chicago. We can consider moving the meeting to the week before so everyone will be present.

**2025 Breakdown**

**Expenses**

All listed in the attached report.

Misc. \$45,979.63

Fireworks \$23,500 (Payment 1 of 2)

**TOTAL** \$69,479.63

\*Next fireworks down payment will come from FY25.

Donations

General \$45,251

Churches \$3,200

**TOTAL** \$48,451

(\$21,028.63)

**Attachments:**

Expense Report

General Donations

Church Donations

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

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