

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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, Matt Jones, and Don Harris. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Attorney Ryan Robertson, Attorney Eric Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. No members of the public were in attendance.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (Pages 507-509)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of November 12, 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 510)

- 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 511-524)

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 525-543)

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

None

C. Other

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 25-40 accomplishing compliance with The Truth-In-Taxation Act for the tax year 2025 (Pages 544-546)

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

2. Ordinance 534 making a tax levy for the Granite City Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026 (Pages 547-560)

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

3. Ordinance 535 providing for the issue of \$180,365 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2025, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain alternate bonds of the Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the

levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Busey Bank (Pages 561-582)

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

4. Resolution 25-41 authorizing the Director of Parks to proceed with payment two of three to Landscape Structures Inc., for the Universal Playground located in Wilson Park (Pages 583-584)

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.

IX. RECOMMENDED NEW HIRES (PAGES 585-586)

X. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Page 587)

XI. GARDENS REPORT (Page 588)

XII. RECREATION REPORT (Page 589)

XIII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 590)

XIV. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 594-595)

XV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Splash Pad

Last week some members of the staff and myself attended training with Landmark Aquatics to learn the operation of the splash pad. Winterization was completed on Monday. The contractor continues to finish up. Once completed, the project will be turned over to the Park District.

UV filtration is included as well. This will require professional cleaning yearly. Landmark Aquatics will come back for start-up next year per the contract and the Park District will have the splash pad professionally opened and closed yearly.

Playground

Feedback regarding the playground has been positive. Hours for the playground are 9:00am until dusk. I was notified late last week that most of the pieces for our fencing came in and the gates are currently being fabricated. Installation is on track to be completed in December weather permitting. The sidewalk repairs near shelter #5 and 29th Street will be completed sometime in December also, weather permitting.

There will be pour and play surface under the existing swing set and the swings will be put back up.

Basketball Court

Over the past few weeks we have experienced lighting issues on the Basketball Court and some electrical issues with the cameras. the maintenance Team did some troubleshooting and replaced the breaker only to realize that it wasn't the issue. We are awaiting contractor to make the necessary repairs.

Trees

Waldbart completed planting 41 trees throughout Wilson Park and areas along 27th Street.

Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 19, 2025 @ 12:00 PM- The Legacy

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

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