

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
REORGANIZATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 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, Matt Jones, Chris Mitchell, and Don Harris. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2026 (Pages 1-4)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Park Board Meeting of April 22, 2026, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 5)

- 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. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. REORGANIZATION MEETING OF MAY 6, 2026

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM.

A. Roll Call

Commissioners answering Roll Call were Chris Mitchell, Craig Sykes, Linda Ames, 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, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

B. Formation of New Board

1. Election of Officers
 - a. President

Commissioner Chris Mitchell moved to nominate Commissioner Don Harris for President of the Granite City Park District. Upon call for further nominations for President, there were no further nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners in attendance voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried. Commissioner Don Harris was declared to be elected President of the Granite City Park District.

- b. Vice President

Commissioner Linda Ames moved to nominate Commissioner Craig Sykes for Vice President of the Granite City Park District, second by Commissioner Don Harris. Upon call for further nominations for Vice President, there were no further nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All Commissioners in attendance voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried. Commissioner Craig Sykes was declared to be elected Vice President of the Granite City Park District.

- c. Treasurer

Commissioner Linda Ames moved to nominate Commissioner Matt Jones for Treasurer of the Granite City Park District, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. Upon call for further nominations for Treasurer, there were no further nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All Commissioners in attendance voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried. Commissioner Matt Jones was declared to be elected Treasurer of the Granite City Park District.

d. Secretary

President Harris moved to appoint Stephanie Koishor for Secretary of the Granite City Park District, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners in attendance voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried. Stephanie Koishor was declared to be appointed Secretary of the Granite City Park District.

2. Appointment of Director of Parks and Recreation

President Harris submitted the name of Justin Brinkmeyer as his appointee for Director of Parks and Recreation of the Granite City Park District for the fiscal year 2026-2027. Motion to approve the appointment of the Director of Parks and Recreation was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried and Justin Brinkmeyer was appointed as Director of Parks and Recreation for the District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

3. Appointment of Granite City Park District Attorney

President Harris submitted the name of Ryan Robertson as his appointee for attorney for the District for the fiscal year 2026-2027. Motion to approve the appointment of the attorney for the Granite City Park District was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "Aye" on Roll Call. Motion carried and Ryan Robertson was appointed as attorney for the District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

4. Appointment of Committee Chairs

President Harris submitted the appointments of the following Commissioners as Committee Chairmen: Chris Mitchell- Finance Committee, Matt Jones- Engineering Committee, Craig Sykes- Municipal Relations Committee, and Linda Ames- Rules, Personnel Policies Committee. All commissioners present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

None

B. Request for Use of Facilities

Oakbridge Development Center request to hold a 5K run/walk in Wilson Park on Saturday, September 19th (Page 6)

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

C. Other Communications

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding repairs to the water slide tower at the Wilson Park Pool.

The Board was provided a list of recommended repairs and pricing information from Tindall Construction, Inc. Two options were discussed at this time. The first option cost approximately \$28,000 and would not include new decking. This option would make the structure safe and usable this season. The second option included replacing the decking in addition to the other necessary repairs. This option would cost approximately \$58,900. Without the decking repair, it is estimated to take 7-10 days to receive materials and at least 5 days to complete the repairs. Painting would occur after this portion. Opting to replace the decking as well would require an estimated 4-6 weeks to receive the materials. Either option would require the closure of the pool during construction. Commissioners asked what a replacement tower could cost. Per Justin's conversations with vendors, this would cost at least \$100,000.

At this time, the Board chose to focus on the needed repairs this year and to revisit the discussion of next steps in the fall. Motion to approve a Resolution approving Tindall Construction, Inc. to complete the necessary repairs was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

2. Resolution 26-13 approving payment (year 6 of 10) of the service agreement with Johnson Controls (Pages 7-8)

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.

3. Resolution 26-14 authorizing execution of a contract with Output Unlimited for the 2026 Fourth of July Celebration (Pages 9-11)

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

4. Recommended Hires (Page 12)

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Baseball

Schedules for the 2026 season are being finalized and will be distributed next week. Reminder that Opening Day is set for Saturday, May 16th at noon on Sykes Field. Following the ceremony there will be games played at the 4-Diamonds Complex.

Employee Health Insurance

Currently, we are insured through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. If we maintain our existing policy, we will see an increase of roughly 24% to maintain our current coverage. At this time, we have 12 full-time employees enrolled in health insurance benefits. I am exploring policies with other insurance companies to ensure we receive the best value for our premiums. Fortunately, Delta Dental and Eye Med plans will remain unchanged.

PEP Grant

We received our notice to proceed on Monday, May 4th, so we will begin moving forward with the approved PEP Projects.

Preschool Graduation

Last night, the Preschool Program celebrated its graduation ceremony at the Ice Rink, honoring 18 graduates.

Rotary Pavilion

The Granite City Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Park District, has partnered with Tindall Construction to upgrade the Rotary Pavilion at Worthen Park. To fit within the funding limit available from Rotary, the project scope would have needed to be reduced. In efforts to maximize the upgrades and realize significant savings, the Park District will contribute up to \$5,000 to ensure the project's completion. Upgrades will include new roofing, pillars, flashing, among other improvements.

Splash Pad

We encountered several challenges to ensure the ribbon-cutting would happen as scheduled. After extensive troubleshooting, the contractor discovered that the underground high-voltage line had been severed when Sun Communications (Spectrum's contractor) installed the internet line in December and failed to report the incident. The newly poured concrete had to be removed to repair the line, but both the line and the concrete were successfully restored last Friday.

Equipment start-up and the license inspection by the Illinois Department of Public Health were delayed until Monday, May 4th, due to the electrical issue in the pump room. We remain on track for the ribbon-cutting this Saturday, May 9th, at 1:00 PM.

The Maintenance team has been discussing internal repair options for the Wedding Gazebo. Opportunities to partner with community partners is also being discussed. Some repair/replacement options have included repouring the concrete, which significantly impact the cost. At this time, the concrete is in good condition and does not need to be replaced.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mmitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM
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