

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were: Chris Mitchell, Linda Ames, Matt Jones, Craig Sykes, and Don Harris. In attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Park Operations Bradley Boone, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Recreation and Security Manager R.P. Phelps, Recreation and Communications Manager Megan Dittman and Golf Course Manager and PGA Professional Steve Finn. Megan Dittman was also acting Secretary.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026 (Pages 795-797)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2026, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026 (Pages 798-800)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 10, 2026, as presented, was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted, "aye." Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE CLOSED SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2c) OF MARCH 10, 2026 (PROVIDED)

Motion to approve the minutes and attachments of the Closed Session of March 10, 2026 as provided was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted, "aye". Motion carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 801)

None

VI. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 802-813)

Motion to approve the Finance Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All Commissioners present voted “aye” via roll call. Motion carried.

VII. TREASURER’S REPORT (Pages 814-832)

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All Commissioners present voted “aye” via roll call. Motion carried.

VIII. Communications

A. Request to address the Board

None.

B. Request for use of facilities (Page 833)

1. G.C. Tribe request to use Parente Field at Worthen Park for the 2026 season.

Motion to approve the request as presented was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

C. Other

Recommended new hires (**Page 834**) No action, for informational purpose only.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 26-07 approving renewal of GolfNow marketing and booking software contract for The Legacy Golf Course (**Pages 835-840**)

Motion to approve the renewal as presented was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All Commissioners present voted, “aye”. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 26-08 approving lease agreement of Frohardt Park to the Granite City Community Unit School District #9 (**Pages 841-844**)

Motion to approve the lease as presented was Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted, “aye”. Motion carried.

3. Resolution 26-09 approving the Park District to enter into an agreement with Valencia Painting and Decorating to grind and paint the metal support system of the water slide located at the Wilson Park Pool **(Page 845-846)**

Motion to enter into the agreement as presented was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All Commissioners present voted "aye". Motion carried.

IX. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Pages 847-848)

1. **GARDENS REPORT (Pages 848-849)**
2. **RECREATION REPORT (Page 850)**
3. **FACILITIES REPORT (Page 851)**
 - **Pool Report (Page 852)**
 - **Ice Rink Report (Page 853)**
 - **Concessions Report (Page 854)**
4. **GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 855-856)**

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (PROVIDED)

Director's Report

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Insurance Claim

We received reimbursement funds of \$82,858.16 for storm-damage repairs completed in 2025 related to the May Tornado.

L. P. Community Center and D.W. Triangle Park Fencing

This project has been completed. Take a moment to drive by and take a look when you have time. The new fencing is definitely a significant upgrade. We have heard from a few residents that called to express appreciation for the upgrade.

Park Office

We have an electrical contractor coming in tomorrow to add additional power to the office, which will be installed above the new cabinets and workstations. The office cabinets and workstations were delivered last week. The Park Maintenance Team will begin installation in the next few days.

Damage Repair

We are still awaiting site repair near the Main Restroom from R&R Sanitation. Over the winter, they were driving unauthorized on the grass, creating ruts in the soft ground rather than using the roadway. We were told they were sending a landscaping company out to make the necessary repairs.

Worthen Park

We are still working on a remedy for sand flowing out of the volleyball courts and onto the grass, covering sections of the walking trail. Our Maintenance Team has removed it from the walking trail a few times.

The ribbon cutting for the splash pad is scheduled for May 9th at 1:00 PM. It is likely that the irrigation and landscaping won't be completed by the ribbon-cutting. We are unable to proceed with the project until we receive our notice to proceed, since this project will be funded by FY26 – PEP Funds.

Architect Meeting

On Monday, March 16th, we met with another architect recommended by several individuals who have been very satisfied with his work and fee structure. We sought his second opinion regarding the existing restroom and Main concession building. After our walk-through and discussion, he recommended we consider building a new structure. He is preparing a fee proposal that will be shared at an upcoming meeting once it is received.

Water Line

On Wednesday, March 18th, as we prepared to open the restrooms near the playground, we discovered a significant water leak when the lines were turned on for the season. The leak occurred at the entrance to the new playground, causing water to collect in the low-lying areas inside the fence. During fence construction, an old water line—unknown to us—was accidentally damaged, which is understandable since the lines had already been winterized. Our Maintenance Team completed the repair by Thursday morning, so the playground remained open. It is also worth noting that portable restrooms have been available throughout the winter until the regular bathrooms reopen for the season.

Property Damage

On Thursday evening, around 5:15 PM, someone struck one of our large planters at the end of 29th Street. The entire incident was captured by one of our cameras. The planter was destroyed and will need to be replaced. The driver did not stop; instead, she backed up and drove away. Had this occurred moments earlier, she could have struck a child. The video clearly shows the driver was texting and not paying attention to her surroundings. Given the seriousness of the incident and the license plate visible in the video, a police report was filed.

The morning of Friday, March 20th, we found several planters and trash cans knocked over near the garden, with a couple of planters thrown into the fountain.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 26 – 3:00-7:00 PM - Park District Seasonal Job Fair – Ice Rink

Saturday, April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt – 9:00 AM – Sykes Field

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 AM – Ice Rink

Wednesday, April 8 – Board Meeting – 5:30 PM

Wednesday, April 25 – Board Meeting – 5:30 PM

Wednesday, May 6 – Organizational Board Meeting – 5:30 PM

Saturday, May 9 – Splash Pad Ribbon Cutting – 1:00 PM – Worthen Park

Saturday, May 16 – Baseball Season Kickoff Ceremony 12:00 PM – Sykes Field

All business concluded, Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

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