

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**  
**GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE**  
**2900 BENTON STREET**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

- I. ROLL CALL**
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- IV. OLD BUSINESS**  
None
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None
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None
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**IF PROSPECTIVE ATTENDEES REQUIRE AN INTERPRETER OR OTHER ACCESS ACCOMMODATION NEEDS, PLEASE CONTACT THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 618-877-3059 NO LATER THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING TO ARRANGE ACCOMODATIONS.**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
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2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 5:30PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Matt Jones, Chris 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, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda Bolling, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

**II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 (Page 299)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2026 was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 302)**

- 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 (Page 303)**

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

#### **V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Page 316)**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. 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. **ORDINANCE NO. 539** AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE USE OF ATV'S, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES, MOTORIZED E-BIKES, MICRO MOBILITY DEVICES OR OTHER ELECTRIC OR POWER DRIVEN DEVICES ON GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY (Page 336)

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.

2. **RESOLUTION 26-25** APPROVING THE PARK DISTRICT TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH KODIAK EQUIPMENT SERVICES INC., TO INSTALL ONE WINDOW COUNTER SHUTTER AND ONE ROLLING GRILL SHUTTER AT THE WORTHEN PARK SPLASH PAD BUILDING (Page 338)

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.

3. **RESOLUTION 26-26** DECLARING IT NECESSARY AND CONVENIENT FOR THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HEAD START- GRANITE CITY, OPERATED BY RIVERBEND HEAD START & FAMILY SERVICES FOR USE OF A SECTION OF PARK DISTRICT RIGHT OF WAY TO PICK UP AND DROP OFF HEAD START-GRANITE CITY STUDENTS (Page 340)

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.

4. **RESOLUTION 26-27** APPROVING THE PARK DISTRICT TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH WALDBART AND SONS TO PLANT 42 TREES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT (Page 345)

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

5. **RESOLUTION 26-28** APPROVING PAYMENT TO SMART INDUSTRY PRODUCTS, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 124 WASTE RECEPTACLES AS PART OF 2026 PEP GRANT FUNDS (Page 348)

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

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESCHEDULING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11, 2026, WHICH FALLS ON VETERANS DAY

Motion to move the meeting to Monday, November 9, 2026 at 5:30 PM was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

**IX. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Page 350)**

**X. RECREATION REPORT (Page 352)**

**XI. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 353)**

**XII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Page 357)**

### **XIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Civic Park**

The fountain has been out of service for a couple of weeks due to a pump failure. We believe the issue was caused in part by normal wear and tear and by excessive heat in the pit where the pump operates. The pump has been repaired and will be reinstalled later this week. We expect to have the fountain running for a few weeks before it is winterized for the season.

#### **Ice Rink**

Today, Superintendent of Park Operations Bradley Boone, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, and I met with an architect and structural engineer to discuss repairs to the Ice Rink. Their assistance is needed to compile the information required for bid packets. The primary focus of this project is to repair the rotted wooden plank ceiling boards and the rubber portion of the pitched roof inside the rink. This work will cover approximately a 4-foot width along the entire east and west sides of the building.

Additional bid package items will include specifications for replacing the T-111 boards on the interior and exterior of the north end of the rink, the interior of the south end, fascia boards around the exterior of the flat roof portion of the building, and the Zamboni garage.

I hope to present a proposal at the next meeting to obtain approval for the architect to proceed with producing bud documents for this project. The project will likely begin as soon as the rink closes for the season in March 2027.

#### **Waste Receptacles**

The new waste receptacles, which were funded by our 2026 Park Enhancement Program, have arrived. Only a few will be placed this season, as most will be installed in the spring. During the winter months, picnic tables and multiple receptacles will be removed from shelters for repair and painting.

#### **Wilson Park Courts**

Upgraded LED lighting has been installed to cover the court area, providing brighter illumination than before. One new light was defective and had to be replaced due to flashing.

#### **Worthen Park**

Our Maintenance Team completed demolition of the Rotary Pavilion this week. We are working to obtain pricing for a new structure and are considering multiple options, aiming for a style similar to the pavilion at the splash pad.

**Touch-A-Truck-** Saturday, September 26th- 10am-1pm

**Board Meeting-** Thursday, October 15th- 5:30 pm

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM  
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## Committee Reports

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| A. Finance Committee       | Chris Mitchell, Chairman |
| B. Engineering Committee   | Matt Jones, Chairman     |
| C. Municipal Relations     | Craig Sykes, Chairman    |
| D. Rules, Personnel Policy | Linda Ames, Chairman     |



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23 SEP 2026  
2026 Showcase

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FAMILY SERVICE'S SHOWCASE DAYS! STOP BY  
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CHILDREN AND STAFF. 9:00AM-12:00PM

**October 6 Essie Robinson Head Start**  
1802 East Broadway Alton, IL. 62002  
**October 13 Collinsville Head Start**  
5 Crestmont Collinsville, IL. 62234  
**October 19 Edwardsville Head Start**  
710 N. Main Street Edwardsville, IL. 62025  
**October 20 Bethalto Head Start**  
225 James St. Bethalto, IL. 62010  
**October 27 Granite City Head Start**  
2901 State Street, Granite City, IL. 62040

Questions?

Contact Vaneta Wadlow at  
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618-2040-356800



*Justin Brinkmeyer  
and Park Board*

*2900 Benton St.  
Granite City, IL  
62040*

*We hope to see you!*



# City of Granite City

Granite City, Illinois 62040

Mike Parkinson  
Mayor

Jenna DeYong  
City Clerk

Dear Taxing District,

On behalf of Mayor Mike Parkinson and the City of Granite City, I'd like to invite you to a planning conversation with leaders from our local taxing districts on Monday, October 19, 2026, at The Mill Conference Center located at 1311 20<sup>th</sup> St, Granite City, Illinois.

Lunch will be provided by Big Meechie's, beginning at 12:30 pm with the meeting beginning at 1:00 pm.

As you may know, a developer has expressed interest in building a data center in Granite City. While no zoning application has been filed, the City is taking proactive steps to better understand the needs of our community so that, if this or any other proposal moves forward, we are prepared to pursue an agreement that truly benefits the people of Granite City.

Each of our taxing districts serves residents in different ways, and new development affects each of you differently. We'd like to learn about your current needs and the pressures you anticipate in the coming years, so we can better understand how a growing tax base might help support the services you provide to residents.

We hope to begin to understand:

- Your district's current need and long-term priorities
- How new development could support or strain your services
- Where added resources from new development could make the greatest difference for residents

Please let us know by October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, whether you or a representative can attend. If the date doesn't work, I'm happy to find another time to connect.

Thank you for your partnership and for the work you do for our community.

Sincerely,

Cathy Hamilton

Economic Development Director

[chamilton@granitecity.illinois.gov](mailto:chamilton@granitecity.illinois.gov) or 618-980-2284

**ORDINANCE NO. 540**

**ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN PARK DISTRICT  
PERSONAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SALE OR DISPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the Granite City Park District have certain vehicles, specifically a Club Car Golf Cart (serial: PP1735-737548) and a 2014 C-Max Hybrid (VIN: 1FADP5BU4EL508168) ("Vehicles") which have been used in association with the Park District work; and

WHEREAS, the named Vehicles are no longer operational and therefore are no longer useful or necessary for Park purposes; and

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 1205/8-22 authorizes the Park District to dispose of items of personal property, when in the opinion of three-fifths of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners then holding office such property is no longer necessary, useful to, or for the best interest of the Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks has made preliminary arrangements for the disposal and or sale of the personal property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

It is hereby found and determined by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Granite City Park District that the following items of personal property are no longer necessary, useful to or for the best interests of this Park District: Club Car Golf Cart (serial: PP1735-737548) and a 2014 C-Max Hybrid (VIN: 1FADP5BU4EL508168).

That the Director of Parks is hereby authorized to convey or sell the personal property described above in any manner that he may designate, with or without advertising the sale, at any time following the adoption of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of the date of its passage and approval

PASSED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2026.

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2026.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

## **RESOLUTION 26-29**

WHEREAS, the Granite City Park District is desirous of securing bond counsels for the issuance of Series 2026 - General Obligation Bond Issue (Refunding Bond); and

WHEREAS, the Park District has previously engaged the services of Chapman and Cutler and Eric Robertson as Bond Counsels for other Park District bond issues; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has been satisfied with the services provided by both Eric Robertson and Chapman and Cutler in relation to past bond issues; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Granite City Park District that the Park District secure bond counsels for the issuance of general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Chapman and Cutler will provide an engagement letter, to be executed by the Director of Parks and Recreation, outlining services to be provided as bond counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Park District wishes to secure the services of Chapman and Cutler and Eric Robertson as Bond Counsels for the issuance of general obligation bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT:

1. That the Park District should, and does hereby, retain Chapman and Cutler, LLP and Eric Robertson as Bond Counsels for the Park District's issuance of general obligation bonds.

2. That the Park Director is authorized to execute the engagement letter, to secure the services of Chapman and Cutler, LLP.

PASSED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2026.

APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2026.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY