

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 5:30PM**

I. ROLL CALL

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioners answering Roll Call were Linda Ames, Matt Jones, Chris Mitchell, Craig Sykes, and Don Harris. 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, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 6, 2026 (Page 13)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of May 6, 2026 was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF MAY 6, 2026 (Pages 14-18)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Reorganization Meeting of May 6, 2026 was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 19)

- 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

V. FINANCE REPORT (Pages 20-33)

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

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 34-53)

This is the final Treasurer's Report of the prior fiscal year. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

None

B. Request for use of facilities

None

C. Other

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 26-15 authorizing the hiring of Hughes and Associates for accounting services (Pages 54-59)

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

2. Recommended new hires (Pages 60-61)

Motion to approve the recommended new hires was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Linda Ames. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

X. PARK OPERATIONS (Page 62)

1. Gardens Report (Page 63)

2. Recreation Report (Page 64)

3. Facilities Report (Page 65)

Pool Report (Page 66)

Ice Rink Report (Page 67)

Concessions Report (Page 68)

The first session of swim lessons will not occur due to slide tower repairs requiring the closure of the pool.

Splash Pad- The feedback has been positive overall. There have been some instances of patrons not listening to the attendant. We show the same paperwork to the Health Department that we have for the pool. The concession stand has started a bit slow, but it has passed its health inspection.

4. Golf Course Report (Pages 69-70)

The FairwayIQ system install should occur the week of July 13 and is expected to take 3-4 days.

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Appropriation Ordinance

The Appropriation Ordinance remains a work in progress as I work to account for all our needs for 26/27. We have several expenses at Worthen Park, including appropriating \$18,000 for an attendant at the splash pad during operation. I am projecting an additional \$30,000 in utility costs. Several projects at the facility still need to be completed as well. My plan is to have a draft of the Appropriation completed within the next two weeks.

The anticipated cost of projects to finish the Splash Pad, such as fencing and retractable doors around concessions, is approximately \$50,000.

Asphalt Sealing

Weather permitting, Sonnenberg plans to complete the sealing and striping at Legacy and Loman next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Health Insurance

I have submitted census information to our broker for coverage comparisons to determine if other carriers offer plans that match or exceed our current level of coverage for the cost.

There would be a 24% cost increase for our current plan.

Rotary Pavillion

An adjuster was onsite Tuesday morning to inspect the pavilion and determine if the structural issues were caused by wind. He will report his findings to our carrier, who will decide if it is claim worthy. He advised us not to begin demolition until we receive the final report. It should take 5-10 days to hear back from the insurance provider.

Slide Tower

Tindall Construction received the steel for the slide tower this afternoon and plans to be onsite tomorrow morning to begin repair work. The repairs are expected to take 2-4 days, with an additional 3-4 days needed to complete the painting.

Splash Pad

We continue to address minor issues with pumps, keys, and other items that arise as the facility operates consistently for the first time.

Dress code issues remain a challenge with patrons. Our staff has done well enforcing the rules, even when faced with rude and disrespectful behavior.

The sand volleyball lighting is turned on each evening and shut off at 10:00 PM when the park closes. We have been drawing good crowds nightly.

Universal Playground

There have been large groups of older kids at the playground inhibiting use of younger kids. Permanent signage has been added with rules regarding age for use.

There will be a Ladybug Release Party tomorrow in the Gardens at 7pm. This event is a partnership with the Six Mile Regional Library.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM
/srk

Granite City Park District Request To Address The Board of Commissioners

I request permission to address the Board of Park Commissioners at the meeting of
10 day of June 20 26.

The subject, sought to be addressed is:

Gymnastics Facility

It is understood that the time allotted for presentation is five (5) minutes.

Angel Costello
Signature of Party seeking to address the Granite City Park Board

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THIS APPLICATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY

To be included in the agenda of the meeting request must be submitted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.