

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 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, and Don Harris. Commissioner Craig Sykes was not in attendance. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 27, 2026 (Pages 71-74)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of May 27, 2026, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

1. Angela Costillo and Sherrie Worthen-Skaggs regarding a Gymnastics Center (Page 75)

Angela and Sherrie provided handouts to the Board with information about current and potential revenue from the gymnastics program and recent competitions, park property sizes, and photos of other facilities. The gymnastics program has outgrown its current location at Brown Recreation Center. The program also doesn't have a spring floor, which causes athletes to practice at other facilities and the ceilings are not high enough for the older participants to fully revolve around the bars. Potential locations for new facilities were discussed along with the possibility of expanding the current building. Discussions about renovating the current building included discussing how Stearns Park may be utilized to support the facility. The Board reiterated that a facility, especially a new build, would be a mixed-use building, not solely for the Gymnastics Program. The Board plans to hold an upcoming meeting at Brown Recreation Center.

B. Request for Use of Facilities

1. Granite City High School requesting the use of Wilson Park on Saturday, September 5th, 2026 for the annual Granite City HS Cross Country Invitational (Page 76)

Motion to approve the request, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

C. Other Communications

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 26-16 approving an agreement with the Granite City Umpires Association (Pages 77-82)

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

2. Resolution 26-17 approving payment to Tindall Construction for completion of the emergency repairs to the slide tower at the Wilson Park Pool (Pages 83-84)

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

3. Resolution 26-18 approving renewal of Civic Plus Recreation Management System (Pages 85-86)

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

4. Recommended hires (Page 87)

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

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Employee Health Insurance

Our employee health insurance coverage will remain unchanged. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois will continue as our provider. After comparing rates with other carriers, we found that we are still receiving the best pricing for our coverage, deductibles, and co-pays.

Slide Tower

The work has been completed, however, Facilities Manager Joey Hall discovered yesterday that the slide had overspray patches, creating a rough surface. He contacted the painters, who returned to clean the slide's surface.

Tennis/Pickleball Courts

Several small areas have been identified where the surfacing is coming up. We have contacted All Weather, and they will address the issue in the coming weeks when they are in the area.

Patriots In the Park

Sponsorship Update

Business, Organization, & Individual- \$27,803

Church- \$1,872.69

Total- \$29,675.69

Saturday, July 4th

7:00 A.M.- 5K Run/Walk Registration (Pool Counter)

8:00 A.M.- 5K Run/Walk

6:00 P.M.- Local Churches (Main Stage)

7:00 P.M.- Shot Gun Creek (Main Stage)

9:15 P.M.- Fireworks

Sunday, July 5th

8:00 A.M.- Car Show Registration

8:00 A.M.- Co-Ed Slow Pitch Tournament (Depends on teams)

10:00 A.M.- Vendor Fair (Near Diamond #5)

12:00 P.M.- Car Show Registration Ends

2:00 P.M.- Car Show & Vendor Fair Conclude

The Pool closed the deep end at 1:30 P.M. due to cloudy water, and closed for the day at 5:00 for cloudy water throughout the pool.

The Splash Pad experienced all features shutting off at 4 P.M. due to excess water evaporation from the heat. This caused the water level in the surge pit to become too low, triggering a fail-safe that shut the system down. The system is supposed to refill the pit on its own, but this did not happen, so the pool company will be coming out in the morning to look at the issue.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM
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