

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 **5:30 PM**

- I. ROLL CALL**
- II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2025**pages 326-329
- III. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF AUGUST 27, 2025**.....page 330
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
None
- V. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Request to address the Board**
None
 - B. Request for Use of Facilities**
None
 - C. Other Communications**
 - 1. Retirement letter from Maintenance Foremen Donald Pieper.....page 331
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Resolution 25-32 approving the submission of the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant application and certification and acknowledgement of grant requirements.....pages 332-333
 - 2. Discussion regarding holiday lights.
- VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 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, Chris Mitchell, and Don Harris. Commissioner Matt Jones 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, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2025 (Pages 277-279)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of August 13, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted "aye." Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 280)

- 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 (Pages 281-297)

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

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Pages 298-316)

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. 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

1. Thank you note from Ken Spalding (Page 317)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Page 318)

- Bradley will be meeting with a vendor on lighting next Wednesday
- There will be many more outhouses (22) for the GCHS races coming up (6 in the past) and GCSD9 will be paying for this expense

X. GARDENS REPORT (Page 318)

XI. RECREATION REPORT (Page 319)

- Megan Dittman is at Cardinals Nation baseball and softball program meeting to discuss new programs being offered in the future. This meeting was by invitation.

XII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 320)

Pool Report (Page 321)

-Joey is getting a quote for painting the slide and slide tower soon

Ice Rink Report (Page 322)

- Joey hopes to begin laying ice on October 6. The floor takes approximately 1 week to cool prior to starting this process.
 - Opening date is October 24
- Concessions Report (Page 323)

XIII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 324-325)

XIV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Main Restroom and Concession Building

Last week, Director of Operations Bradley Boone and I met with an architect to walk through the building and determine what, if any, upgrades could be made to enhance its appearance and make it more functional, fully meeting all current ADA standards.

The walk-through initiated further discussion regarding the possibility of Asbestos remediation, which would also be required if it were determined to be present. Currently, it seems likely that additional consideration should be given to demolishing the existing structure and constructing a new building.

The architect is working to compile numbers and plans to help us determine the best course of action.

Tornado Repairs

The ice rink roof repair has been completed. We still have several more minor repairs to complete as part of our insurance claim, which includes some shelters in Wilson Park and the building and shelter at Loman.

Currently, we have a fencing contractor making repairs to the fencing in the northwest area of the park. The fencing belongs to Bethel Church and was damaged by sections of dead trees on our property, crushing it. The fencing repairs are expected to be completed by the end of next week.

Asphalt Repairs

We have one large asphalt repair project inside the park, located on the service road from 29th Street, just past the Main Concession building. The section includes several failures that will need to be repaired before overlaying the area with new asphalt. The pricing for this project exceeds the non-bid threshold, so the project will need to be put out for bid once bid packages and specifications are prepared. This project should also include a few minor repairs to a section of the walking trail located in front of the ice rink parking lot.

Universal Playground

The majority of the concrete has been poured with the installation of a few pillars for the Zipkrooz and the swings. This project is still on schedule.

Worthen Park

The contractors are continuing work on the electricity and HVAC in the building. Concrete work on sidewalks and areas around the building continues to be completed daily as weather permits. They should be starting on fixture installation for the splash pad in the next ten days.

Labor Day

The parade kicks off downtown at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 1st. The parade concludes at 29th Street, where free food and beverages are available, and a band performs at the Centennial Pavilion.

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10 th – 5:30 PM

Touch-A-Truck: Saturday, September 20th – 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Halloween Festival: Saturday, October 25th – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Upon completion of the Director's Report, Commissioner Linda Ames made a motion to enter Closed Session, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. The Board entered Closed Session at 6:05 PM. Motion to end Closed Session was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Closed Session ended at 6:13 PM. Closed Session Minutes are provided separately. All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chris Mitchell, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

/srk

Illinois Open Meetings Act
Closed Meeting Certification
(5 ILCS 120/2c)

1. Name of Unit of Government: GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT

2. Date and Time of Closed Meeting or Closed portion of a meeting:

August 27, 2025
DATE

6:05-6:13 PM
TIME

3. Names of all members of the public body present during the Closed Meeting or closed portion of the meeting:

☒ Don Harris, ☒ Craig Sykes, ☒ Linda Ames, ☐ Matt Jones,

☒ Chris Mitchell, Others in Attendance:
Justin Brinkmeyer, Ryan Robertson, Stephanie Koishor

4. Each specific exception cited for closing the meeting (5 ILCS 120/2c):

A. Personnel

B. _____

C. _____

5. For each of the exceptions cited, provide a general description of the subject matter discussed during the closed meeting or portion of a closed meeting:

A. Personnel

B. _____

C. _____

CERTIFICATION:

I CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND SECTION 2 OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF NO OTHER TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE CLOSED MEETING, OR CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING IN VIOLATION OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Signature of Presiding Officer / Board President

Stephanie Koishor
Secretary

9/03/2025

To who it may concern I
Donald Pieper is retireing From
the Granite City Park Dist on
October 09, 2025.

I worked there Full time for
over 25yrs and over 6yrs Parttime
Started Fulltime on March 27, 2000

Donald J. Pieper

RESOLUTION 25-32

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT (OSLAD) GRANT APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANT REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Granite City Park District is preparing to apply for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant ("OSLAD" or "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the Granite City Park District is seeking grant funds to construct an ADA Restroom Facility in Wilson Park ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, as part of the OSLAD Application process the Granite City Park District certifies and acknowledges that it has sufficient funds necessary to complete the OSLAD Project within the two (2) year timeframe specified by the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Granite City Park District also acknowledges that insufficient funds, or failure to complete the Project in the timeframe specified in the Grant will result in termination of the Grant and exclusion from OSLAD Grant consideration for two (2) consecutive grant cycles following termination; and

WHEREAS, the Granite City Park District acknowledges it will comply with all terms, conditions and regulations of:

- 1) the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program (17 IL Adm. Code 3025);
- 2) the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705);
- 3) the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) and/or the Illinois Displaced Persons Relocation Act (310 ILCS 40 et. seq.), as applicable;
- 4) the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et. seq.);
- 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L. 83-352);
- 6) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-135);
- 7) the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, (P.L. 100-259); and
- 8) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (PL 101-336);

in addition the Granite City Park District will maintain the project area in an attractive and safe condition, keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility, and obtain from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources written approval

for any change or conversion of approved outdoor recreation use of the project site prior to initiating such change or conversion; and

WHEREAS, the Application for the OSLAD Grant is in the best interest of the citizens of the Granite City Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Granite City Park District certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information provided within the attached Application is true and correct.

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

- 1) The Granite City Park District certifies and acknowledges it complies with, and will comply with, the named requirements and restrictions cited in this Resolution.
- 2) The Director of Parks and Recreation is authorized to do all things necessary to complete and submit the OSLAD Grant Application seeking funds for an ADA Restroom Facility in Wilson Park.

PASSED this 10th day of September, 2025.

APPROVED this 10th day of September, 2025.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY