REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE
2900 BENTON STREET
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 (Page 359)

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2026, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 363)

A. Finance Committee (Chris Mitchell, Chairman)
None

There will be a Committee Meeting on October 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM with a presentation regarding installing a cell phone tower in Loman Park.

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. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request to address the Board

None

B. Request for Use of Facilities

None

C. Other Communications

1. Invitation from Riverbend Head Start and Family Services (Page 364)

2. Letter from the City of Granite City regarding a meeting with local taxing districts (Page 365)

Justin Brinkmeyer, Bradley Boone, Ryan Robertson, Matt Jones, and Linda Ames plan to attend on behalf of the Park District.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 540 declaring certain Park District property as surplus and authorizing sale or disposal (Page 366)

   The Security vehicle has already been replaced.

   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 26-29 securing bond counsels for the Series 2026- General Obligation Park Bonds (Refunding Bond) (Page 367)

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

VII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ice Rink

The record warmth and high humidity have made laying ice extremely difficult. Based on the current forecast, Facilities Manager Joey Hall and his crew are planning to begin the process very early Monday morning. It is important that the humidity be lower for the ice paint to properly adhere and to avoid condensation drips from the ceiling. This schedule should have everything ready for the last weekend of October, barring any major unforeseen circumstances.

Our Johnson Controls chiller technician brought to our attention that our cooling tower pump needs to be replaced. He noted this while addressing a minor issue during start-up this season. The pump was not part of the system upgrade completed in 2021 when the new chillers

were installed. We are currently obtaining pricing from several different contractors. It is expected to cost approximately $5,000-$10,000.

Pool

Facilities Manager Joey Hall and I are collaborating on identifying and prioritizing repairs and upgrades for upcoming pool seasons.

Playground

Last Friday, our on-duty park attendant noticed that the platform of the zipline was extremely loose, so it was closed and the installer was notified. The feature remained closed until Tuesday, when repairs were completed. It appears that some anchors broke below the surface, requiring removal and patching of the surface after the repair.

Storm Damage

On October 14th, a very large oak tree south of the Delmar entrance lost a large section. Due to the size, position,and associated dangers, it needs to be removed quickly. We were able to have a contractor onsite to provide an assessment, and they began removing the tree today. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate tomorrow so they can complete the removal.

Tax Levy

Work on the tax levy is currently underway and I plan to have additional information to share at our next meeting.

Tree Plan

The Granite City Tree Advisory Board has been working with HeartLands Conservancy to develop a master tree plan for the City. The plan includes City, Park District, and School District properties. As part of the plan, they have identified all of the trees and provided recommendations for care and upkeep. Having this plan for our properties will be extremely helpful in knowing exactly what we have and in determining future planting needs. The tree plan also opens the door to grants for tree maintenance, planting, and equipment for the entities involved.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on October 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM with a presentation regarding installing a cell phone tower in Loman Park.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM
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