

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, MAIN OFFICE  
2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025 5:30 PM**

President Harris opened the Public Hearing at 5:00 PM. Commissioners in attendance 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, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor. No members of the public were in attendance.

Justin Brinkmeyer reviewed the provided summary of the 2025-2026 Appropriation Ordinance. There is approximately \$100,000 additional funds included from PEP and other grant funds. Justin is talking with IL American Water about the cost of filling the Pool and the Ice Rink. The majority of the water used at the Ice Rink is used on the rink surface and is then discarded in the lawn as snow/ice. He will also be discussing the water use expected for the splash pad. The costs have gone up significantly this year since we are paying for the treatment of this water use as waste. There will be two new wells installed in the gardens at Wilson Park for sprinklers and features.

Justin and the Board discussed the next large project priority should be upgrading the restrooms at the Main Concession Stand next to the Universal Playground. Commissioner Harris suggested we form an updated project priority list.

With no further questions or discussion, Commissioner Craig Sykes made a motion, second by Commissioner Linda Ames, to adjourn the Hearing at 5:30 PM.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
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2900 BENTON STREET  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 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, Matt Jones, and Don Harris. Employees in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Brinkmeyer, Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone, Recreational Programming and Communications Coordinator Megan Dittman, Gardens and Memorials Supervisor Freda

Bolling, Facilities Manager Joey Hall, Recreational Programming and Security Coordinator R.P. Phelps, Golf Course Manager and Professional Steve Finn, Attorney Ryan Robertson, and Secretary Stephanie Koishor.

## **II. MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2025 (Pages 182-186)**

Motion to approve the Minutes and Attachments of the Regular Park Board Meeting of June 25, 2025, as presented, was made by Commissioner Matt Jones, second by Commissioner Chris Mitchell. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

## **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Page 187)**

- 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 188-205)**

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

## **V. TREASURER’S REPORT (Pages 206-224)**

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as presented, was made by Commissioner Craig Sykes, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. All commissioners present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Request to address the Board  
None

**B. Request for use of facilities**

1. Request from Higher Level Ministries Christian Church to use Centennial Pavillion and a nearby picnic shelter on Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM (Page 225)

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

**C. Other**

1. Thank you note from Friends of the Library (Page 226)

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 25-27 authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to proceed with the initial payment to Landscape Structures Inc., for the Universal Playground to be located in Wilson Park (Pages 227-234).

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 25-28 to accomplish the transfer of funds from the Golf Course Bond Fund to repay the District for the monies provided by the Park District from its General Corporate Fund (Page 235)

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

3. THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (ORD. 533) APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1,2025, AND ENDING APRIL 30,2026 AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE (Pages 236-251)

Motion to approve the Ordinance, as presented, was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Craig Sykes. All commissioners present voted "aye" by Roll Call. Motion carried.

**IX. PARK OPERATIONS REPORT (Page 252)**

- We have had numerous pieces of equipment break down recently.
- Bradley has ordered 30 parking blocks and we are awaiting arrival of those.
- The team is working on signage for the tennis/pickleball courts with the Park District logo and additional information.
- Bradley would like to recognize employee William Levart for his outstanding work ethic and attitude and noted that he is a great asset to the Park District team.

**X. GARDENS REPORT (Page 253)**

**XI. RECREATION REPORT (Page 254)**

**XII. FACILITIES REPORT (Page 255)**

Pool Report (Page 256)- The pool was very busy in June. We passed the health inspection.

Ice Rink Report (Page 257)- The board cleaner will be in tomorrow. Boards are getting fixed soon as well.

Concessions Report (Page 258)

**XIII. GOLF COURSE REPORT (Pages 259-260)**

**XIV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Tennis & Pickleball Courts**

We encountered a minor issue with fasteners coming loose from the bottom of the fence, which was more noticeable at the section of the court separating the sections. The contractor was notified, and the issue has been addressed.

Superintendent of Operations Bradley Boone and Recreation Supervisor RP Phelps met with a representative from Pickle Planner last week and have the system up and running. We were awaiting the arrival of the new court marker signs to be installed before going live.

**Universal Playground**

Thanks to the assistance of Director of Public Works Rick Daily and Mayor Parkinson, the old playground was removed and hauled away in two days. It is important to note that the old playground couldn't be repurposed as was our original plan. Replacement parts are obsolete for the equipment, and our insurance company advised against repurposing it.

Focal Pointe, the installation contractor, has been onsite working on ground leveling and preparing to install the playground drainage. Once ground leveling is

complete, they plan to begin installation of the pour-in-place surfacing. Currently, the site is fenced by temporary construction fencing, which we will replace with a more substantial temporary chain link fence for the duration of the construction to separate the construction area better and make it more difficult for people to trespass.

### **Civic Rec**

On Monday, July 29th, we opened Civic Rec for families and individuals to set up their accounts, ensuring a more straightforward registration process as programs are released on the platform.

### **Worthen Park**

Last week, we met onsite with Utilitra to discuss the potential placement of cameras for the splash pad and the new building. The contractor was expecting to take delivery of some of the splash pad features this week and begin installation. Other scheduled tasks include completing the splash pad floor, fencing, interior electric, brick, ductwork, and flooring.

### **Ice Rink**

As part of the 2024 General Obligation Bond the sheeting on the south end of the ice rink was replaced. The new material was installed last week by Tindall Construction. The new sheeting is more weather-resistant and doesn't require painting. Facilities Manager Joey Hall is working with Output Unlimited to ensure sound system upgrades are completed in time for the opening of the Ice Rink. Additionally, the new scoreboards, which are part of our 2025 PEP Grant projects, should be installed before opening day.

### **Memorial Park**

Hydrodramatics is scheduled to be onsite tomorrow to complete the remaining repairs which will include the filter and wind sensor along with a few minor adjustments.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Linda Ames, second by Commissioner Matt Jones. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM  
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