



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
300 E Superstition Blvd
Apache Junction, AZ
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Wednesday, June 4, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Heather Moeller called the regular meeting of the City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Heather Moeller led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Kyhn, Commissioner Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, and Commissioner Madrid

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director
Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent
Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the April 2, 2025 regular meeting. Commissioner Felicia Madrid seconded the motion. This was approved.

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Kyhn, Commissioner Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey and Commissioner Madrid

No: 0

[25-222](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[25-223](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of April 2, 2025.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 4.2.25](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners shared positive comments about the recent events and activities they participated in and volunteered for.

6. Staff Report

[25-224](#)

Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Liz Langenbach presented pictures of recently completed projects which included the new ADA entrance and sod installation at the Dutchman Dog Park, as well as the new Musco lighting and pole installations at the Rodeo Grounds. She gave an update on the shower conversion project at the Multi-Generational Center and noted that new countertops and restroom partitions are currently being installed. Director Langenbach concluded by showing the 2024 Fields of Excellence award received for the Little League fields.

[25-225](#)

Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan gave an update on recent events and the successful attendance numbers at the Easter Egg Hunt. She also shared some of the recent adaptive programming events and noted that collaborating and partnering with existing adaptive programs, such as Mesa Parks and Recreation will bring more opportunities in the future. Superintendent Sullivan concluded her presentation with details about the upcoming 4th of July Event, including event parking, entry points and other scheduled activities such as the free swim day at Superstition Shadows sponsored by State Farm's agent Aaron McDermid.

7. Old Business

[25-261](#)

Presentation and update on Rodeo Grounds and Special Event ordinances.

Director Liz Langenbach provided a brief update on the construction plans for the Rodeo Grounds, noting that the project schedule will be coordinated around major events with planned closures occurring during the less busier months. She reported that the Phase 1 construction drawings are nearly complete and outlined what is included in the budget for this phase. Additionally, Director Langenbach shared updates on special events, including the recent direction from council to revise the city code by adding a special event ordinance which will provide a clear and consistent process for special events. She highlighted the benefits including but not limited to public safety, protection of public spaces, and reduction of risk and liabilities. She informed the commission that Management Analyst Riley King will be working with the Special Event Task Force to finalize the ordinance.

8. New Business

[25-136](#)

Presentation and discussion on the Central District Park's conceptual design at Blossom Rock.

Director Liz Langenbach presented the commission with Brookfield's conceptual design of the Central District Park which will be located at Blossom Rock. She highlighted some of the key features in the design including a splash pad, fishing lake, all wheels skate park, pickleball courts and more. She informed the commission that the park is funded through the Community Facility District just like Painted Sky Park, and once built, will fall under the Blossom Rock Alliance Partnership for maintenance. She concluded by noting that, contingent on the progress of preliminary work, a groundbreaking could take place as early as mid next year.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck requested discussing ways to encourage more bicycling in Apache Junction.

11. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose

[25-226](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 6, 2025 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Felicia Madrid moved, seconded by Commissioner Diele Kyhn that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held August 6, 2025 in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Kyhn, Commissioner Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey and Commissioner Madrid

No: 0

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.