



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, April 1, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Heather Moeller called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Heather Moeller led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present 7 - Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Vice Chair Madrid, Commissioner Klepper, Chairperson Moeller, and Commissioner Vega

Staff Present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director
Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent
Dave Butler, Parks Superintendent
Riley King, Management Analyst
Jody Dutra, Recreation Coordinator
Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the March 4, 2026 regular meeting.

Commissioner Felicia Madrid seconded the motion. This was approved.

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Vice Chair Madrid, Commissioner Klepper, Chairperson Moeller and Commissioner Vega

No: 0

[26-119](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[26-120](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of March 4, 2026.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 3.4.2026](#)

5. Information and Reports

Commissioner Felicia Madrid and Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck shared positive comments about all the new shade structures throughout the facilities. Commissioner Manny Vega shared

about volunteering at the Itty Bitty Olympics event. Commissioner Judy Borey reported on how well received the pocket maps have been at the Chamber of Commerce.

6. Staff Report

[26-121](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Superintendent Dave Butler updated the commission on recent and upcoming projects. He reported that the shade structures at Dutchman Dog Park have been completed. He also presented plans for the pavilion to be installed at the Rodeo Grounds and highlighted its key features. He shared that installation of the pavilion and light poles are anticipated by mid-June which will mark the completion of Phase 1. Superintendent Butler also shared that the pickleball courts are nearing completion next month and dates will be announced for the ribbon cutting ceremony. He concluded by sharing that the Focal Point summer annuals will be planted in a few weeks due to the higher spring temperatures.

[26-122](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Superintendent Jamie Sullivan updated the commission on recent events held since the last meeting, including Superstition Sleepover, Itty Bitty Olympics, Dino Days, and others. She noted that unusually higher than usual spring temperatures presented challenges but reported good attendance across all events. She also highlighted upcoming events, including the Easter event, Mother's Day Tea, Earth Day, and April Pool's Day. In response to community interest, Superintendent Sullivan announced the addition of a new event, Mother and Son Nerf Night, created to meet requests for a mother-son program. She concluded by introducing Recreation Coordinator Jody Dutra to present on the Youth Advisory Council's year-end review. Jody Dutra explained the council's role in volunteering within the community, participating in events, and engaging in learning opportunities. She noted that YAC is open to students in grades 8 through 12 who live in or attend school in Apache Junction. Three YAC members addressed the commission, introducing themselves and sharing their experiences. They expressed their enjoyment of being part of the program, highlighting opportunities to learn more about the city, meet new people, and develop a stronger sense of community.

7. Old Business

[26-123](#) Presentation and Discussion on the Parks and Recreation Fee Study.

Attachments: [2026 Fee Study Commission Presentation](#)

Management Analyst Riley King presented additional information regarding the ongoing fee study. At the Commission's request, she provided an overview of adult sports program fees and compared current Parks and Recreation pricing to benchmark averages. She also reviewed rental usage data, highlighting the most and least frequently rented facilities, and presented a revenue breakdown chart. In closing, Riley King shared examples of event costs and noted that staff will present fee recommendations and outline next steps over the summer. Commissioners had opportunities for questions, comments and discussion with staff.

8. New Business

[26-124](#) Presentation and discussion on the Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program.

At the request of Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck, Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan

presented an overview of the Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program. She explained that the program is largely funded by proceeds from the Lost Dutchman Marathon, which helps provide financial assistance to participants in need. Superintendent Sullivan noted that the program covers 50% of youth programs, fully funds swim lessons and youth memberships, and in select instances, covers event participation costs. She concluded her presentation by responding to questions from the Commission as well as outlining the department’s plans to expand outreach and increase awareness of the program.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

None.

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

[26-125](#) Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 6, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Diele Kyhn moved, seconded by Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held May 6, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Vice Chair Madrid, Commissioner Klepper, Chairperson Moeller and Commissioner Vega

No: 0

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.