



# 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, May 6, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Felicia Madrid called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Felicia Madrid led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

**Present**            5 -    Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Vice Chair Madrid, and Commissioner Klepper

**Excused**           2 -    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

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 April 1, 2026 regular meeting.**

**Commissioner Diele Kyhn seconded the motion. This was approved.**

[26-178](#)                    Consideration of approval of agenda.

[26-180](#)                    Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of April 1, 2026.

**Attachments:**      [Meeting Minutes 4.1.26](#)

### 5. Information and Reports

Commissioners shared about volunteering at recent events and made positive comments about all of the recent projects completed at several facilities and how impressed they were with the renovations at the Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center.

### 6. Staff Report

[26-182](#)

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

Parks Superintendent Dave Butler shared updates on current and ongoing projects. He announced that the new 10-court pickleball expansion at Prospector Park is nearing completion, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for May 28, 2026. He also shared photos of the new courts, as well as the pavilion structure currently being installed at the Rodeo Grounds. He concluded with updates on the Focal Point flowers and announced that both dog parks will operate on alternating maintenance schedules with later closure times. He noted that this approach will ensure that at least one dog park remains open, while also providing early morning access for patrons during the summer temperatures.

[26-183](#)

Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan reported on recent events held since the last meeting, noting that higher-than-normal spring temperatures affected some events, including Earth Day, though attendance remained strong. She shared that the shuttle system worked very well during the Easter event, and patrons are becoming accustomed to parking at the Rodeo Grounds and riding the shuttle to the park. She also highlighted participation for the first ever Nerf Night and the Art Olympics event, with plans to expand both programs next year due to their positive turnout. In addition, she announced several upcoming events, including the sold-out Mother's Day Tea, National Kids to Parks Day on May 16, 2026, and the free Family Pool Night on May 29, 2026, among others. She concluded by discussing the upcoming all-staff training sessions designed to prepare staff for the busy summer season with aquatics, activities, and camps.

## 7. Old Business

[26-184](#)

Presentation and Discussion on the Parks and Recreation Fee Study.

**Attachments:** [Commission Presentation - 2026 Fees Staff Recommendation](#)  
[Fee Schedule Comparison 2026 - WITH AVERAGE MARKET](#)

Management Analyst Riley King presented the staff-recommended fee changes to the Commission as part of the ongoing fee study. She explained that the proposed changes primarily affect fees that were not updated during the last fee study and therefore have remained unchanged for 10 years. She also noted that additional fee changes are being proposed to address new amenities at the Rodeo Event Center. Management Analyst King presented a comparison chart outlining current market rates, existing fees, and proposed fee adjustments for residents, non-residents, and commercial users. Commissioners were given the opportunity to ask questions, provide comments, and discuss the proposed changes with staff. She also reviewed the overall process, noting that staff will address the Commission's feedback and return at the June meeting with final recommendations for approval. If approved, the proposed fee changes will then be presented to City Council for discussion.

## 8. New Business

## 9. Call to Public

None.

**10. Call for Future Agenda Items**

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

[26-185](#) Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 3, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

**Commissioner Diele Kyhn moved, seconded by Commissioner Judy Borey that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held June 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Vice Chair Madrid and Commissioner Klepper

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Chairperson Moeller and Commissioner Vega

**12. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Felicia Madrid adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.