



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Wednesday, February 4, 2026

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 6:00 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
Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lamont Klepper moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the December 3, 2025 regular meeting. Commissioner Judy Borey seconded the motion. This was approved.

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

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[26-14](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[26-15](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2025.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 12.3.2025](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners commented on great experiences they had participating in Parks and Recreation events and activities as well as attending local City of Apache Junction events and local organization meetings.

6. Staff Report

[26-16](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Superintendent Dave Butler provided updates on multiple projects completed since the previous meeting. He presented a photo slideshow highlighting the newly installed shade structures at Superstition Shadows and Prospector Park as well as the ball field irrigation system. He also shared photos of improvements at the MultiGenerational Center, including new counters, and reported that sewer line repairs have been completed. Additionally, Superintendent Butler presented an aerial drone video showcasing current major projects underway, including the new pickleball courts at Prospector Park, ADA sidewalk improvements at the Rodeo Grounds along with Phase 1A updates. Also shown were various pool enhancements such as the new slide colors, cool deck paint, and shade structures. Commissioners commented on their satisfaction with the aerial video footage. All questions from the commissioners were answered.

[26-17](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan provided an update on events and program participation since the previous meeting. She reported strong attendance at recent activities, noting that both Full Moon Hikes and Friday Fishing programs reached full capacity. She also shared that the Santa Paws event at Painted Sky Park received coverage from a local news station and the month of January recorded approximately 200 participants. Superintendent Sullivan announced several upcoming events, including Prospector Play Day, a two-mile fun run on Valentine's Day, Wellness Event, the Lost Dutchman Marathon, Movies in the Park, and Lost Dutchman Days. She concluded by updating the Commission on lifeguard recruitments for the upcoming pool season and invited Commissioners to volunteer at upcoming events.

7. Old Business**8. New Business**

[26-23](#) Presentation and Discussion on the upcoming Parks and Recreation Fee Study.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan informed the Commission that it is time to conduct the department's fee study, and shared City Code Articles 4-1. She noted that the department's were last updated in 2021 and per state law, must be evaluated every five years. Superintendent Sullivan explained that the Parks and Recreation fees will be compared with those of neighboring market cities, and that fees for new amenities will also be reviewed. She requested that Commissioners review the current fees as homework and come prepared to provide feedback at the next meeting.

[26-24](#) Discussion on the Parks and Recreation Department's CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) proposed budget.

Director Liz Langenbach provided an overview of the budget process and informed the Commission that the department is currently preparing next year's budget. She explained that the budget includes three components: personnel, operating, and capital funds for major projects, and referenced the 2026 Strategic Plan to highlight anticipated funding priorities. Parks Superintendent Dave Butler presented an overview of major projects planned for the coming year, including proposed budget items for the Rodeo Grounds, Prospector Park, and

Flat Iron Park. Staff and the Commission also discussed walkability to nearby and future projects, such as Superstition Basin Park, in relation to downtown growth, traffic, future amenities, and addressed questions from commissioners regarding anticipated changes in the area.

26-25

Discussion on memorial dedications in parks including a site for former Parks and Recreation Commissioner Wayne Standage.

Director Liz Langenbach provided a brief overview of the memorial dedication process and the department's procedures for handling requests for memorial trees, benches, and bricks. She discussed with the Commissioners potential locations and appropriate methods to commemorate former Parks and Recreation Commissioner Wayne Standage, who has also served as Chair and made significant contributions to mapping and trail systems. Director Langenbach also updated the Commission on the dedication honoring former Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Bell at the Prospector Park ball fields. She presented several possible locations for the placement of commemorative signage. All of the commissioner feedback, comments, and suggestions were duly noted.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Diele Kyhn requested a copy of the memorial brochure when it is completed.

11. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose**26-26**

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 4, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Diele Kyhn moved, seconded by Vice Chair Felicia Madrid that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held March 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. 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

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12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.