



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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

Excused 1 - Commissioner Kyhn

Staff Present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Dave Butler, Parks Superintendent

Larry Binion, Recreation Facilities Manager

Shawna Hash, North Team Parks Supervisor

Josh Vega, South Team Parks Supervisor

Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

4. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Sheryl Bigelow moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the May 1, 2024 regular meeting. Commissioner Terralle Moore seconded the motion. This was approved.

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Kyhn

[24-448](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[24-449](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of May 1, 2024.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 5.1.24](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners shared positive comments about the events that they attended. Commissioners were impressed with the fitness classes offered at the Multi-Generational Center and at the Superstition Shadows Aquatics Center.

6. Staff Report

[24-451](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Parks Superintendent Dave Butler updated the commission on recently completed projects. He shared that the boiler was replaced at the Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center and the new artificial turf was installed. He also shared that the new construction trailer and fenced equipment yard at Superstition Shadows Park is in place to provide office space and needed equipment storage. Other updates were provided on the current curbing project at Prospector Park to control water runoff along with the new restroom installation. He noted upcoming projects include the Multi-Generational Center flooring replacement and the future installation of additional pickleball courts at Prospector Park. He also gave a brief update on the tentative opening date of Painted Sky Park and also noted that council adopted the Rodeo Grounds Master Plan last month which allows for the move into the design stage. All questions asked from the commission were answered.

[24-467](#) Introduction of new Parks Maintenance Supervisors, Shawna Hash and Josh Vega.

Parks Superintendent Dave Butler introduced the two new parks supervisors for the North and South teams. Each supervisor had an opportunity to speak to the commission and answer questions about themselves. Shawna Hash shared her certifications and is looking forward to the new pickleball courts at Prospector Park. Josh shared his long tenure with the department and is most proud of the Dutchman Dog Park project.

[24-452](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan updated the commission on recent and upcoming events and activities. She announced the Mother's Day Tea event completely sold out and patron counts were at a record high for the pool opening weekend. She also mentioned a recent donation was received from the Apache Junction Eagles for youth programs along with a partnership with Sonic to recognize outstanding part-time staff members. She concluded by sharing that the Dutchman Dog Park is officially open for online registrations.

7. Old Business

[24-453](#) Discussion and update on amenities, rules, and features at Painted Sky Park in Blossom Rock.

Director Liz Langenbach updated the commission on the current park rules and gave commissioners copies of what is currently posted at the parks. She mentioned the park rules posted at Painted Sky Park will be very similar to the existing rules and there will be no changes or updates at this time. Since there is a brand new lake amenity, Director Langenbach shared that there will be some signage relating to rules and directions because the lake will allow for catch and release fishing. She mentioned that amendments, additions, or changes to park rules

could come in the future as needs arise.

8. New Business

[24-454](#)

Presentation and update on the Multi-Generational Center programs, operations, and services by Facility Manager, Larry Binion.

Multi-Generational Center Facility Manager Larry Binion presented the commission with updates on the MGC's increase in revenues and visits compared to last fiscal year. He shared featured amenities, new programs and events, and announced that the new fitness deck is available for future reservations. He noted that next year the MGC will be 20 years old. All questions and comments made by the commissioners were answered and noted.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck requested information on the Public Works Superstition Basin project and requested a discussion about activities that can be done at the lake in Painted Sky Park at Blossom Rock. Commissioner Judy Borey requested an update on the buffelgrass project. Commissioner Felicia Madrid asked for the status of the restrooms at Superstition Shadows Park. Director Liz Langenbach noted that the next commission meeting will include information about the fiscal year 24/25 budget and the Strategic Plan to address some of the commissioner's questions.

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

[24-456](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 7, 2024 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Terralle Moore that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held August 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Kyhn

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.