



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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 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
Dave Butler, Parks Superintendent
Riley King, Management Analyst
Julia Feraldi, Aquatics Coordinator
Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda s presented and approve the minutes from the February 5, 2025 regular meeting. Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck seconded the motion. This was approved.

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

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[25-080](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[25-081](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of February 5, 2025.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 2.5.25](#)

5. Information and Reports

Commissioners shared positive experiences about events and activities they attended as well as their volunteer roles with the Lost Dutchman Marathon and Senior Bingo night.

6. Staff Report

[25-082](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Superintendent Dave Butler provided an update to the commission on recently completed projects, those currently being worked on and those upcoming. He shared a photo slideshow of the projects and highlighted the immense effort his teams put into preparing for the last two major events. He also shared the anticipated completion date for the Multi-Generational Center's shower conversion and the expected start date for the new light pole installation project at Superstition Shadows. Additionally, he announced that April 5, 2025, is the scheduled date for the Focal Point's flower switch-out event.

[25-083](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Superintendent Jamie Sullivan updated the commission on recent events. She presented a picture slideshow of recent events and shared that there was a great turnout for the sleepover despite the wind. She also shared that the Lost Dutchman Marathon, and the 10k runs sold out this year. She highlighted the department's representation in the Lost Dutchman Day's Parade and announced the full calendar of events for March with lots of volunteer opportunities for the commissioners. She noted that the Lady Bug Release Event next month will be moved to Flatiron Park.

[25-084](#) Introduction of new Aquatics Coordinator Julia Feraldi.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan introduced the new Aquatics Coordinator Julia Feraldi. Julia Feraldi spoke to the commission about her career path within the department and shared her excitement about this year's pool season.

7. Old Business

[25-085](#) Presentation and update on Tree City USA.

Director Liz Iangenbach updated the commission on Tree City USA. She announced that both applications were accepted and approved which allowed the City of Apache Junction to renew as a Tree City USA recipient and receive the Growth Award. She announced that several staff will be in attendance for this year's Arbor Day ceremony at the State Capitol to receive award.

8. New Business

[25-086](#) Presentation and update on construction and future operations of the Prospector Park pickleball expansion.

Attachments: [Prospector Park Pickleball Expansion Conceptual Design](#)

Superintendent Dave Butler presented the commissioners with the conceptual designs of the new 16 court pickleball expansion for Prospector Park. He shared that there would be a ramada, shade structures throughout, Dark Sky friendly lighted courts, and the plans include one court that is ADA accessible. Management Analyst Riley King updated the commission on the reservation rates, intent on keeping four courts reservable, and ensuring Parks and Recreation programs take priority. She shared research comparisons from surrounding cities for implementing rules and operations of the courts. She noted that they will work closely with

current players for input and feedback.

9. Call to Public

Jim Bannon (Address given: "Gold Canyon and San Tan") shared information about his accomplishments and his business and stated he could get us money for projects.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck requested that more information on lake fishing programs.

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

[25-089](#) Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 2, 2025 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held April 2, 2025 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 Kyhn, Commissioner Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey and Commissioner Madrid

No: 0

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.