



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Wednesday, September 3, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Diele Khyn 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

Vice Chair Diele Kyhn led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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

Excused 1 - Chairperson Moeller

Staff Present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Dave Butler, Parks Superintendent

Larry Binion, 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 as presented and approve the minutes from the August 6, 2025 regular meeting.

Commissioner Judy Borey seconded the motion. This was approved.

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Chairperson Moeller

[25-414](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[25-415](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of August 6, 2025.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 8.6.25](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners made positive comments about events and activities they attended.

6. Staff Report

[25-416](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Superintendent Dave Butler updated the commission on recently completed projects. He announced many upcoming projects that are on the schedule for the next few months at Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center including shade installation, fencing, slide maintenance and more. He also noted lighting and ramada replacements will be installed at Superstition Shadows Park as well as a new playground. He concluded by sharing that new shade structures will be installed at Prospector Park and the Multi-Generational Center's interior will be getting painted.

[25-417](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Superintendent Jamie Sullivan shared with the commission many recent events and program successes. She also shared the new Parks and Recreation park maps and handed them out to the commissioners. She announced that Flatiron has been named a Butterfly Weighstation and she showed the signage that will be placed at the park. She highlighted all of the upcoming events planned and many new outdoor recreation programs. She concluded by inviting commissioners to volunteer for upcoming events and to attend the Multi-Generational Center's 20th birthday celebration.

[25-421](#) Report on City of Apache Junction welcome bags delivered to residents of new developments/neighborhoods.

Management Analyst Larry Binion presented recent data showing how many welcome bags were distributed to new neighborhoods from the city manager's office marketing team. He also shared the number of neighborhood meetings they attended. Director Liz Langenbach demonstrated for the commission how to easily access all the new developments by utilizing the city's GIS map. She also showed how to find out the number of units in each new development.

[25-422](#) Presentation of 2025 Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Awards.

Director Liz Langenbach shared video clips from this year's Arizona Parks and Recreation Association's award presentation. She announced that Painted Sky Park won the award for Outstanding Facility within populations of 25,001 to 100,000 and Superintendent Dave Butler won the award for Parks Professional of the Year.

[25-423](#) Report on 2025 Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center Season.

Aquatics Coordinator Julia Feraldi presented on the successes of this year's summer aquatics season. She highlighted several accomplishments for the season including open swim was held 7 days a week, the pool hit capacity several times, and they took part in the World's Largest Swim Lesson, and much more. She also shared all of the special interest classes, special events, and activities held. She noted that State Farm and the Lost Dutchman Marathon hosted free open swims days this year and Salt River Project sponsored free swim lessons in August for children of Apache Junction residents.

7. Old Business[25-418](#)

Presentation and discussion on the next steps to update the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

Management Analyst Larry Binion presented some updates to the 2026 Strategic Plan Draft since the last meeting. Commissioners were given the opportunity to add their ideas and suggestions as he went through each section. Several commissioners discussed future amenities while some contributed to listing department accomplishments that could be added. Larry shared photo possibilities for the front cover and commissioners were able to vote on their favorite. He advised commissioners that they will have another opportunity to go over the draft before the final is voted on.

8. New Business[25-424](#)

Discussion on park usage and facility reservations.

At the request of Commissioner Judy Borey, Director Liz Langenbach shared data from the previous fiscal year's facility reservations. She presented a list of locations, including the number of bookings and the total revenue generated by each facility. She also discussed some of the department's current methods for tracking facility usage such as, Park Rangers record visitor counts during their rounds, and there is a trail counter at Silly Mountain that provides data specific to the site. Additionally, she introduced a new vendor subscription that the department will be using to more accurately track usage. She shared that the new system will offer improved data on public use of facilities by location.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items**11. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose**[25-437](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 1, 2025 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Felicia Madrid that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held on October 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.

12. Adjournment

Vice Chair Diele Kyhn adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.