



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, October 1, 2025

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 5 - Chairperson Moeller, Vice Chair Kyhn, Commissioner Bigelow, Commissioner Schoenbeck, and Commissioner Madrid

Excused 1 - Commissioner Borey

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Dave Butler, Parks Superintendent

Larry Binion, Management Analyst

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 September 3, 2025 regular meeting. Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck seconded the motion. This was approved.

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Borey

[25-472](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[25-473](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of September 3, 2025.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 9.3.25](#)

5. Information and Reports

Several commissioners shared events and activities they attended and commented on how much they enjoyed the Multi-Generational Center's birthday celebration.

6. Staff Report

[25-475](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Superintendent Dave Butler provided an update on major projects and shared a rendering of the pickleball courts. He noted a reduction in the number of courts and confirmed that the project is now under contract for the first phase which provides 10 new courts. He also reported that the first phase of the Rodeo Grounds construction has begun with grading and shared that work will pause in January to accommodate major events and is expected to resume around mid-March. He concluded with an update on the Multi-Generational Center's interior painting project, which is scheduled to begin next week.

[25-476](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Superintendent Jamie Sullivan shared several recent events and program successes with the commission. She highlighted the strong turnout at the Multi-Generational Center's 20th birthday celebration and the Mad Science event. She also announced that October is packed with events and activities, including many outdoor choices such as archery, the Mud Run, concerts in the park, Pioneer Gold Rush, Turkey Trot, and many more. Additionally, she noted that the department will be partnering with Game and Fish to receive extra fishing poles for the fishing program. She concluded by announcing that this year's Halloween event will be completely free, with no wristband purchase required.

7. Old Business

[25-477](#) Presentation and discussion on the next steps to update the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

Management Analyst Larry Binion presented the latest draft of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, which incorporated feedback from the previous commission meeting. Commissioners expressed their satisfaction with the updated organizational chart and the new font used on the front cover. Both superintendents, Jamie Sullivan and Dave Butler, along with Director Liz Langenbach and Management Analyst Larry Binion, took turns highlighting different sections of the draft as each page was reviewed. Commissioners were given multiple opportunities to ask questions, offer input, and provide feedback. All questions and comments were thoroughly addressed during the meeting and have been duly noted for incorporation into the final version.

8. New Business

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Felicia Madrid requested data on programming demographics and adding year round swim team sessions. Commissioner Sheryl Bigelow requested adding water aerobics

classes earlier in the evening. Staff agreed to add a discussion on aquatics programming to a future agenda.

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

[25-478](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 5, 2025 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Felicia Madrid moved, seconded by Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held November 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Borey

12. Adjournment

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.