



# 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, March 4, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 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 -    Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Vice Chair Madrid, Commissioner Klepper, Chairperson Moeller, and Commissioner Vega

**Excused**           1 -    Commissioner Kyhn

Staff Present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Dave Butler, Parks Superintendent

Riley King, Management Analyst

Christi Hamm, Senior Administrative Assistant

### 4. Consent Agenda

**Vice Chair Felicia Madrid moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the February 4, 2026 regular meeting. Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck seconded the motion. This was approved.**

**Yes:**                6 -    Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Vice Chair Madrid, Commissioner Klepper, Chairperson Moeller and Commissioner Vega

**No:**                 0

**Excused:**        1 -    Commissioner Kyhn

[26-52](#)                Consideration of approval of agenda.

[26-53](#)                Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of February 4, 2026.

**Attachments:**    [Meeting Minutes 2.4.26](#)

### 5. Information and Reports

Vice Chair Felicia Madrid and Commissioner Judy Borey shared how pleased they were with new sidewalks and vender booth accessibility at the Rodeo Grounds. Commissioner Frank

Schoenbeck and Commissioner Manny Vega shared about their volunteer endeavors with the Lost Dutchman Marathon.

## 6. Staff Report

[26-54](#) Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Parks Superintendent Dave Butler updated the commission with all of the most recent completed projects. He shared that the pool updates and shade structures are completely done as well as the Little League concession renovations. He also shared that Phase 1 of the Rodeo Grounds is just about finished with exception to the large pavilion and lighting which are expected to be installed late April or May of this year. Superintendent Butler wrapped up his presentation by presenting a conceptual photo of new shade structures that will be installed at the Dutchman Dog Park in both the active and passive areas. He noted that the project will start March 9, 2026 and the park is expected to reopen March 23, 2026.

[26-55](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan presented the commission with the latest marketing video called Rec Recap which highlighted events and activities that took place over the last month. She shared successes about the Prospector Play Day event and several popular classes and activities are full. Superintendent Sullivan announced all of the upcoming events such as the Superstition Sleepover, Dino Days, dog pictures with the Easter Bunny, Leprechauns at Silly Mountain and much more. She closed her presentation by thanking those that volunteered for the Lost Dutchman Marathon and noted how funds from the Marathon come back to support the local community.

## 7. Old Business

[26-73](#) Presentation and Discussion on the Parks and Recreation Fee Study.

Management Analyst Riley King presented additional information to support the ongoing fee study. She briefly reviewed the study's purpose, its history, and the factors that may require fee increases, including personnel costs, card transaction fees, and rising expenses for utilities, materials, and supplies. At the commission's request, she also shared data on comparable cities and their income per capita. In addition, she explained House Bill 4030 and its potential impact on the current fee study. Finally, she presented detailed fee comparisons organized by category. Commissioners had opportunities for questions and discussion with staff.

## 8. New Business

[26-74](#) Discussion and review of memorial dedication process.

**Attachments:** [Park Naming Policy](#)

Director Liz Langenbach presented the draft version of the City of Apache Junction's Memorial Donation Program's graphic that will be used as handouts to the public and part of the campaign. She briefly reviewed the types of memorials and noted that the cost can severely fluctuate depending on different variables and that the fees for a memorial is an actual donation to The Friends of Apache Junction organization. She also explained the process and how having a handout provides one point of contact for community members to be able to get more information about the program. Commissioner questions and feedback were duly noted.

**9. Call to Public**

None.

**10. Call for Future Agenda Items**

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck would like more information on the Scholarship Program. Vice Chair Felicia Madrid would like more information on the Rodeo Grounds Pavilion and its features.

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

[26-56](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

**Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Judy Borey that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held April 1, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Blvd, Apache Junction. This was approved.**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Vice Chair Madrid, Commissioner Klepper, Chairperson Moeller and Commissioner Vega

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Kyhn

**12. Adjournment**

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.