



# 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, May 3, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Frank Schoenbeck 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 Frank Schoenbeck led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. Roll Call

**Present**                    5 -    Chairperson Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn,  
   Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Bigelow

**Excused**                    1 -    Vice Chair Moeller

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director  
Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent  
Kelly Martin, Park Ranger Supervisor  
Riley King, Management Analyst  
Carol Otto, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

#### 4. Consent Agenda

**Commissioner Terralle Moore moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 regular meeting. Commissioner Judy Borey seconded the motion. This was approved.**

**Yes:**                            5 -    Chairperson Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn,  
   Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Bigelow

**No:**                             0

**Excused:**                    1 -    Vice Chair Moeller

[23-214](#)                        Consideration of approval of agenda.

[23-215](#)                        Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of April 5, 2023.

**Attachments:**        [PR 04052023 Meeting Minutes](#)

#### 5. Information and Reports

All commission members shared about different events they attended this past month with positive comments all around.

## 6. Staff Report

[23-216](#) Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach gave an update on projects in multiple parks. These included Prospector Park where new playground equipment and wood chips were installed. She shared a photo and mentioned that we received a grant which helped with the cost. At Silly Mountain, the Siphon Draw Fire and Fuels crew assisted with the removal of about 1,800 pounds of biomass including invasive buffel grass from the south side of Silly Mountain. She also gave an update on the fence project there. She presented an update on the MGC new build for Administration and storage. The contractor is starting on sewer line and she shared some of the challenges with parking and drop offs at the MGC during this 10 day period. She continued with an update on the Prospector Park restroom then the Little League facility which changed from septic to sewer. The Superstition Shadows Park restroom has been removed and a new restroom is going to be installed. She shared a visual of the updated Pool bathhouse shower and concluded with an update on the challenges with vandalism at Flatiron Park.

[23-217](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation Superintendent, Jamie Sullivan, shared on the upcoming events and activities including the exciting news of having 10,000 followers on Facebook and receiving a check for \$4,000.00 for our sports program to lower league fees. She shared a highlight video while sharing updates on many events, as well as a glimpse of a week of the pool calendar. She shared an update of the 4th of July event and setup.

## 7. Old Business

[23-218](#) Discussion and update on the Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan.

Director Langenbach shared an update of the Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan, including how our survey demographics compare to the Census Bureau data. She explained that next month there will be a draft of the Strategic Plan document that will be shared so that the commissioners can review it before finalization late this summer.

[23-219](#) Update on security cameras at parks and facilities, by Park Ranger Supervisor, Kelly Martin.

Park Ranger Supervisor Kelly Martin gave an update on the security cameras at our parks and facilities focusing on Multi-use trails, the MGC, Flatiron Park, and the Skate Park. These cameras have made a vast improvement in safety, security, and the reduction of vandalism.

## 8. New Business

[23-220](#) Dutchman Dog Park - Year end review and updates.

An update on Dutchman Dog Park was shared by Liz Langenbach in which she noted that the park is currently closed for improvements including dry wells, bermuda grass seeding, the installation of trees. She also gave an update of statistics of usage over the past year. She presented photos of the update of the fabrication of the artwork to be installed tentatively in June. Some discussion ensued about the park and its benefits.

**9. Call to Public**

None.

**10. Call for Future Agenda Items**

Director Langenbach shared that she will not be here for our next meeting but Jamie Sullivan and Riley King, our Management Analyst, will be taking the lead in her absence.

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

[23-221](#) Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 7, 2023 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

**Commissioner Diele Kyhn moved, seconded by Commissioner Terralle Moore that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held June 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.**

**Yes:** 5 - Chairperson Schoenbeck, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Bigelow

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Moeller

**12. Adjournment**

Chair Frank Schoenbeck adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.