



# 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, December 3, 2025

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

**Excused** 1 - Commissioner Schoenbeck

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach: Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan: Recreation Superintendent

Dave Butler: Parks Superintendent

Elliott Anuta: Outdoor Recreation Coordinator

Christi Hamm: Senior Administrative Assistant

### 4. Consent Agenda

**Commissioner Judy Borey moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the November 5, 2025 regular meeting. Commissioner Diele Kyhn seconded the motion. This was approved.**

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Schoenbeck

25-590 Consideration of approval of agenda.

25-591 Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of November 5, 2025.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 11.5.2025](#)

### 5. Information and Reports

Commissioner Felicia Madrid and Commissioner Manny Vega shared several positive

comments about participating in the Turkey Trot. Commissioner Judy Borey shared that she has been receiving a lot of questions about upcoming Parks and Recreation events and activities while volunteering at the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce.

## 6. Staff Report

25-592 Presentation and update on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Superintendent Butler reported on current park projects. He shared with the commission that construction on the pickleball courts has begun, with completion expected by summer 2026. He also shared that shade structure installations at Prospector Park playgrounds are underway, and the irrigation project is scheduled for completion by year-end. He also provided updates on shade and fencing improvements at the pool and the playground and shade structure work at Superstition Shadows Park. Superintendent Butler noted that the first part of the Rodeo Grounds project is expected to wrap up in early January 2026, with the final part of the project is planned to begin in March 2026. His updates concluded by informing the commission that the Multi-Generational Center's painting project is supposed to be done by Christmas of this current year.

25-593 Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Superintendent Jamie Sullivan provided an overview of activities and events from the past month. She noted a strong turnout for the first annual Turkey Trot and expressed appreciation to the Superstition Food Bank for providing free pies and Image Eye Care for sponsoring the event shirts. She also reported excellent attendance at recent events, including the Full Moon Hike, S'mores and Stories, and the Adaptive Painting held in partnership with Mesa Parks and Recreation. Superintendent Sullivan concluded with a preview of upcoming events, including the Holiday Event and Light Parade on December 6, 2025, Friday Fishing, and more. She encouraged Commissioners to participate or volunteer at the upcoming activities and events.

## 7. Old Business

25-594 Discussion and update on Tree City USA.

Outdoor Recreation Coordinator Elliott Anuta presented an overview of Tree City USA and explained how Apache Junction earned the designation. He shared data on Arizona's Tree City communities, highlighting that Apache Junction is the youngest city to receive the Growth Award. He also reviewed the requirements for the upcoming application and the criteria needed to qualify again for the Growth Award. Director Liz Langenbach provided information on Salt River Project's Right Tree, Right Place program, noting its value in expanding tree plantings as well as contributing points toward the Growth Award. She also announced that Parks Supervisor Shawna Hash received her Certified Arborist, which will add additional points to the application. All questions from the commission were answered.

## 8. New Business

25-595 Election of Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Chair Heather Moeller called for a motion to open nominations for the position of chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Vice Chair Diele Kyhn motioned to open nominations, seconded by Commissioner Lamont Klepper. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Heather Moeller called for nominations for the position of chair. Commissioner Judy Borey motioned to nominate Chair Heather Moeller as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair Heather

Moeller called for any other nominations three additional times. There were no other nominations. Chair Heather Moeller called for a motion to close nominations for the chair position of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Diele Kyhn motioned to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Felicia Madrid. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Heather Moeller called for a motion for the election of Chair Heather Moeller as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Vice Chair Diele Kyhn motioned, seconded by Commissioner Judy Borey. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously to approve Chair Heather Moeller as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chair Heather Moeller called for a motion to open nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Felicia Madrid motioned to open nominations, seconded by Vice Chair Diele Kyhn. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Heather Moeller called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Vice Chair Diele Kyhn motioned to nominate Commissioner Felicia Madrid as the Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair Heather Moeller called for any other nominations three additional times. There were no other nominations. Chair Heather Moeller called for a motion to close nominations for the Vice Chair position of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Diele Kyhn motioned to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Judy Borey. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Heather Moeller called for a motion for the election of Commissioner Felicia Madrid as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Lamont Klepper motioned, followed by Commissioner Diele Kyhn. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously to approve Commissioner Felicia Madrid as the Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

## **9. Call to Public**

None.

## **10. Call for Future Agenda Items**

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

25-596 Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 4, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

**Commissioner Diele Kyhn moved, seconded by Vice Chair Felicia Madrid that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held February 4, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.**

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

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Schoenbeck

## **12. Adjournment**

Chair Heather Moeller adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.