



# 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 6, 2021

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Standage called the regular meeting of the City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:02 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Standage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

**Present**                5 -     Chairperson Standage, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Moeller, Vice Chair Borey, and Commissioner Kyhn

**Excused**              1 -     Commissioner Waldie

**Absent**                1 -     Commissioner Buzzin

Staff present:

Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director

Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent

Carol Otto, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

### 4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the September 1, 2021 regular meeting. Vice Chair Judy Borey seconded the motion.

**Yes:**                    5 -     Chairperson Standage, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Moeller, Vice Chair Borey and Commissioner Kyhn

**No:**                    0

**Excused:**            1 -     Commissioner Waldie

**Absent:**              1 -     Commissioner Buzzin

[21-506](#)                Consideration of approval of agenda.

[21-536](#)                Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of September 1, 2021.

**Attachments:**     [PR Commission Meeting Minutes September 1, 2021](#)

### 5. Old Business

[21-504](#) Update and discussion on Dog Park construction.

Dutchman Dog Park update. Director Langenbach gave a photo presentation from the weekly photos that the contractor provides. She gave a recap of the impact from the recent rains and flooding that occurred. To stay on schedule they even worked at night on occasion since there were some unforeseen delays. There were some questions and also some positive comments made regarding many of the photos. Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan will be running the citizen focus group. Meetings have taken place with the Park Rangers regarding rules and regulations for the dog park.

## 6. New Business

[21-503](#) Presentation and discussion on developing a new Master Plan for the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Director will review past plans, discuss goals, process, and final adoption steps with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Attachments:** [Apache Junction GPU 2020 DIGITAL-PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT](#)

Director Langenbach gave a brief history of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which began in 1999 and was amended in 2007. In 2010 the Parks and Recreation department rolled it into the General Plan. There are some major outcomes that we want to identify and prioritize. We would also like to do an inventory of our “gaps” and there has been an initial assessment done on a staff level. There is also a desire to assess marketing tools used. Questions were fielded at this time and answers given.

## 7. Call to Public

None.

## 8. Information and Reports

Commissioner Schoenbeck shared about a park in another state he visited while on vacation. Vice Chair Borey reminded everyone of the upcoming Make a Difference Day Saturday, October 9. Chair Standage mentioned that he enjoys seeing the activity at the Dutchman Dog Park.

## 9. Staff Report

[21-507](#) Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Langenbach presented an update on the Make a Difference Day and that the Community Development Corporation has selected 3 areas for volunteers to serve at. The Director also gave an update on BLM - The appraiser from the Department of the Interior did come out to inspect the Rodeo Grounds for our potential purchase of the Rodeo arena, grounds, and fenced area but no amenities. Another update was regarding the two grants for Land/Water Conservation Fund. This would be for improvements at Superstition Shadows Park, and the Recreation Trails Program Grant for Silly Mountain restroom, ramada, and fence repairs. She also gave an update on the beautification of the Focal Point. Chairperson Standage inquired about Prospector Park. Director Langenbach then gave an update that it is on the

Recreation and Public Purpose lease that BLM owns. It is too costly to purchase it at this time. Vice Chair Borey had a question about concerts at the park and Director Langenbach clarified that at the Rodeo Grounds and as long as it is a free concert, with no charge, we can continue to allow them.

[21-508](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities.

Recreation update - Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan gave a presentation and recapped events such as the Mad Science event. She then gave an update on Fall Camps, Co-ed Softball team, T-ball, and flag football, pickleball leagues, and rock paint parties. Superintendent Sullivan encouraged Commission members to be involved in any events offered. She presented an update on the public hearing on November 16 for the fee increase approved by the Commission which would allow commercial fees and updates to existing fees. Director Langenbach made a positive comment that the Recreation Department has done a great job following COVID protocols for all of the events mentioned above.

## 10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Director Langenbach shared she will be adding a discussion item related to the annexation of state land passed at the city council meeting. Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck he would like us to see if any other cities have a miniature golf course.

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

[21-505](#) Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00pm on November 3rd, 2021 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

**Commissioner Schoenbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Borey, that the regular meeting of the City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Commission be held November 3, 2021 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona.**

**Yes:** 5 - Chairperson Standage, Commissioner Schoenbeck, Commissioner Moeller, Vice Chair Borey and Commissioner Kyhn

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Waldie

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Buzzin

## 12. Adjournment

Chairperson Standage adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

SIGNED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Wayne Standage  
Chairperson