TOWN OF GRANBY
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Members Present: Greg Dion, Jared Barry, Fran Armentano, Shari Litchfield, and Jeff Gilton

Staff Present: None

Absent: Valerie Eastwood

Public: Chris Perry

Vice Chairman Dion called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF NOTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING: On a motion by F. Armentano, seconded by S. Litchfield, the Board approved – with one abstention, the September 1, 2026, meeting minutes as written. 4-0-1

PUBLIC SESSION
Chris Perry, Vice President of Granbeast Little League spoke to the Board about field use. He stated that he feels the league is outgrowing the current field space. Inquired about the possibility of having Fields 1 and 2 unavailable for public/Recreation program use during their All-Star games. Currently, they do not have a 60/90 field to accommodate a junior's team. The Board Members present and C. Perry discussed his concerns.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER
Vice Chair Dion welcomed Jeff Gilton, the newest Park and Rec Board Member. J. Gilton has been a resident of Granby for 23 years and is here to learn and help.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN
The resignation of former Board Chair A. McGovern left a vacancy.

ON A MOTION: F. Armentano nominated current Vice Chairman G. Dion to fill the Chairman position. This motion was seconded by S. Litchfield and approved by the Board.

ON A MOTION: S. Litchfield nominated J. Barry for the vacant Vice Chairman position. This motion was seconded by F. Armentano and approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS
A Quality/Safety of Park Life
- e-Bike Rule:
  - Once signage is posted, how to "tighten up" on enforcing the rules

NEW BUSINESS

A Review of Recreation Fund Policy

- Chairman Dion shared copies of the Draft of the Recreation Fund Policy that the sub-committee had put together earlier this year. F. Armentano recommends tabling the policy draft for now. Chairman Dion will reach out to the Town Manager and invite him to the next Board meeting to discuss the Fund.

B. Future Meeting Schedule

- Board meetings will continue to take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. No meetings will be held in July or August.

C. Staff Updates

- Two upcoming events:
  - Holiday Marketplace – December 5th and 6th at Holcomb Farm
  - Breakfast with Santa – December 19th at Holcomb Farm

D. Board Roundtable

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  - J. Gilton inquired about the November 14th Capital Projects Open House; who will be representing the Recreation Table, i.e. SBP Pickleball Courts and Bathroom project.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by S. Litchfield, seconded by J. Barry, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Daphne Shinder
Recording Secretary