

BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

Call to Order

President Eckelberry called the Board Meeting to order at **7:00 pm**.

Roll Call

President Eckelberry called for the roll. Commissioners answering present were: Stephen M. Eckelberry, Diana Gunsteen, Jody Fagan and Nathan Botkin. Commissioners Lori A. Palmer, Susan M. Stocks, and Dale Ann Kasuba were absent.

Staff members present were Executive Director Kevin Romejko, Superintendent of Recreation Kimberly Dasbach, Superintendent of Business Services Eric Leninger, Superintendent of Special Facilities Katie Mix, Superintendent of Villa Olivia Bobby Pierobon and Executive Assistant Maureen Carter. Superintendent of Parks and Planning Kelly O'Brien was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Eckelberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

No Report

Public Comments

None

Unfinished or Continuing Business

No Report

New Business

Approval of LIFECENTER Equipment Purchase

Ms. Mix presented the purchase request for equipment for the **LIFECENTER**. The capital projects budget for FY2025-26 includes \$21,500 for equipment purchases for **LIFECENTER** and staff is requesting approval to purchase three certified pre-owned AMT units, one angled leg press, one incline lever row and dumbbells from Direct Fitness Solutions in the amount of \$21,384. Ms. Gunsteen asked about the dumbbells included in the purchase and why only specific weights are being purchased. Mr. Botkin mentioned the use of those specific weights and Ms. Dasbach added smaller weighted dumbbells may be in larger stock for use in fitness classes. Ms. Mix offered to look into the reasoning for those weight selections. Ms. Gunsteen made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Fagan. **Motion Passed.**

Department Updates

Business Services

Mr. Leninger shared the recent FY2024-25 annual audit fieldwork, conducted by Seldon Fox, went well and there are just a few things to wrap up in the coming days.

Parks & Planning

Mr. Romejko reported Ms. O'Brien and the Parks staff worked very hard over the 4th of July Festival. Ms. O'Brien was absent from the meeting and staff believe she may have joined the carnival as they left town. Mr. Romejko discussed several areas of the festival that Parks staff facilitate including trash removal and parking lot management, and the work that takes place after the festival. Due to rain on the last day of the festival, there was significant turf damage that staff is now addressing. Similar to last year, Ms. O'Brien will provide an analysis of what it costs the

District to facilitate the annual festival. Mr. Romejko provided updates on other projects taking place throughout the District including improvements to the basketball court at Walnut Corner and progress at Sunrise Park. Mr. Romejko shared Krista Dufford has joined the District as Parks Manager. She comes to us from Rolling Meadows Park District and we are very excited to have her. There is currently a bid out for the purchase of four new Parks fleet vehicles and staff will present the results at the next board meeting.

Recreation

Ms. Dasbach stated the Autumn Program guide will be out this week and available on the District's website with registration beginning July 14th for residents. This program guide will include the Annual Spotlight which highlights renovations, accomplishments, new programs and recognizes volunteers. Ms. Dasbach also reminded Commissioners of the next Pack the Park event on July 21st at Schoppe Park.

Special Facilities

Ms. Mix reported Apple Orchard Golf Course has seen an increase in their Junior Golf League this season with 84 golfers. Golf rounds were down slightly this 4th of July weekend which staff attributes to excessive heat. Ms. Mix shared an update on season pass sales and daily admission for Bartlett Aquatic Center as well as a funny experience of receiving a shipment of live goldfish which were meant for the carnival.

Villa Olivia

Mr. Pierobon shared the next live music concert on the patio is scheduled for July 16th. Villa Olivia Golf Course opened two weeks later this season than last and is currently only one round of golf behind last year's rounds to date.

Executive Director Updates

Mr. Romejko announced the District's staff apparel store will reopen in the coming weeks if any commissioners would like to purchase additional apparel. Mr. Romejko shared he will be out of the office from July 18th to August 5th to accompany his son on an amazing trip to play for USA Baseball in Taiwan and thanked the Board for allowing him to be part of this opportunity.

Commissioner Comments

Mr. Eckelberry thanked staff for all of their work for the 4th of July Festival and stated they don't get enough appreciation for all of the work they do for this event. Mr. Eckelberry also thanked staff for the great float for the parade and shared the hats were very well received. Ms. Gunsteen added the District always has the best parade float. Ms. Dasbach stated the hat giveaways were new this year and because they were so well received, staff may look into offering hats again next year.

Ms. Gunsteen asked about the results of the Bartlett Parks Foundation Turbo Turtle Race. Mr. Romejko shared for the second year in a row, a record number of turtles were adopted and raised over \$6,000 for the Foundation. Ms. Gunsteen added it was great to see what the Foundation's fundraising goal was this year and felt others also liked the new posters promoting the fundraising goals for purchase and installation of a Gaga Ball Pit.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Gunsteen moved to adjourn the Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Botkin. **Motion carried at 7:22 pm.**

Minutes Approved by the Board on July 22, 2025.

By: 
Kevin Romejko, Board Secretary