

BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

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

Guests: Martin Mancera

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Eckelberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation

Martin Mancera 25-year Recognition

Mr. Eckelberry recognized Martin Mancera for 25 years of service to Bartlett Park District. Martin joined the District as a custodian and was promoted to facility maintenance. Martin is known as a skilled painter. Throughout his years of service, Martin has come up with creative ways to improve work and reduce strain on staff. On behalf of the Board and Staff, Mr. Eckelberry thanked Mr. Mancera for 25 years of service.

Public Comments

None

Unfinished or Continuing Business

No Report

New Business

Approval of Happy Trails Park and Schick Park Playground Renovations

Ms. O'Brien discussed the recent bid opening and was pleased the project received 11 bids. Including both alternates, the bid still came in approximately \$10,000 under the anticipated budget. This project will be included in next fiscal year's capital improvements budget and work will begin August 1st. Ms. Palmer asked if the bid included playground equipment, Mr. Romejko stated the bid did not include the purchase of the playground equipment since the District will be purchasing the equipment straight from the playground vendor. Mr. Eckelberry asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Gunsteen motioned to approve of accepting the bid from Innovation Landscape Inc. in the amount of \$339,588.77 including alternates 1 and 2. Ms. Palmer seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of FY2026-27 Salary Ranges for Full-Time Staff

Mr. Leninger presented the salary ranges for full-time staff for fiscal year 2026-27 and noted the changes from previous fiscal year. Changes include the reclassification of the Facility Maintenance and Project Manager, the added position of Risk and Safety Training Manager, and changes to Parks and Villa Olivia Custodial positions. Ms. Gunsteen motioned to approve of FY2026-27 Salary Ranges for Full-Time Staff, seconded by Ms. Palmer. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of FY2026-27 Salary Ranges for Part-Time Staff

Mr. Leninger presented the salary ranges for part-time staff for fiscal year 2026-27 and noted the changes from the previous fiscal year. Mr. Leninger briefly discussed the changes made. Ms. Gunsteen motioned to approve of the FY2026-27 Salary Ranges for Part-Time Staff, seconded by Ms. Palmer. **Motion Carried.**

Department Updates**Business Services**

Mr. Leninger reminded the Board that the position of Risk and Safety Training Manager has been filled and is scheduled to start on Monday, February 16. Laura Cavazos comes to the District with 15 years' experience, has worked at the park districts of West Chicago, Oak Brooke, Lisle, and most recently, Mundelein. Staff is looking forward to this addition to the Business Services team and the new ideas they will bring.

Parks & Planning

Ms. O'Brien stated the full-time Mechanic job has been posted and a Facility Maintenance Level 2 position and full-time Custodian position will be posted soon. Hoping to have these 3 full-time positions filled soon. Staff are also working on tree removals now that the weather is warming up, being careful not to damage turf while doing it.

Recreation

Ms. Dasbach discussed some upcoming events including Bingo tomorrow night which will be Valentine's Day themed. Bingo has been drawing 80 to 90 participants to the most recent events. The next Puzzle Palooza will take place on February 27th and Bartlett Nature Center has several upcoming events. Friday the 13th will be a Paint and Sip night at the Nature Center and the Valentine themed Archery Night is already sold out. At the end of the month, the Nature Center will host their biennial Winterfest. Staff have plans to pivot as needed if there is no snow and thanked the Bartlett Parks Foundation for sponsoring the Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides.

Special Facilities

Ms. Mix informed the Board the early voting that was scheduled to take place at the Bartlett Community Center was delayed in DuPage County due to a candidate issue but has since begun. The announcement of Barracuda Bay Water Park is out, and staff is working on new signage, banners, and a mural. Ms. Kasuba asked if Presidents Day was still the date for the Flash Sale, Ms. Mix confirmed it was.

Villa Olivia

Mr. Pierobon shared this weekend will be a 5-day operations weekend for winter sports. Staff are hoping for 3 more weeks of winter sports, even with the warmer temperatures forecasted there is a good base that will hopefully last. Staff are looking forward to a busy weekend.

Executive Director Updates

Mr. Romejko thanked the Board for the opportunity for staff to attend the annual IAPD/IPRA State Conference in Chicago. The conference is a great learning opportunity for staff and for the Board members who attended as well. Mr. Romejko informed the Board the attorney for the M/I Homes proposed development off Naperville Road reached out and a call with the District attorney has been set up for next week. Mr. Romejko reminded the Board the desire is for a cash donation instead of land donation for this development.

Commissioner Comments

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Stocks moved to adjourn the Board Meeting, seconded by Ms. Gunsteen. **Motion carried at 7:25 pm.**

Minutes Approved by the Board on February 24, 2026.

By: 
Kevin Romejko, Board Secretary