

# **BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 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, Diana Gunsteen, Susan M. Stocks, Dale Ann Kasuba, and Nathan Botkin. Commissioners Lori A. Palmer and Jody Fagan were absent.

Staff members present were 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. Executive Director, Kevin Romejko, was absent.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Eckelberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Eckelberry presented the consent agenda and requested a motion to approve. Mr. Eckelberry stated the consent agenda included approval of meeting minutes of the Special Board Meeting on February 10, 2026, approval of meeting minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 2026, and approval of Closed Session Meeting on February 24, 2026. Ms. Gunsteen motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Stocks. Mr. Eckelberry asked for a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Eckelberry, Gunsteen, Stocks, Kasuba, Botkin

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Palmer, Fagan

**Motion Passed.**

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Unfinished or Continuing Business**

No Report

## **New Business**

No Report

## **Department Updates**

### **Business Services**

Mr. Leninger shared that Mr. Eckelberry accompanied him to Fifth Third Bank to iron out specifics and renew the Quadricentennial Fund certificate of deposit (CD).

### **Parks & Planning**

Ms. O'Brien advised the Board of the updated drinking fountains at Bartlett Community Center. The new drinking fountains, that include bottle fillers, are located on the indoor running track, preschool hallway, Oak Room hallway, and gymnasium hallway. The replacement of drinking fountains for this fiscal year are complete and there are more replacements planned for next fiscal year. Ms. O'Brien also shared controlled burns recently took place at Sunrise Park and Beaver Pond. When warmer weather arrives, there are plans to do controlled burns at Leiseberg and

Marianne Cordell Parks as well. Ms. O'Brien also informed the Board, in preparation for spring, staff have been looking at tennis and pickleball courts and setting up nets. A decision has been made to delay the opening of the tennis courts at Rita K. Flecher Park due to large cracks in the courts' surface. The tennis court at Riley's Run has an issue with the footing for the net. The post has come out of the concrete, making it impossible to secure the nets for that court. Staff are speaking with contractors to address both issues as soon as weather permits so the courts can be opened for play. Mr. Eckelberry asked about timing for these repairs and if they would need to go out to bid. Ms. O'Brien responded neither project will need to go to bid and staff are already talking with a cooperative purchasing company to get on their schedule as soon as possible.

### **Recreation**

Ms. Dasbach discussed registration information for spring sports. Volleyball has 97 participants enrolled, which is up slightly from last season. Spring Soccer League has 500 participants registered which is down the last season, Ms. Dasbach contributed this to rising enrollment in travel Soccer League. For in-house softball, 95 participants make up 8 teams which has remained steady over the last six years. Camp registration opened on Saturday, March 7 and Ms. Dasbach described it as an organized circus. This year there was an increase in Before Camp registration as well as After Camp registration. Camp registration numbers are strong with 2,523 and the end of summer camp is completely full. Winterfest took place last weekend; there was no snow but still a successful event with over 600 guests attending. Youth theater is performing Fame Jr. next Thursday-Sunday and tickets are already on sale.

### **Special Facilities**

Ms. Mix shared additional information on Summer Camp registration. 468 participants registered on Saturday, 433 of which were done online. In person registration revenue was \$25K and online registration revenue was \$267K. Many participants took advantage of the payment plan option now available online. Ms. Mix stated registration went well overall with few issues with RecTrac due to the rush of registrations at 9am. Ms. Mix also shared the opening date for Apple Orchard Golf Course which is planned for March 27<sup>th</sup> and reminded the Board the holes will be numbered differently this year. Parks Department is helping set up the new layout with new signage throughout the course. Ms. Mix also shared the original oven in the Oak Room kitchen has been replaced with an electric oven.

### **Villa Olivia**

Mr. Pierobon stated the two Lenten Buffets this year have had just over 80 guests for each. The last two Sunday Brunches have had over 100 guests each. Mr. Pierobon attributes this to the recent updates to the Sunday Brunch menu. Due to the nice weather, the golf course was open to walkers only and hosted 70 rounds.

### **Executive Director Updates**

None

### **Commissioner Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Stocks moved to adjourn the Board Meeting, seconded by Ms. Gunsteen. **Motion carried at 7:12 pm.**

Minutes Approved by the Board on March 24, 2026.

By:   
Kevin Romejko, Board Secretary