

# **BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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, and Nathan Botkin. Commissioner Jody Fagan was absent.

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: Monica Goshorn-Maroney with RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture

## **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 March 24, 2026, and approval of meeting minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 24, 2026. Ms. Gunsteen motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Palmer. Mr. Eckelberry asked for a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Eckelberry, Palmer, Gunsteen, Stocks, Kasuba, Botkin

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fagan

**Motion Passed.**

## **Public Comments**

Mr. Romejko commented that Mr. Botkin's new mustache looked very nice.

## **Unfinished or Continuing Business**

**No Report**

## **New Business**

### **Presentation of the Comprehensive Master Plan**

Mr. Eckelberry introduced Monica Goshorn-Maroney with RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney presented the final draft of the Comprehensive Master Plan and discussed what went into creating it. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney discussed the five chapters, analyze, connect, envision, implement, and appendix, as well as what is included in each. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney discussed what has changed since the plan was last discussed with the Board and then opened for any questions. Mr. Eckelberry confirmed the Comprehensive Master Plan will be approved by the Board at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Mr. Romejko thanked Ms. Goshorn-Maroney for presenting this evening and the rest of the team at RVi, as well as all Park District staff for all their hard work on this plan.

**Approval of LIFECENTER Men's Locker Room Sauna Renovation**

Ms. O'Brien explained the sauna is original and in poor condition. It has been part of the capital replacement and improvement plan for several years but has been put off. Now staff are ready to address this project and held a bid opening last week. Staff are happy with the lowest responsible bidder and are asking for approval. Ms. Gunsteen motioned to approve the hiring of Accurate Industries for the base bid of \$56,800 to provide all material and labor to renovate the LIFECENTER Men's Locker Room Sauna. Ms. Kasuba seconded the motion. Ms. Palmer asked if all the sauna would be replaced, Ms. O'Brien responded yes. Ms. Gunsteen asked about the timeline for the project, Ms. O'Brien responded that the plan was to have the project completed by the end of April. Mr. Botkin asked if it would be an exact replacement, Ms. O'Brien confirmed it would be. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of BCC Gymnasium Rooftop Unit Replacement**

Ms. O'Brien detailed the plans for replacing the rooftop unit for the gymnasium at Bartlett Community Center. The current large unit will be replaced by two smaller units, which will be beneficial if either unit ever goes down. \$400k has been included in next year's capital improvements budget for this project. The plan is to purchase the units now and go out to bid for the project, with plans to complete the work in the fall. The plan would be similar to last year's replacement, and in line with the annual closure of the LIFECENTER. Staff are working with the area schools for gym usage to limit issues with the gym downtime due to this project. Ms. Palmer motioned to approve the purchase of two Daiken Applied "MAV II" Package rooftop Units from Thermo Systems LLC through the OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$253,000. Ms. Gunsteen seconded the motion, then asked if the price of the units would be within budget including installation. Ms. O'Brien explained that it is the hope, but would not be able to confirm until the installation was bid. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Ordinance 26-03 Budget & Appropriation (Tentative)**

Mr. Leninger presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. First, Mr. Leninger provided projections for how fiscal year 2025-2026 will end. Revenue is slightly short of budget, with expenses also coming in under budget. Spending down some of the funds was part of the current budget and Mr. Leninger did not share any concerns about how this fiscal year is projected to end. Mr. Leninger discussed some of the accomplishments of the current fiscal year including new staff, IT upgrades, and grant approvals. Mr. Leninger also received assistance from Mr. Eckelberry in identifying assless Big Ass Fans within his presentation.

Next, Mr. Leninger discussed the considerations for next fiscal year's budget including Interest Rates, Bond Restructuring, CPI, EAV, Tax Levy, Fund Balances, and CRIP. Mr. Leninger further reviewed the fund balances and the District's percentage targets for each fund. Mr. Leninger detailed the budgeted capital projects and noted there are still some final numbers needed and possible carry-over projects that will be included. Mr. Leninger concluded his presentation by remembering Sue Leninger, previous Superintendent of Business Services, who we lost this year. Ms. Palmer thanked Mr. Leninger for his presentation and added it was one of the best, most well explained budget presentations. Mr. Botkin agreed it was the best budget presentation he had seen during his tenure and made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-03 Budget & Appropriation (Tentative). Ms. Gunsteen seconded the motion. Mr. Eckelberry asked for a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Eckelberry, Palmer, Gunsteen, Stocks, Kasuba, Botkin

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fagan

**Motion Passed.**

**Department Updates****Business Services**

Mr. Leninger did not have anything further to report.

### **Parks & Planning**

Ms. O'Brien stated Innovation Landscape is ready to get started on Schick & Happy Trails Parks. Staff have coordinated with Kids Around the World and they will be out next week to take down the play equipment at Schick Park since the new equipment has already arrived. The plan is to begin Schick Park in the coming weeks and complete Happy Trails Park later this summer or fall.

### **Recreation**

Ms. Dasbach thanked Mr. Romejko for standing in, he actually was seated, for her last week and hopes she can live up to his performance. Summer program brochures went out to residents last week and registration started this week. Included in the brochure, are dates for this summer's Pack the Park events. June's event will be held at Sunrise Park on the 24<sup>th</sup> and will include a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Sunrise Park OSLAD Grant project. The July 23<sup>rd</sup> event will be held at Blue Heron Park and August 14<sup>th</sup> will be held at Apple Orchard Community Park and will also include the Movie in the Park Event. This year there is a pin series with special pins for the Pack the Park events, National Night Out, and Barracuda Bay Water Park. Ms. Dasbach shared the Bartlett Nature Center will be celebrating Earth Day all month in April and discussed some of the many events that will be happening throughout April.

### **Special Facilities**

Ms. Mix informed the Board the Aqua Egg Hunt took place on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Enrollment was down slightly this year, which staff attributes to the event falling during Spring Break when many families are vacationing. Upcoming events include Ladie's Night Out this Thursday in the Oak Room, and the Tax Week Special at the **LIFECENTER**, offering 10% off memberships.

### **Villa Olivia**

Mr. Pierobon shared that last weekend Villa Olivia held a very successful Easter Brunch with 650 guests served. Villa Olivia Golf Club has been open for a month now, but wet conditions on the course are preventing the crane from getting on the course to remove the ski lighting. Staff are working on plans to rope off some of the existing ski equipment so that the back nine can be opened.

### **Executive Director Updates**

Mr. Romejko discussed the issues with the tennis courts at Riley's Run Park and plans to update. Mr. Romejko explained the courts have some issues that need to be addressed before they can be opened for use this season. When looking at the courts, staff began discussions about potentially changing the one tennis court to multiple pickleball courts. The District's design firm, Upland Design, investigated the area and reported that the existing space could accommodate 4 pickleball courts. This new idea would require additional funding, and Ms. O'Brien has requested a revised quote from U.S. Tennis Court Construction. Mr. Romejko wanted to alert the commissioners about this possible change to the proposed FY2026-27 capital projects budget and discussed the potential benefits of additional pickleball courts at Riley's Run Park and the idea for an additional tennis court perhaps in the new Grasslands Development.

### **Commissioner Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Gunsteen moved to adjourn the Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Botkin. **Motion carried at 8:08 pm.**

Minutes Approved by the Board on April 28, 2026.

By:   
Kevin Romejko, Board Secretary