

BOLINGBROOK PARK DISTRICT
Annerino Community Center – Board Room
Workshop Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026

President Hix called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call: McKay, Andrews, McVey, President Hix. Absent Vastalo.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Second: Commissioner McVey. Roll call: Ayes: McKay, Andrews, McVey, President Hix. Nays: None. Absent: Vastalo. Motion passed 4/0/1.

Acceptance of Resignation of Commissioner Sue Vastalo and Declaration of Vacancy

Commissioner Hix announced Commissioner Sue Vastalo announced to the Board that she wishes to resign from the Board after 30 years. Hix said we appreciate all that she has done for the District. The District will advertise the open unpaid board position and solicit resumes and letters of interest. The Board will review resumes and schedule interviews with selected candidates. The interviews would be done in executive session.

Suggested deadlines:

1. Post notification for applications on website, social media and press release on January 16.
2. Deadline for application submittal: Thursday, January 29 at noon.
3. Interviews of up to four candidates at a Special Board meeting on Thursday, February 5 at 5 pm.
4. Vote to appoint new board member at Workshop on Thursday, February 19.

Commissioner Hix made a motion to accept the resignation of Commissioner Sue Vastalo and declaration of vacancy of the seat for the remainder of her term. Roll call: Ayes: McKay, Andrews, McVey. Nays: Hix. Motion passes 3/1.

Appointment of Dorothy Andrews as Board Secretary

Commissioner Hix made a motion to appoint Dorothy Andrews as Board Secretary. Roll call: Ayes: McKay, McVey, President Hix. Nays: Andrews. Absent: None. Motion passes 3/1.

District Operations and Activities Update

Executive Director Selep reported there are 8 ordinances for annexation of properties for approval at tonight's board meeting.

Debbie Chase, Director of Business and Technology said she would like to move the Strengths training to March. The Board agreed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hix made a motion to adjourn from the Workshop Meeting at 6:50 pm. Second Commissioner: McKay. Roll call, Ayes: Andrews, McKay, McVey, President Hix. Nays: None. Absent: None. Passes 4/0.

Minutes Verification Signature

**Bolingbrook Park District Board Secretary
Dorothy J. Andrews**

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

No report

Commissioner Hix read a Resolution Honoring the Retirement of Michael “Mic” Vitone. Mr. Vitone was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.

***WHEREAS**, Michael “Mic” Vitone began his employment with the Bolingbrook Park District in 2003 as a part-time Pool Maintenance Technician; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 2004, Mic was promoted to the position of full-time Building Technician, a role in which he served with dedication and pride for many years; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure with the Bolingbrook Park District, Mic consistently demonstrated loyalty, professionalism, and a strong work ethic, contributing significantly to the maintenance, safety, and appearance of Park District facilities; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mic’s knowledge, dependability, and willingness to assist colleagues made him a respected and valued member of the Park District team; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mic’s commitment to public service and the Bolingbrook community has left a lasting and positive impact on the Park District and those with whom he worked;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Commissioners of the Bolingbrook Park District that they do hereby recognize and honor Michael “Mic” Vitone for his years of faithful service and dedication upon his retirement; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Mic for a long, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.*

***ADOPTED** this 15th day of January, 2026, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the Bolingbrook Park District.*

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner McKay made a motion for the approval of payment of bills including travel reimbursement in the amount of \$674,643.24, subject to audit. Second: Commissioner McVey. Roll call: Ayes: McKay, Andrews, McVey, President Hix. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 4/0.

LIAISON REPORTS

Administration and Personnel – Commissioner Andrews reported:

Commissioner Andrews made the following motions for annexations:

Approve Ordinance 26-01 Authorizing Bolingbrook Park District to Annex Additional Territory [Pin: 07-01-24-400-005-0000] into the District. Second: McVey. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, McVey, President Hix. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 4/0.

- Brian Escobedo has been promoted from permanent part-timer to full-time with the playground crew. He has worked with the playground and the athletic crews. Brian served as a Marine and just received his associates degree.
- Staff filled in low areas with black dirt and seed on Lily Cache Sports Fields. dirt, seed, and turf blankets were put on some of our game fields.
- The horticulture and turf crews have begun winter tree and shrub pruning in the parks. They have already completed Plimmer, Erickson, Bulldog, Ivanhoe, Pathways, Winston Woods, Wipfler and Knights of Columbus Park.
- Crews have been working on removing dead and dying trees from parks.

Recreation & Facilities – Commissioner McVey reported:

Recreation

- Preschool returned on January 7, 2026. The Preschool Program has 140 enrollees.
- BPD Dance Company will have their next performance at Winterfest on January 24.
- The Annual May Dance Concert will be held on Sunday, May 3 at Bolingbrook High School with the theme “When I Grow Up”.
- The Illusions Gymnastics Team kicks off their 2026 meet season with their first meet in Kankakee, Illinois at Goldens Gymnastics the weekend of January 24-25.
- Winter Day Camp ran successfully with 290 total participants compared to 213 last year.
- Brand new teen programming classes include; Home Safety, Babysitting Training and Middle School Adventure Club.
- A Free Teen/Tween Movie Night on February 27 at 6:00 pm in the Annerino Gym.
- Winterfest 2026 will take place on Saturday, January 24 at Annerino Community Center. This annual event features themed games and activities for a wide variety of ages. New this year is the Winter Lights Glow Party, an adults-only dance program sample and more!
- Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who supported the Bolingbrook Park District’s theater program performance of “A Snow White Christmas” on December 19 and 20. Volunteer services were also provided by community members to create props and costume pieces.
- Volunteer opportunities in the coming months include special events like Family Trivia Night on January 9 and Winterfest on January 24. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to submit an application!

Athletics

- Registration for the Men’s Flag Football League is currently open and will close on Monday March 23.

Fitness

- December 2025 recorded 943 memberships: 56 new memberships and 108 renewals. This month we ran the renewal campaign, which is why our renewals are so high.

Aquatics

- Pelican Harbor received the highest overall audit score of 5 stars for 2025. This is the 3rd consecutive year that Pelican Harbor has received this award from Starguard Elite.
- In December, we saw 247 participants in swim lessons.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Andrews announced her daughter is on the Dean's List at Loyola University.

Commissioner Hix announced there is a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. A public announcement will be released tomorrow. Candidates will be requested to submit the application, a resume on their general background and a statement on why they want to serve the Bolingbrook Park District.

Commissioner Hix thanked the Bolingbrook Park District for their donations to the Lions Club Meat Raffle on January 31.

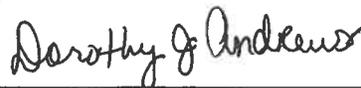
CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hix made a motion to adjourn from the regular Board Meeting at 7:35 pm. Second: Commissioner McKay. All in Favor "Ayes".

Minutes Verification Signature



**Bolingbrook Park District Board Secretary
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