



**Bourbonnais Township Park District
Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
Recreation Station
770 E Franklin Dr, Bradley, IL 60915
February 23, 2026**

On February 23, 2026, President Zinanni called the Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Board Meeting to order at 5:37 pm with the following people present:

Commissioners Present: Dave Zinanni, Scott Chaplinski, Bill Bukowski

Appointees Present: Amanda Langlois- Secretary, Mike O'Shea- Executive Director, Jamie Boyd- Board Attorney

Visitors: Carter Rodman, Cherie Smolkovich, Joe Galloy, Lindsey Patterson

Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Director's Report

- **Willowhaven Park Mower Purchase:**
Galloy presented an additional quote from Stoller International. The Board now has two quotes to consider — one from a local vendor and one from a non-local vendor.
- **2027 Master Plan Discussion:**
Discussion focused on:
 - **Section 2:** Needs Assessment Survey
 - **Section 3:** Park & Facility Site Amenities

The Needs Assessment Survey will be published following the March meeting.

- **EV Charging Station Discussion:**
The previously approved Exploration Station location will no longer proceed due to the grant becoming unavailable.
Alternative grant-eligible locations currently being considered:
 - Recreation Station
 - Willowhaven Park

Upgrading WiFi infrastructure would be required.

Chaplinski noted that Willowhaven may be an excellent option due to weddings and out-of-town visitors and stated he supports either location.

Boyd requested that O'Shea contact PDRMA to determine whether current insurance coverage would apply or if an additional policy would be necessary.

Board decision: Item tabled pending further research.

Deputy Director's Report

- Report included in the packet.
- No additional comments.
- Chaplinski commented that he is impressed with ONU's involvement in the Recreation Station kitchen project.
- Langlois provided a brief explanation of the project.

Finance & Personnel Committee

- Rodman is working on:
 - Completing the Authorized Agent process in BS&A.
 - Streamlining the HR Orientation process.
- O'Shea reported that he emailed the Finance Committee the Excel spreadsheet created by Rodman and described it as a strong working document.
- No questions were raised regarding Bills or Payroll.

Director of Recreation & Marketing Report

- **St. Patrick's Day Dinner:** March 13
 - 170 participants currently registered.
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** March 21
 - Board members invited to attend and assist.

Exploration Station

- Renovation project has begun.
- The air tubes will be relocated and upgraded.
- Staff are working with professors to incorporate real species and plants relevant to the Kankakee River into the project.

RVSRA

- No formal report submitted.
- Zinanni reported that planning is underway for the Great Mouse Race.
- Langlois noted that she, Boyd, and O'Shea met regarding the RVSRA contract and will follow up with Zinanni to review proposed changes.

Living History Committee

- Minutes included in packet.
- The house will be painted the same colors as currently.
- Plans to:
 - Begin programming.
 - Add a video to the website.

Both items are in progress.

Friends of the Bourbonnais Township Park District

- Minutes included in packet.
- O'Shea reported the completion of the first major project: **Summer Camp Scholarships.**
- The goal is to provide some level of sponsorship to every applicant.

Parks & Facilities Report

- Report included in the packet.
- O'Shea stated that:
 - Diamond Point and Willowhaven ponds were dredged.
 - The plan is to double-stock both ponds with fish in the spring.

Policy Review

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

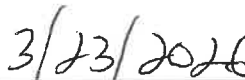
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at **6:14 PM** was made by Chaplinski and seconded by Bukowski.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amanda Langlois.


Amanda Langlois, Board Secretary


Date

Minutes approved at the board meeting of March 23, 2026