BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING February 5, 2026
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair DeWitt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken DeWitt, Tom Goodlin, Jay Kinney, Rachel Pritchett, Tom Swolgaard.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: None

MISSION STATEMENT: Chair DeWitt read the District's mission statement: The mission of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District is to build a healthy community through effective, sustainable stewardship of the District's parks and open space, and through the development and delivery of innovative cultural and recreation opportunities.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the January 22, 2026 regular board meeting, Chair DeWitt stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Pritchett/Kinney: I have reviewed the following vouchers, warrants, and electronic payments and move that they be approved for payment.

Batch Date	Fund Number and Name	Warrant Numbers	Total Batch Amount
1/27/2026	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	31411-31439	$103,416.84
1/30/2026	001 General Fund (January Payroll)	3505-3507 and EFTs	$399,455.92
1/30/2026	001 General Fund (January Payroll Benefits and Taxes)	10116-10119	$250,276.24
2/3/2026	001 General Fund	31440-31469	$24,814.45
2/3/2026	300 Capital Improvement Fund	Pre-approval	$69,771.93

GENERAL BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Senior Planner Matthew Keough said the updated Comprehensive Plan will come before the board for adoption via a resolution at the next board meeting. The state's review of the plan was favorable, and they have indicated that acceptance will not be an issue. Framework, the consultant firm, and their subteams have been handing off to District staff their final materials.

SAIL FLOAT REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE: Senior Planner Matthew Keough said the District has a development agreement, largely regarding fundraising, with Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation for the sail float replacement project. One of the steps is to appoint a community advisory committee. People for five positions have confirmed they are willing to serve on the committee, and confirmation is pending from people for two additional positions. **MSC: Kinney/Swolgaard: Move to amend the Sail Float Replacement Development Agreement with the Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation to establish a Community Advisory Committee, per Article 4.1 of the agreement, with the following community members per the recommendation of the staff and the Foundation, those community members would be Haley and Rusty Lhamon (sharing a position), John Dewey, Ben Doerr, Barbara Belt and Paul Erb (sharing a position), Natasha Veeraghavan, and if they agree, Jeff McNabb and Joe Gaffney.** Executive Director Dan Hamlin said they are all people who are heavily involved with the sailing community on the island and have connections to help with fundraising.

Commissioner Pritchett said she would like to discuss how the dock extension to the new sail float will be used by the public and it was agreed that the board will have that conversation in the future.

There was some discussion about appointing board liaisons to the committee. **MSC: Goodlin/Swolgaard: Motion to nominate Commissioner Kinney and Commissioner Pritchett to serve as liaisons for the District board to the Sail Float Replacement Advisory Committee.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD OR SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND THE BOARDS OF THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND PARKS & TRAILS FOUNDATION AND THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND LAND TRUST: Commissioner DeWitt said it has been a while since the District's board has sat down and met with Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation's board and the Bainbridge Island Land Trust's board. He thinks it is time to talk with each board individually about their respective missions and where they overlap with the District's and where they do not, as well as where they can support each other. There was some discussion about whether to meet with the full District board or pick two board members who would then report back to the full board. Executive Director Dan Hamlin will talk with staff from the other organizations to figure out what would work for them and when it could be arranged.

STAFF REPORT

Park Services Division: Park Services Division Director Lydia Roush said staff are sprucing up the shop at the Jack O'Neill Maintenance Center, filling potholes in parks, and spreading mulch in parks.

Recreation Division: Recreation Division Director Madison Collins said Winston Porter, who was a part-time staff member, has been hired for the full-time tennis and pickleball program manager position. Assistant Recreation Director Bryan Garoutte said 140 kids are already signed up for the upcoming middle school dance.

Risk and Project Manager David Harry said he is working to complete contract documents to get bids posted for 2026 capital improvement projects as well as working on carryover projects from 2025.

Executive Director Dan Hamlin said he has been attending recreation classes with Recreation Division Director Madison Collins, which has been a great opportunity to meet some of the District's amazing instructors. Bidding is open through March 3 for Phase II of the Ray Williamson pool renovation project. Once the bid is awarded a project schedule will be developed with the contractor. The new human resources administrator position has been posted.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS:

- Commissioner Kinney said a lot of people are alarmed about the lack of snow in the mountains this winter. Over the years a fire suppression plan for District forests has been discussed and he would like to revisit that conversation this spring.
- Commissioner Pritchett thanked Executive Director Dan Hamlin for taking her on District tours and introducing her to staff.
- Commissioner Pritchett said she attended the Bainbridge Island Land Trust's annual potluck.
- Commissioner Pritchett said she had a recent conversation with someone who is thinking about no longer going to the Bainbridge Island Recreation Center due to parking lots and yoga classes being full.
- Commissioner Pritchett said she met recently with Bainbridge Island Land Trust Executive Director Cullen Brady.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said it was cool to see 15 kids and their teacher get off a school bus and walk up the public trail by his house on their way to Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve recently.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said, in relation to Commissioner Kinney's comment above, he was working in his garage when the firetrucks were responding to a recent fire at a nearby home. That fire could have been a big concern for

the whole island if it had happened during the summer when the risk of fire spreading is higher. A couple years ago there was an uncontrolled fire across the street from his home and people were told to be prepared to evacuate.

- Commissioner Goodlin said he attended the Bainbridge Island Land Trust's annual potluck, and he was happy to see so many District staff members were there.
- Commissioner DeWitt said something the District should stay aware of is that HB 1380, if it were to become state law, would restrict local jurisdiction from outright banning camping or loitering on public land without an objective reason. Furthermore, the current language in the bill says that if camping or loitering is banned on public land the people who are being displaced must be provided with housing or at least offered housing.
- Commissioner DeWitt said on January 23 Bainbridge Island School District staff called a meeting with staff from other agencies regarding their plans for how to handle Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers if they show up at School District properties. The School District communicated that their policy would apply to all their properties. Therefore, it would apply to the Park District when operating on School District properties. The Aquatic Center is on School District property and Sands Avenue Ballfield is owned by the School District. The Park District also holds programs in School District buildings. Executive Director Dan Hamlin said the policy applies to what staff should do when any law enforcement arrives, not just ICE. Park District staff are looking into the issue to ensure all staff know what the law is and how to follow it.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he had a recent conversation with City of Poulsbo Mayor Ed Stern and City Administrator Rob Gelder. They are excited about their recreation complex, which is going out to bid in late spring, and will start with construction of the outdoor components.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he attended John Sloat's funeral service. John Sloat was instrumental as a representative with Bainbridge Island Football Club in getting the artificial turf fields installed at Battle Point Park.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he attended the Bainbridge Island Land Trust's annual dinner.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he would like to discuss topics for a board retreat at an upcoming board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:04 pm.

Helen Stone
Dan Hamlin
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: _____
Kenneth R. DeWitt

BY: _____
Jay C. Kinney

BY: _____
Rachel Pritchett

BY: _____
Tom Goodlin

ATTEST: _____
John Thomas Swolgaard