Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority | Minutes

Date/Time: June 22, 2026 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Location: South Jordan City Hall/ Zoom option

Board Members		Attendance
Don Tingey	Chair	In-person
Lars Erickson	Vice Chair	Online
Angela McGuire	Board Member	In-person
Amber Brown	Board Member	Online
Sonia Lopez	Board Member	Online
Colby Hill	South Jordan Representative	In-person
Patrick Leary	Salt Lake County Representative	In-person

Others Present: Kevin Steed (online), Diane Booth (online), Taylor Bass, Ambra Holland

This meeting was conducted both in person and electronically via Zoom. Agendas, recordings, and meeting minutes can be accessed on the Utah Public Notice site at utah.gov/pmn.

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction: *Board Chair, Don Tingey*

Board Chair Don Tingey brought the meeting to order. He noted that June 22 marked the third anniversary of the park's ribbon-cutting. Board members, both in person and online, were identified, and a quorum was present.

B. Public Comment:

Board Chair Don Tingey opened the public comment period.

No public comments were received.

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Board Chair Tingey provided a brief follow-up from the prior meeting regarding Rad Canyon BMX. He reported that Rad Canyon had submitted a TRCC grant request of approximately $400,000 for programming and that there had been additional coordination among Rad Canyon, Salt Lake County, Park Authority representatives, and staff. He also reported that UPD had contacted him at Rad Canyon's request regarding future training activities, that a request form was now on file, and that future trainings would be coordinated with Rad Canyon and the Park Authority.

C. Minute Approval:

C.1. BCRPA Board Meeting, May 18, 2026
Action Item: Approval

Action: A motion to approve the May 18, 2026, BCRPA Board Meeting minutes was made by Board Member Angela McGuire and seconded by Board Member Amber Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Park Maintenance & Operations:

D.1. New Event or Field Requests: *Patrick Leary, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation*
Action Item: Review and approve, as deemed appropriate

Board Chair Don Tingey reported that a field-use request had been received from UC Youth Football. Taylor Bass from the organization was present and addressed the board, explaining that Jordan School District had unavailable school fields during July, creating a need for an alternate location for youth football tryouts. Mr. Bass requested use of Bingham Creek Regional Park from July 27 through July 31, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each evening, primarily on the upper large field or another area identified by park maintenance staff.

Board Member Angela McGuire asked how the request would affect turf recovery efforts. Kevin Steed stated that some areas of the fields were still being restored and should remain protected, but that a suitable area could likely be identified if the group avoided seeded and damaged areas. Mr. Bass stated that the organization could adapt to the available space, coordinate with staff, and help keep participants out of restricted areas.

Board Chair Tingey suggested that Mr. Bass coordinate directly with maintenance staff on site to identify acceptable field areas before the event. Board Member McGuire stated that approval should be contingent on county approval of the specific area to be used and avoidance of areas under repair.

Action: A motion to approve the UC Youth Football field use request, contingent on coordination with Salt Lake County maintenance staff and use only of areas approved by the county, was made by Board Member Angela McGuire and seconded by Board Member Colby Hill. The motion passed unanimously.

D.2. Park Maintenance & Operation and Financial Update: *Patrick Leary and Blake Jackson, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation*

Kevin Steed presented the maintenance and operations report on behalf of Blake Jackson.

Mr. Steed reported that staff had seen new turf growth after scarifying and dragging the fields and that drill seeding, overseeding, and broadcast seeding were underway. He stated that staff were focusing on the fields because of their condition and were seeing early improvement.

Board Member McGuire stated that she had recently visited the park and observed that the fields looked better. Mr. Steed responded that staff planned to rope off sections where recovery work was underway so park users would understand that those areas should be avoided.

Mr. Steed noted that increased watering was necessary while the new seed was being established. Board Chair Tingey stated that he had not received complaints regarding watering and that Council Member Shelton had been sharing information about the maintenance work in a positive way. Board Member McGuire acknowledged that the fields were wet but stated that saving the fields was the priority at this time.

Mr. Steed requested approval to conduct a one-day clean-water flush for plant materials around July 1, after the new seed had enough establishment. He explained that the goal was to run clean water through the drip lines without interrupting field watering for more than 24 hours. Board Chair Tingey stated that Board Member Colby Hill would coordinate with Mr. Steed regarding the request.

Board Chair Tingey noted that Blake Jackson's field maintenance report was included in the meeting packet and thanked the maintenance team for its work. Mr. Steed stated that staff wanted the park to thrive and appreciated the board's feedback and coordination with Salt Lake County staff.

Board Member McGuire reported that two hand dryers and one sink in the men's restroom were not working. Mr. Steed stated that he would record the issue and have staff address it.

Board Chair Tingey also discussed a recent request regarding a hot-air balloon at the park. He explained that the request had been denied by the City because tethering is not allowed in City parks. Board members and staff briefly discussed prior hot-air balloon practices at other parks, possible alternatives such as water barrels or sandbags, and City restrictions on inflatables. No action was taken.

Board Member Sonia Lopez left the meeting.

E. Future Park Development:

E.1. 4800 W Tunnel Mural Art, update

Board Chair Don Tingey reported that the 4800 West tunnel mural project was complete. He stated that the City arts staff were finalizing project information and that the Park Authority webpage content would be updated with artist information and photographs, similar to prior public art project updates.

Board Chair Tingey described the mural as including a columbine flower, a path element connecting the two sides of the tunnel, birds, and a bird flight path. He noted that the mural did not connect fully to the bird nesting area by design. Board Member McGuire stated that the mural looked very nice and asked whether images could be shared through the Park Authority's social media channels. Board Chair Tingey said he would provide images for that purpose.

Board Chair Tingey reported that the Park Authority had paid its share of the mural project costs to the City and described the project as another successful art initiative for the park.

E.2. Future Small Project(s), Board

Board Member Angela McGuire provided an update regarding the proposed hanging swings. She explained that the small projects committee had previously discussed installing three swings on a berm near the playground. After visiting the site, she observed that a second berm near the north end of the field was similar in length and height and stated that installing three swings on each berm would create a more balanced visual arrangement.

Board Member McGuire described a concept with six swings total, three on each berm, with the individual swings slightly rotated to create a small gathering feel. Board Member Amber Brown stated her support for the concept and asked whether the budget was sufficient. Board Member McGuire stated that the quoted cost for three swings was approximately $6,000, so six swings would be approximately $12,000 before installation and flatwork costs.

Board Chair Tingey stated that the board had previously discussed completing one small improvement project each year, in the range of $12,000 to $15,000, and that funds were available if the board chose to proceed. He noted that the swing equipment was available through a state contract, but that installation, footings, and concrete work would need to be priced separately.

Board Member Patrick Leary stated that staff would need to evaluate the extent of required work before determining whether county staff or an outside installer should complete the project. Board Member Colby Hill noted that footings and flatwork would likely be needed, both for structural support and to reduce turf wear under the swings.

Board Chair Tingey suggested that staff obtain the full cost for installation and flatwork and return with a complete project plan. Board Member McGuire stated that the committee would also need to review color options. Board Member Brown stated that she supported the direction and then left the meeting.

Mr. Steed stated that staff could help estimate costs and evaluate site impacts. Board members discussed whether concrete pads would be needed under each swing, how wide those pads should be, whether minor retaining or sidewall work might be needed based on contours, and whether the proposed locations would conflict with irrigation. Mr. Steed recommended marking the exact preferred locations and testing the irrigation coverage or otherwise providing coordinates so staff could evaluate impacts.

Board Chair Tingey stated that he would forward the swing information to Andrea, and Board Member Leary said he would request an installation cost for comparison. Board Member McGuire agreed to coordinate with Mr. Steed and others on a site visit to mark possible locations. Board members also discussed potential swing colors, with Board Member McGuire suggesting that the swings should stand out as an amenity.

E.3. SLCo 2026 Recreation Bond application, update

Board Chair Don Tingey provided an update on the Salt Lake County 2026 Recreation Bond application. He stated that the application process had required additional follow-up because the Park Authority had to demonstrate that it was a Salt Lake County entity for eligibility purposes. He reported that after the interlocal agreement was provided, the Park Authority was reinvited to continue the application process.

Board Chair Tingey stated that the Park Authority had submitted two requests: approximately $4.5 million for the pickleball courts and related area, and approximately $6.5 million for the multigenerational play area. He reported that the Park Authority had not received further updates since being reinvited and that the County Council would need to determine the bond project list in August before the bond could be placed on the November ballot.

Board Chair Tingey noted that the process was expedited and that staff could be asked to present on short notice. He thanked Kelsey Nelson, the City's grant administrator, and Andrea for their assistance in preparing the applications.

F. Stakeholder Relationships

F.1. Stakeholder relationship update, Sonia Lopez, Board Member

The board agreed to postpone the discussion of stakeholder relationships until a future meeting, when Board Member Sonia Lopez is present.

G. Public Stewardship:

G.1. Park Authority Monthly Financial Report(s)

Board Chair Don Tingey reviewed the monthly financial reports. He reported that the Park Authority fund balance was approximately $253,000 and stated that approximately $80,000 of that amount was available to the Park Authority's discretion before accounting for the recently paid mural expense. Board Member McGuire clarified that after the mural payment, the discretionary amount would be approximately $75,000.

Board Chair Tingey stated that the annual payment to Salt Lake County was approximately $150,000 and that the Park Authority was likely nearing its final payment from the existing fund balance. Board members discussed whether a portion of the fund balance should be placed in a short-term certificate of deposit. Board Chair Tingey stated that approximately $150,000 could potentially be placed in a short-term CD while preserving sufficient funds for upcoming needs, including the insurance payment.

Board Chair Tingey also reviewed Salt Lake County financial reporting and noted that one bookkeeping entry needed correction because the annual payment had been recorded to the water line item. He reported that the annual financial certification had been prepared by the accountants and signed by Secretary/Treasurer Amber Brown and Board Chair Tingey. He further reported that because annual expenses were below the threshold requiring a full audit, the Park Authority completed the required self-evaluation for the year.

G.2. Park Authority Insurance Coverage (2026), update

Board Chair Tingey reported that the Park Authority had received its insurance renewal and that coverage was complete. The renewal was approximately $17,000, representing an increase of about 3% and returning the cost to approximately the level of the prior year before a temporary decrease.

Informational Items:

G.3. Next meeting (July 20) agenda item(s) discussion, Board

The board discussed the next meeting, scheduled for July 20. Anticipated agenda items included field/event requests, small projects update, SLCo 2026 Recreation Bond application update, and other items to be determined.

G.4. Future meeting(s) agenda item(s) discussion, Board

No additional future meeting agenda items were discussed in detail.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Colby Hill and seconded by Board Member Patrick Leary. The board approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.

This is a true and correct copy of the June 22, 2026, Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority Meeting Minutes, which were approved on September 21, 2026.