



**Bolingbrook Arts Council Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026 **Scheduled:** 7:00pm **Location:** Village Boardroom

**Call To Order:** 7:09pm

**Bolingbrook Arts Council Mission**

The commission shall assist the Mayor and Board of Trustees in developing and implementing projects that will enhance the artistic and cultural aesthetics of the Village. The Commission shall develop and recommend to the Mayor and Board of Trustees projects and programs which will have as their purpose the cultural enhancement of the Village with respect to fine and performing arts.

- Roll Call & Declaration of a Quorum** (To conduct official business, members required:8).
- Quorum Declared** \*in attendance without pay at commissioner request

Members	Present	Excused	Absent
Mithra Zaucha -Chair	X		
Allaina Humphreys -ViceChair	X		
Jason Arthur	X		
Mioara Barcutean	X		
Jesse Gaffney		X	
Julie Guida	X		
Richard Humphreys	X		
Janice Kessl	*	X	
Ocie Koonce -Treasurer		X	
Kathleen Lamb-Secretary	X		
Linda Lawrence	X		
Lea Moore-Beulah	X		
Bobbie Speer	X		
Grace Tucker	X		

**AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVAL**

- Motion to Approve Virtual Attendance for Meeting - Requested by NA**
  - Motion made by: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 3/3/26 Agenda: Adopted**
  - Motion made by: Bobbie Motion seconded by: Allaina
- Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 2/17/26 Minutes: Approved**
  - Motion made by: Bobbie Motion seconded by: Allaina

**OFFICERS REPORT: (Mithra)**

- **Shred fest:** Communication received from Josh (Controlled Chaos). **Event Date:** July 18. Invitation for Arts Commission participation with stronger community presence.  
**Follow-Up Actions:**
  - Brainstorm expanded engagement ideas (interactive booth, youth art activation, etc.).
  - **All Commissioners:** Bring engagement ideas next meeting
- **Bench Project Update:** Meeting with Mike Selup did not occur. Update pending.



- **Fiscal Year Reminder:** Fiscal year ends **April 30**. All outstanding receipts must be submitted to Ocie by Commissioners before April 30.

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Lea & Rich & Mithra**

##### ❖ **Art in the Windows:**

- **Transition to Commissioners Showcase:** “Commissioner’s Choice” theme proposed: Their own artwork, Artwork they own or Work by artists they recommend. Coordination: Lee
  - Banners for the doors for upcoming exhibits need to be created. -Kathleen
- **Student Art Show Matting Issue Identified–** Student artwork mounted with blue painter’s tape and masking tape. Tape failed due to temperature shifts and poor adhesive quality. Artwork detached from backing boards. High school art department using low-quality materials due to budget constraints.
- **Proposal:** Arts Commission Support for Better Materials. Discussion included: Supporting next year’s January exhibit with higher quality mat board and adhesive for future exhibits and potential expansion into broader community art shows.
  - Ideas Raised for broader community engagement:
    - Expand beyond just BHS to include other Bolingbrook-area schools. Offer art finishing workshops (matting, framing basics). Teach artists how to professionally present work affordably & DIY framing tips (reuse frames, thrift stores, foam core mounting)
    - Political Sign Recycling Concept: Collect unused political yard signs to reuse as painting surfaces or art workshop materials

##### ❖ **Earth Day Event @ Hidden Oaks** (Sat, April 25, 2-6pm)-Call for artists sent out. **“For the Love of Earth”**

- Artists may submit 1–4 pieces. Exhibits may utilize 10x10 tent + remodeled outdoor amphitheater space. Site visit to assess layout and determine sculpture display options is needed. The team will finalize curation after submissions close.

##### ❖ **Arts On the Row:** Dates are 6/11 (Boy Band Night) 7/9 (Styx tribute) 8/ 13 (Jolly Ringwalds 80’s). Two artists per event. The team will confirm the artist selection timeline and publicize the schedule once finalized.

#### **ADAPTIVE & ACCESSIBLE ARTS COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Allaina & Grace**

#### **PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE (Theatre Arts/ Music): Co-chairs: Jesse & Kathleen**

##### ❖ **Blues Lab Jam:** Wednesday the 18th. Let’s see how many commissioners can attend and bring a friend!

- Create reels with sheet music chart files from Brother John -Kathleen
- Post to YouTube as slideshow videos add to TikTok -Jason
- Post to Instagram /Facebook and tag students -Grace

##### ❖ **BHS/community theatre partnership:** BHS Musical – March 13–15 & 20–21. ASL interpreters secured. Section seating near interpreters required.-Mithra

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Linda & Julie**

##### ❖ **Arbor Day Event-** (Sat, April 25 (11-2pm) @ Village Hall. Setup: 30 minutes prior

- **Planned Activities:** Leaf stamping art activity (cardstock recommended), Arbor Day crossword puzzle, Word search and Tree education activity sheets
- **Decided:** No food items (allergy risk). Print on heavy cardstock. More leaf stamps and various color pads are still needed. Copies need to be made at the next working meeting.

##### ❖ **Hidden Oaks Earth Day** (Sat, April 25, 2-6pm)- See details under Visual Arts.



**DIGITAL DESIGN COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Allaina & Jason**

- ❖ Discussed scheduling a short digital design strategy meeting.
- ❖ **Artist video:** Featured Artist: Lenny Schmidt (BHS grad) and SAG actor, cruise ship comic. The show is sold out and he will open at Zanies Rosemont next. There was a 1-hour interview filmed and the editing is in progress with a target release before March 20.
- ❖ **WEBSITE Updates:**
  - Discussed updates needed on the website or the AIW details.
  - Need to have a place for Linktree on the website. Send the Linktree information to Allaina-Kathleen

**New Business:** N/A

**Announcements:** Tellin Tales Theater Performance: 3/6: Mrs. Murphy's 7pm & 3/20 & 3/21: NEIU Stage Center @ 7pm. Encouraged attendance to support program participants.

**ADJOURNMENT: (8:25pm Voice Vote)**

- Motion to Adjourn **Motion Granted**

**NEXT ART COUNCIL MEETINGS 3/17/2026**

**Minutes taken by** Kathleen Lamb, Bolingbrook Arts Council

**Approved by Council on: 3-17-26**

**2025-2026 Bolingbrook Arts Council  
Sub-committees & Chairs**

Sub-committees	Chairs	Budget	Projects	Commissioners
Visual Arts	Co-chairs: Lea & Rich	\$11,550	Art In the Windows, Arts In the Tunnel, Arts Expo, Paint-a-hydrant, Grants for public art	Mithra, Lea, Rich, Mioara, Janice, Kathleen, Grace, Allaina, Jason
Adaptive Arts	Co-chairs: Allaina, Mithra & Grace	\$8,000	Adaptive Equipment Program, Glow Art/CSR Arts programs	Allaina, Mioara, Mithra, Grace, Kathleen
Performing Arts	Co-chairs: Jesse & Kathleen	\$6,700	Blues Jam Lab, Internships, Showcases, Music programs, Theatre Arts Grants	Mithra, Grace, Jesse, Kathleen, Linda, Julie
Community Events	Co-chairs: Linda & Julie	\$3,500	Village Picnic, Halloween Walk, Festival of Lights, Parade, Black History Month	Linda, Ocie, Rich, Julie, Mioara, Bobbie, Jesse, Jason
Digital Design & Operations	Co-chairs: Allaina & Jason	\$750	Website, Social Media, Pictures/Video, Forms, Artist Directory/ Press Release	Allaina, Rich, Grace, Lea, Jason, Kathleen