

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
April 21st, 2026, at 6pm
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:05pm by President Gretchen Kostelny.

Commissioners in attendance: Claire Clark, Ana Espinoza, Janel King (6:09pm) Gretchen Kostelny, and Zachary Taylor.

Absent: none.

Staff in attendance: Cathy Fallon (Executive Director), and Cindy Hayes (Superintendent of Finance and HR).

Agenda: A motion made by Espinoza, seconded by Taylor to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion made by Kostelny seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Board Meeting, and the amended April 7, 2026 Committee Meeting. The amended committee minutes will reflect Zach Taylor's comment on restructuring pricing for programs for families with multiple children. Motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: none.

King arrived at 6:09pm

Financial Report: The financial report summaries for the schedule of investments, the operating accounts and the restricted accounts were included in the packet. A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to approve March's payroll/payroll liabilities and April's payables for \$293,285.77. Roll call: Clark-aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor-aye. Motion carried.

Agency Report: The report is in the packet. Director Fallon discussed the various programs and the registration numbers. The quote for repairing the soccer field lights and the electrical panel is approximately \$11,000. This cost would be to retain the same lighting vendor. To switch to a different vendor would increase the quote by another \$20,000.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): no meeting.

Proksa Park Redevelopment: Director Fallon updated the board on the progress of the redevelopment. We are waiting for feedback from MWRD. This can take up to 15 days. The pond construction continues. Updates are posted on social media. Comments from the public have been good. The bid for the Proksa construction project opened on April 9th at 10am. The bid reading will be on April 30th. The board will receive an update at the May 5th Committee Meeting.

City of Berwyn Pool Committee: Director Martinucci of the city recreation department will now be on the pool committee. The committee is looking into having a referendum to cover the cost of a new pool.

Old Business: A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Kostelny to approve the updated Employee Personnel Manual. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. A resolution of closed session minutes- a motion was made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to approve Resolution No. 2026-0421: Resolution Authorizing Release of Certain Closed Session Minutes. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-abstain, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

New Business: none.


Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Clark said a community member stated to her that the park district should not do park updates in the spring. Commissioner Espinoza promoted a fundraising event at Carbone's, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is today and tomorrow from 4pm to closing. Commissioner Espinoza met the new Director of the BDC. His name is Brian Crowe. Once he is settled, Director Fallon will reach out to him. Commissioner Taylor emailed Nicole from the city twice, regarding corner crosswalk for the northeast area of Proksa Park. She has not responded. Commissioners King and Clark said a group was looking for rental space on the ball fields.

Executive Session: no session

Meeting Dates: May 5th, 2026 -Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm.
May 19th, 2026- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by King, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny
Or Vice President: Ana Espinoza
Or Secretary: Claire Clark



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes