

Committee Meeting Minutes  
Berwyn Park District  
April 7, 2026, at 4:30pm  
Freedom Administration Building

The committee meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:35pm by President Gretchen Kostelny.

Commissioners in attendance: Ana Espinoza, Claire Clark, Janel King (arrived at 4:45pm), Gretchen Kostelny, and Zachary Taylor

Absent: none

Staff in attendance: Cathy Fallon (Executive Director), Cindy Hayes (Superintendent of Finance and HR), Carlos DeLeon (Foreman) and Mary Swade (Superintendent of Recreation).

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

**WSSRA Presentation:** Marianne Birko from WSSRA gave a presentation to the board on the programs, events, and participation data from 2025. Director Birko brought WSSRA's snapshot brochure. WSSRA is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Correspondence:** Included in the packet are emails with the Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) and with David Avila, Berwyn Township and the Berwyn Health District. The BDC will include a correction on the vehicle in the next edition. The township has denied funding a bus to the park district. Director Fallon will reach out to the health district for funding assistance.

**Financial Report:** A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by King to approve the March/April 2026 payable in the amount of \$200,702.46. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

**Policy and Personnel:** A draft of the updated Employee Policy Manual was included in the packet. A summary of the updates and additions to the policy manual was included in the packet.

**Recreation:** Information on programs and registrations was included in the packet. Director Fallon discussed the various enrollments in the programs. The marketing report was included in the packet as well. Commissioner Taylor would like the district to explore different programs that no one is offering in the area. Commissioner Taylor would like the district look into discounts on programs for multiple children in the household.

**Parks and Facilities:** report included in packet. Commissioner Taylor would like to see some of the garden beds eliminated in the parks. Outdoor bathrooms will be opening soon. Extra porta pots are in the parks.

**Other Business:** Freedom Deed and the Intergovernmental Agreement-The attorneys for the Berwyn School District and the park district are working on this project. Updated financial information on the Proksa Redevelopment is included in the packet. Bids are scheduled to be available to the public April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Bids are scheduled to be opened on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Admin Building. The renovations of the pond have started. Staff are working with IDNR to correct the overpopulation of invasive turtles and fish. Commissioner Espinoza would like more picture signage- showing what is not allowed in the parks, tennis courts, etc. Leaving the Dry Creek "as is" could potentially delay permits from MWRD by about 15 days. The board agrees to pause on the redo of the Dry Creek until a later date. Aquascape was currently installing the biofilter system today.

**Pool Committee:** Commissioner Kostelny attended the Pool Committee meeting. About twenty people were in attendance. The committee will meet monthly. Kostelny asked if there was a budget or scope of the work. She also suggested an engineer complete a study of the current facility. Commissioner Kostelny left the meeting at 6:04pm.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Espinoza to go into executive session at 6:21pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. And, discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- absent, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

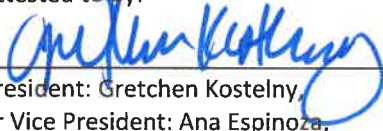
A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Espinoza to come out of executive session and into open session at 6:35pm. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- absent, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

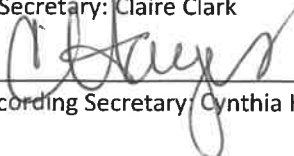
**Action from Executive Session:** A motion was made by King, seconded by Clark whereas, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2.06(d), the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners has met and reviewed the minutes of all meetings of the Board that are presently closed to the public and the board finds and hereby declares that the closed session minutes cannot be released at this time because it remains necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual to keep said minutes confidential: 2/16/21, 3/16/21, 9/21/21,10/19/21, 12/21/21, 2/15/22, 2/26/22, 4/19/22, 4/28/22, 5/17/22, 6/21/22, 11/15/22, 12/20/22, 1/17/23, 1/23/23, 1/24/23, 1/30/23, 5/16/23, 12/05/23, 1/16/24, 4/16/24, 9/3/24, 1/21/25, 4/15/25, and Pursuant to Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act, the Clerk is further authorized to destroy the verbatim records of the following Closed Meetings: 2/16/21, 3/16/21, 9/21/21,10/19/21, 12/21/21, 2/15/22, 2/26/22, 4/19/22, 4/28/22, 5/17/22, 6/21/22, 11/15/22, 12/20/22, 1/17/23, 1/23/23, 1/24/23, 1/30/23, 5/16/23, 12/05/23.

**Commissioner Suggestions/Comments:** Commissioner Taylor says everyone is doing a great job on the redevelopment project. He appreciates all the communication.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 6:40pm. Motion carried.

Attested to by:

  
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President: Gretchen Kostelny,  
or Vice President: Ana Espinoza,  
or Secretary: Claire Clark

  
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Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes