

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

The committee meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:33pm by President Kostelny

Commissioners in attendance: Claire Clark, Ana Espinoza, Janel King (arrived at 4:35pm), and Gretchen Kostelny  
Absent: Zachary Taylor

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

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

**Public Comments:** none.

**Correspondence:** Information on the IAPD Governance and Leadership Forum.

**Approval of the OSLAD Resolution:** A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Clark to approve OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization for Freedom Park as presented. Roll call: Clark-aye, Espinoza-aye, King- aye, Kostelny-aye, Taylor- absent. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** A motion was made by Clark, seconded by King to approve the August 2026 payables in the amount of \$44,871.56. Roll call: Clark-aye, Espinoza-aye, King- aye, Kostelny-aye, Taylor- absent. Motion carried.

**Pathway Change Order:** There are some concerns regarding the base under the pathway at Proksa. There are huge variances in the thickness of the base. A second geotechnical report shows 3 areas that failed the proof rail. Director Fallon is working with the contractor and asphalt company to find a solution. The commissioners would like to hold a special meeting if the dollar amount of the change order is over the threshold.

**Oak Park and 34<sup>th</sup> Street:** President Kostelny and Vice President Espinoza met with Mayor Lovero regarding the leased property at 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Park Avenue. Currently, he can agree to return the property to its previous state (prior to construction materials being stored). He also feels the city can assume liability of the property while the materials are stored there, releasing the park district of liability. Any other terms in the proposed document from the lawyer, the city will not agree to. Espinoza told Director Fallon to send any requests directly to him. The mayor said he has not received some of the past requests/communications from the park district. Espinoza said the mayor will see what he can do regarding the northeast corner of Proksa Park to have a connecting walkway to the other corners.

**Policy and Personnel:** none.

**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.

**Parks and Facilities:** Report included in packet.

**Other Business:** Proksa Redevelopment- updated financial information is included in the packet. The old playground equipment at Proksa will be donated to Kids Around the World. The equipment is scheduled to be removed August 20-21.

2026-27 Goals: Director Fallon met with former commissioner Brian Brock. He is interested in setting up the foundation. Brock will review the bylaws that were written in the past. They will have another meeting in

September. Park Redevelopment- there is a community input open house meeting tonight at 5:30 at the Freedom Admin Building to discuss the OSLAD grant proposal for Freedom Park.

**Berwyn Pool Committee:** Commissioner Kostelny – next meeting is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Executive Session:** none.

**Action from Executive Session:** none.

**Commissioner Suggestions/Comments:** Commissioner King would like a volunteer packet for a friend to fill out for Brewfest.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Clark, seconded by King to adjourn at 5:20pm. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



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

  
Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes