

Committee Meeting Minutes
Berwyn Park District
August 5th, 2025, at 4:30pm
Freedom Administration Building

The committee meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:32pm by President Gretchen Kostelny.

Commissioners in attendance: Claire Clark, Ana Espinoza, Janel King (via phone), Gretchen Kostelny, and Zachary Taylor

Absent: none

Staff in attendance: Cathy Fallon (Executive Director), Cindy Hayes (Superintendent of Finance and HR), Nicole Collier (Superintendent of Recreation), John Roberts (Superintendent of Parks, and Javier Garcia (Foreman).

A motion made by Clark, seconded by Espinoza to approve King attend via phone. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments: Michael O'Conner asked for the tennis courts to have painted lines for pickleball instead of using tape. The tape does not stick for very long. He would also like the weeds around the courts to be trimmed. Jeannie Reardon agrees with Mr. O'Conner and would also like the district to put in more of actual pickleball courts.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: a motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Clark to approve the first half of August 2025 payables in the amount of \$67,489.63. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Hayes gave an update of the delay from Cook County on property taxes. Homeowners could be delayed in receiving their tax bills until September/October. Which means the district would not receive payment from the county until October/November. The district still has not received final numbers for the tax levy. Republic Bank is updating all the signatories on the district's accounts.

Policy and Personnel: nothing to report.

Recreation: report included in the packet. A youth soccer league summary and a marketing report are also included in the packet.

Parks and Facilities: report in packet. The lightning detection system is being installed this week at Freedom and Proksa Park. Communication will happen with the public before it becomes operational.

Other Business: Report included in packet. The topographic survey has been completed. We are waiting for the formal report. Commissioner Taylor inquired about the format of the report that will be sent to the district. Proksa pond update: The district will put it out to bid next week. It will encompass the two ponds for the project. An addendum for the connector section will be included. The board discussed the pond project- the cost of the project in 2017 versus the estimate Aquascape gave now. The board discussed whether it should go out to bid. The board would like a formal proposal from Aquascape for the pond project. The board would like to take action on the pond at the next board meeting. The board asked if there are any maintenance packages or warranties on the finished pond project that Aquascape could provide.

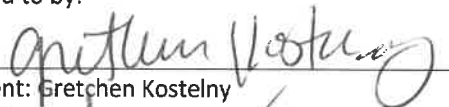
OSLAD grant for Freedom Park- A community meeting will be September 2nd, at 6pm at Freedom Park Admin Building for input on the OSLAD grant the park district is applying for. Some amenities the district is considering for the grant are splash pad, sensory playground, game tables, gazebo and basketball court.

Commissioner Kostelny would like to schedule a board retreat. Director Fallon will send out a poll for the commissioners to choose some dates from.

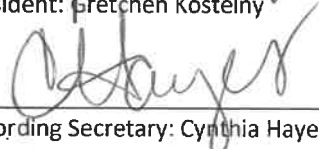
Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner King- asked if pictures of the commissioners will be updated on the website. King would like to use one of her own. Commissioner Taylor asked about the storyboards in Mraz Park. He would like the library to update them and clean them.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Espinoza to adjourn at 5:59pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes