

Committee Meeting Minutes
Berwyn Park District
February 10, 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 Vice President Ana Espinoza.

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

Absent: none

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

A motion was made by Espinoza, seconded by Clark to allow Kostelny and King to attend via phone. Roll call: Clark-aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Agenda: A motion made by Espinoza, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: Commissioner received an email from a person inquiring about “park clean -up days.” Director Fallon asked for the email to be forwarded to her so she could respond.

Financial Report: a motion was made by Clark, seconded by Espinoza to approve the first half of February 2026 payable in the amount of \$43,020.02. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

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: Freedom Deed Amendment- Attorney Mike Roth has created the amendments for the Freedom Park Deeds. Drafts of the deeds are in the packet. The board would like to see a few minor grammatical edits of the deeds. The letter will be sent to Superintendent Mary Havis of school district 100 for her to present the draft deeds to the school board for any changes or approval of the draft. Attorney Roth has also created an intergovernmental agreement between the park district and school district 100.

Janel King changed from phone to in-person at 4:48pm.

The board approves Director Fallon to send the draft deed and the draft intergovernmental agreement to the school district for their review.

Proksa Redevelopment- Multiple renderings of the Proksa Playground were distributed to the board for their input. Director Fallon pointed out the various inclusive features in each of the options. Included in the packet was an estimated cost of the project. Director Fallon gave an updated estimated budget summary to the board. Director Fallon gave additional estimated cost summaries to the board for additional projects, such as the Veterans’ Memorial, pour in place for the playground area and resurfacing paths not covered by the grants. Engineer plans are not finalized. We are still waiting for the City of Berwyn to sign off on the permits. Commissioner Taylor asked how long ago the City received the permit request. Other additional financial pieces to consider : Children’s Garden, connection to city walkways and additional designs of the Veterans’ Memorial. Commissioner Clark and Espinoza liked option 2 for the older group and option 1 for the younger group.

Commissioner Taylor wants to see more natural features in the playground options. Commissioner Clark prefers the pour in place for the playground area. The board discussed the pros and cons of the pour in place verses wood chips. Director Fallon will send informational links to the commissioners on pour in place.

Some of the additional projects can be divided into phases. The district is looking at all amenities at all the parks and determining appropriate venues.

Director Fallon discussed the location of the water fountain in the playground area. The cost to update the fountain to the proper specs is estimated to cost \$40,000.

Proksa Pond- The contract with Aquascape is included in the packet. A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by King to approve the contract with Aquascape for work on the Proksa ponds. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- aye, and Taylor- abstain. Motion carried.

Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Kostelny asked the other commissioners to respond to her email by next week.

The next board meeting is February 17th, 2026, at 6pm, at Proksa Park.

Commissioner King might need to attend via phone for the next meeting.

Commissioner Taylor would like updated financials for the Proksa project.

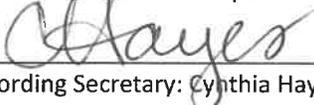
Adjournment: A motion was made by King, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 5:41pm. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny

Or Vice President: Ana Espinoza



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes