

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting  
Berwyn Park District  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6pm  
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:02pm by President Gretchen Kostelny.

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

Absent:

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

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

**Minutes:** A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026 Board Meeting, and the February 10, 2026 Committee Meeting. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Correspondence:** none.

**Financial Report:** A motion made by Clark, seconded by Kostelny, to approve February's payables in the amount of \$27,338.69 and January's payroll \$99,762.88 for a total of \$127,101.57. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

The Schedule of Investments Report for January was reviewed. Total investments \$934,272.69.

Commissioner Taylor would like to see longer-term investments when the March CD's mature. Possible 1-to-2-year terms.

**Agency Report:** The report is in the packet. Director Fallon discussed the various programs and the registration numbers.

**West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA):** Marianne Birko (Executive Director of WSSRA) will come to our April 7<sup>th</sup> committee meeting to give a presentation to the board. Fallon and Hayes will attend the legislation luncheon February 27<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to attend, let Director Fallon know by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Proksa Park Redevelopment:** Director Fallon updated the board on the progress of the redevelopment. The report on the geotechnical fieldwork is included in the packet. The first round of submittals was sent to MWRD. We are waiting for engineer comments from both the City of Berwyn and MWRD. Novotny engineering is who the City uses. Director Fallon went over the Proksa Redevelopment Estimates. Commissioner Taylor wants a connection to the city sidewalks as an alternate bid item instead of Proposed Phase 2. Commissioner Taylor asked if natural play areas that are at Bison Park in

Schaumburg, IL, could be incorporated into the Proksa redevelopment. Commissioner Taylor wants additional trees installed in the playground area. He would like to see cut outs in the pour in place for trees to be planted. Commissioner Kostelny asked Director Fallon to discuss the various steps of the Proksa Park Redevelopment. Director Fallon gave summaries of the various specialists, designers, and engineers that she herself and staff have met over the last year. Director Fallon has worked closely with Aquascape and Hitchcock (RVI). The plans are incorporating input from the Master Plan and the children's focus group.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** none.

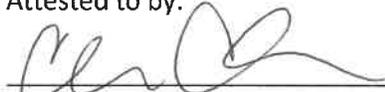
**Commissioners' Comments:** Commissioner Taylor wanted to know the progress of the Freedom Park deeds and the Intergovernmental agreement with Berwyn School District #100.

**Executive Session:** no session

**Meeting Dates:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 -Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm. March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 6:46pm. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor-absent. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny

Or Vice President: Ana Espinoza

Or Secretary: Claire Clark



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes