

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
January 20th, 2026, at 6pm
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:06pm by Commissioner Claire Clark.

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

Absent:

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

A motion made by Espinoza, seconded by Taylor to approve Gretchen Kostelny 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 Taylor, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025, Board Meeting, and the December 2, 2025 Committee Meetings. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: The Animal Care League wrote a letter to the park district thanking the park district for the use of Liberty Cultural Center for their annual Holiday Bazaar fundraiser. The letter was included in the packet. The city has reached out to Director Fallon to be a part of the Sustainability Commission committee led by Alderman Teddy Polashek. Commissioner King is also interested in being a part of this committee.

Financial Report: A motion made by Clark, seconded by Espinoza, to approve December's payables in the amount of \$80,308.41 and November's payroll \$78,842.54 for a total of \$159,150.95. Roll call: Clark-aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to approve December 17, 2025-January 20, 2026 payables in the amount of \$149,911.87 and December's payroll \$72,283.59 for a total of \$222,195.46. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

The Schedule of Investments Reports from November and December were reviewed. Total investments \$927,156.71.

Emails from Cook County were shared in the packet. The park district received two payments of \$259,719.29 each in December from property taxes. The county still owes the district \$312,326.00 from the 2025 levy.

A motion was made by Taylor, second by Espinoza to reinvest the funds from the CD that matured on 1/2/26 into a 90-day CD. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

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

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): draft minutes from the December meeting were included in the packet. Director Fallon will ask Marianne Birko (Executive Director of WSSRA) to come to our February or March committee meeting to give a presentation to the board.

Proksa Park Redevelopment: Director Fallon updated the board on the progress of the redevelopment. The contract with Aquascape is being reviewed by Attorney Mike Roth. It will be presented to the board when Attorney Roth gives his approval. The construction project of the pond is tentatively scheduled for mid-to end of March. Weather permitting. A 10,000-gallon tank will be installed for water retention. RVI (Hitchcock) will work on designs for the Veteran's memorial. Commissioner Taylor wants to review playground selections, pavilion structures, pathways (grading), seating and flooring for the playground. Taylor would also like to see the plans from the engineer.

Old Business: The 2026 meeting dates need to be amended. Legislation was approved that government agencies cannot hold meetings on election days. . Three of the 2026 dates are scheduled election days. The old dates in question are 2/3/26, 3/17/26, and 11/3/26. The new dates for these meetings will be 2/10/26, 3/10/26 and 11/10/26. A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to approve the amended 2026 calendars for meeting dates as discussed. A list of the meeting dates will be on our website. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Freedom Park Deeds- Attorney Roth is finishing on the proposed language for the Freedom Park Deeds. He suggests the park district enter an intergovernmental agreement with the school district that encompasses all the parks not just Freedom Park. General Use Ordinance- Director Fallon discussed the questions that the board had on the ordinance. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Kostelny to approve the Berwyn Park District Conduct in the Parks Ordinance O-26-01. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Taylor left at 7:15pm.

New Business: A motion was made by Espinoza, seconded by King to accept resolution 26-01 accepting a donation from Elizabeth Spitler in the approximate amount of \$75,147.76 or such amount from the remains of the Spitler Estate. The donation must be used for scholarship assistance for park district programs. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor-absent. Motion carried. A motion was made by Espinoza to approve the renewal contract with Langton Group for mowing services at a 3% increase over 2025. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor-absent. Motion carried.

Commissioners' Comments: Asking if we are able to purchase a conference phone.

Executive Session: no session

Meeting Dates: February 10th, 2026 -Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm. February 17th, 2026- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to adjourn at 7:21pm. 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



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes