

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
January 21st, 2025, 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 Brock.

Commissioners in attendance: Brian Brock, Ana Espinoza, Gretchen Kostelny, Mario Manfredini, and Zachary Taylor.

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

Agenda: A motion made by Manfredini seconded by Taylor to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved. (Kostelny stepped out of the meeting- did not vote)

Minutes: A motion made by Manfredini, seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes from December 17, 2024, Board Meeting. Motion carried. (Kostelny stepped out of the meeting- did not vote)

Public Comments: no comments

Correspondence: no correspondence.

Financial Report: A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Espinoza, to approve January's payables in the amount of \$101,341.43 and December's payroll \$73,827.10 for a total of \$175,168.53. Roll call: Brock-aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-absent, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. The Schedule of Investments Report was reviewed. The Bank 7 CD matured on December 17, 2024. A CD from Western Alliance Bank was purchased for \$140,000.00 and will mature on 9/16/25. A CD was purchased from Gbank for \$130,000.00 and will mature on 9/16/25.

Agency Report: The report is in the packet. Director Fallon went over the programs and enrollment numbers. Then went over the progress of projects in the maintenance department. Commissioner Brock described his issues with trying to register for programs. Director Fallon will take a look at his profile. Commissioner Espinoza would like to see our scholarship program promoted more.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): draft minutes from January 14th, 2025, meeting is included in the packet. WSSRA is working with the park district of Forest Park, to obtain permanent space.

Unfinished Business: The board policy manual is still being developed. The 2024 audit has begun. The commissioners had questions regarding what happens if the current administration dissolves FDIC regulations. Included in the packet are answers to these concerns from First American Bank of Riverside.

New Business: none.

Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Taylor asked what the cost of the design fee will be for the redevelopment of Proksa Park. He also asked if the construction part will go out for bid. Director Fallon does not have a quote for the design fee yet. The construction project will go out to bid. He also encouraged lobbying legislators for funding. Possibly at the breakfast with legislators. Commissioner

Espinoza would like a spring outing planned with the new commissioners to see what projects are needed. Commissioner Taylor asked what the plans for the Children's Garden area would be. The district will work with Julie Roth for the reconfiguration of the space. He also wants to see sidewalk connectivity at that corner of Proksa Park. Taylor asked if concerts or other events could be held at other parks instead of always at Proksa Park.


Executive Session: A motion made by Brock, seconded by Kostelny to go into executive session at 6:05pm for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion made by Manfredini, seconded by Kostelny to go into open session at 7:05pm. Motion unanimously carried.


Meeting Dates: February 4th, 2025-Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm. February 18th, 2025- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Manfredini, seconded by Kostelny to adjourn at 7:06pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:



President: Brian Brock



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes