

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
July 15th, 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 Kostelny.

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

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

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

Minutes: A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to approve the minutes from June 20, 2025, Board Meeting and July 1, 2025 Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

2024 Audit: Jen Martinson from Lauterbach and Amen gave the 2024 audit presentation. She encouraged the board to read the MD&A section.

Hitchcock Designs-OSLAD presentation: Hitchcock went over what is required for the OSLAD grant application. They discussed potential amenities and costs. Hitchcock presented a potential design of Freedom Park to the board to start the OSLAD grant application. The application is due by September 30th. The district would apply for the matching \$600,000 OSLAD grant to redo the splash pad at Freedom Park. Commissioner Taylor wants to know if the cell tower can be moved or if the lease contract can be terminated at Freedom Park.

Public Comments: A person inquired if water would flow through the connector section between the two ponds. Another person commented- he is incredibly happy with all the improvements at Proksa. He questioned why the east pond is not working. Director Fallon explained the issues with the pond and possible fixes.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Taylor, to accept the 2024 audit as presented. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. A motion made by Clark, seconded by Espinoza, to approve July's payables in the amount of \$64,827.75 and June's payroll \$91,515.48 for a total of \$156,343.23. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. The Schedule of Investments Report was reviewed. The scholarship report was reviewed. Year-to -date \$2,340.00 has been awarded.

Agency Report: The report is in the packet. Commissioners Clark and Espinoza asked if the redevelopment of Proksa would include new water fountains. They would like to have fountains that also include a water feature for dogs. Commissioner Taylor commented that the water fountain near the Proksa playground and one near the building are not working properly.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): no meeting.

Proksa Park Redevelopment: Director Fallon included in the packet- a report showing the total amount of the bond and estimated future costs of projects. Commissioners would like to see the veteran's memorial added to the list for a future project. Hitchcock Designs conducted a focus group during adventure camp with the campers.

Old Business: report in packet.

New Business: none.

Commissioners' Comments: The park district can obtain fifty saplings from Morton Arboretum for the October community clean-up event. Commissioner Taylor said this will be great. He also said to talk with Great Lakes Urban Forestry. They can see what spacing is available for planting. Commissioner Clark said her son is looking for a future eagle scouts project. Director Fallon will talk to the parks department about possible projects. Commissioner King asked about putting up owl boxes in the parks. Director Fallon is not certain the boxes would be effective in the parks.

Executive Session: no session

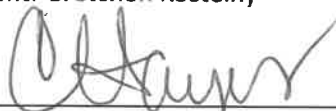
Meeting Dates: August 5th, 2025-Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm. August 19th, 2025- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 8:14pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes