

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
July 21st, 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, Gretchen Kostelny, and Zachary Taylor.

Absent: none.

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

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

Minutes: A motion made by King, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the June 16th, 2026 Board Meeting, and the July 7th, 2026 Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Alison Caldwell requested an update on the Proksa pond. She asked if it is approved for people to wade into it. She asked if the east side was finished. She asked for the bike rack to be moved by the activity center. Director Fallon responded- signage is currently being fabricated. Signage will be placed after construction is completed. The pond is not intended for people to swim/wade in it. Algae is an issue due to the amount of human food that people throw into the pond. It causes the algae blooms to accelerate growing faster. The east end is a water feature- landscaping still needs to be completed.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: The financial report summaries for the schedule of investments, the operating accounts and the restricted accounts were included in the packet. A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor, to approve June's payroll/payroll liabilities and July's payables for \$145,595.82. 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. Movie at Freedom Park is on July 22nd. They are showing Goat.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): minutes are included from the July 14th meeting. WSSRA is reexploring options with the Forest Park School Board for a permanent location.

Proksa Park Redevelopment: Director Fallon updated the board on the progress of the redevelopment. The asphalt was pulled up. Some areas could potentially need additional aggregate. The district is waiting on a report from the geotechnical company. The Back-to-School Picnic is being moved to Freedom Park- August 16th.

Commissioner Taylor thought that Berwyn Township had a bike repair station to give to the park district. Taylor commented that some of the trees planted a few years ago need to be pruned. He would like to set up training for the staff and possibly have a community event for pruning. Disc Golf signage will go

up towards the end of the construction timeline. Director Fallon inquired about the property for sale located on Ridgeland. The area would need to be rezoned for park district usage. Commissioner Kostelny asked if park districts are able to have mortgages on properties.

City of Berwyn Pool Committee: No updates.

Unfinished Business: Oak Park and 34th Street- the lawyers are working on this. The park district is looking to acquire this property instead of leasing.
There will be a community input open house meeting on August 4th at Freedom at 5:30pm to discuss the OSLAD Grant proposal for Freedom Park.

New Business: Director Fallon met with the new Director at the BDC. The new director's focus is family and community.

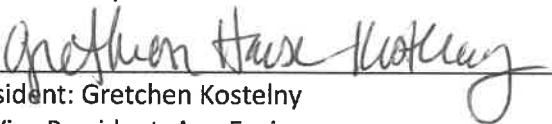
Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Espinoza asked if she needed to update her Basset certification. Espinoza asked if the bike rack at Proksa could be relocated. Unfortunately, the rack is cemented down. Commissioner Clark commented that camp pick up/ drop off has been great.

Executive Session: none.

Meeting Dates: August 4th, 2026 -Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm. August 18th, 2026- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Taylor, seconded by King to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny

Or Vice President: Ana Espinoza

Or Secretary: Claire Clark



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes