

Committee Meeting Minutes
Berwyn Park District
July 7, 2026, at 4:30pm
Freedom Administration Building

The committee meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:30pm by President Kostelny

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

Absent: Claire Clark

Staff in attendance: Cathy Fallon (Executive Director), Cindy Hayes (Superintendent of Finance and HR), John Roberts (Superintendent of Parks and Facilities), Carlos DeLeon (Foreman) and Mary Swade (Superintendent of Recreation).

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

Public Comments: none.

Audit Presentation: Joseph Laudont from Lauterbach and Amen presented the 2025 fiscal year Annual Financial Report. The report will be added to the district's website.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by King to approve the July 2026 payables in the amount of \$61,602.01. Clark-absent, Espinoza-aye, King- aye, Kostelny-aye, Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Updates from Cook County on collections and distribution were included in the packet. The County is working on uploading past data to their website. Once this is completed, the district may see adjustments to past distributions. Capital Expenditure report is included in the packet.

Policy and Personnel: none.

Recreation: Information on programs and registrations was included in the packet. Director Fallon discussed the various enrollments in the programs. The marketing report was included in the packet as well.

Parks and Facilities: Report included in packet. Commissioner Taylor asked if there are any design updates for the dry creek at Proksa Park. Since the construction company will be using this area, updates to the dry creek area is on hold.

Other Business: The Freedom Park Deeds have been signed and notarized. Attorney Mike Roth will file this document with Cook County. The Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 100 has been signed as well. Proksa redevelopment- included in the packet are two change orders. One change is to a few revisions of the asphalt paths and concrete. See packet for details. The other change involves the foundation of the Veteran's Memorial. The foundation that exists is not typical. There is an increase in cost for removal. The playground structures and the gazebo have been ordered. Commissioner Taylor asked a few questions regarding the eclectic component of the gazebo. Director Fallon will research the information. Commissioner Taylor wants to know if any trees will be planted within the playground footprint. He also asked if a crosswalk, curb cut and path connector could be added to the northwest corner of Proksa Park.

Proksa Pond updates-Staff had a walkthrough with Aquascape. Maintenance upkeep and algae issues were discussed. People feeding the wildlife is still an ongoing issue. Uneaten food, molds and messes with the pond biology process.

Oak Park and 34th Street-a letter was sent to the engineering department at the City of Berwyn, asking that the district obtains full ownership of that land when the 99-year lease is over. The city suggests the attorneys of the city and the district connect for further discussion.

Health Insurance- Our risk management company is warning the district of the significant increase in health insurance for 2027. Director Fallon let the board know that the district is exploring various options. Commissioner Kostelny suggested the "Difference Card" as an option.

Future Goals- these are the future goals the board will work on at committee meetings: 1. Quarterly Master Plan check in, 2. Creation of the Foundation, 3. Quarterly Land Acquisition discussion, 4. Park Redevelopments.

Berwyn Pool Committee: Commissioner Kostelny reported on the meeting. The committee prepared a RFP for an engineer/design firm to conduct a feasibility study of the city's recreation pool and building. The RFP is currently being reviewed by the city's legal team. The goal is to have a referendum on the spring 2027 ballot for the new pool and facility.

Executive Session: none.

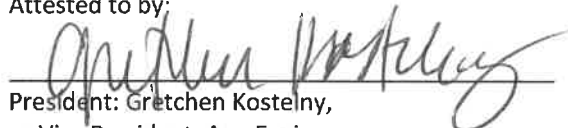
Action from Executive Session: none.

Commissioner Suggestions/Comments: Commissioner Espinoza would like the district to participate in more community-wide events. If the employees are unable to participate, she stated the commissioners could possibly participate. Commissioner Taylor suggested the district look into property that is for sale on Ridgeland Ave. just south of Ogden Ave.

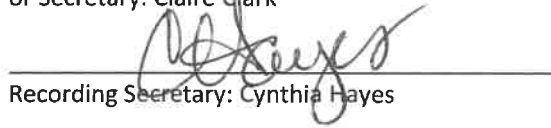
RVi will come to the August 4th Committee meeting to review the OSLAD grant application with the board. After the committee meeting, RVi will conduct a community input meeting at 5:30pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by King to adjourn at 6:00pm. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny,
or Vice President: Ana Espinoza,
or Secretary: Claire Clark



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes