

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting  
Berwyn Park District  
June 17, 2025, at 6pm  
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:03pm by Vice President Ana Espinoza.

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

Staff in attendance: Cathy Fallon (Executive Director), Cindy Hayes (Superintendent of Finance and HR), John Roberts (Superintendent of Parks and Facilities) and Javier Garcia (Foreman).

**Agenda:** A motion made by Clark seconded by Taylor to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved.

**Minutes:** A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to approve the minutes from May 20, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion carried. A motion made by Taylor, seconded by King to approve the minutes from June 3, 2025 Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Suzanne Poisl (volunteer Children's Garden)- asked if we had a backhoe to remove three trees. Director Fallon will reach out to Julie Roth regarding this.

**Correspondence:** the district received an email from a resident complimenting the staff member who helped during the picnic rental.

**Financial Report:** A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Clark, to approve June's payables in the amount of \$32,755.17 and May's payroll \$79,291.48 for a total of \$112,046.65. 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. Commissioner Taylor asked about the bike that was blown up by fireworks. Commissioner Espinoza would like a police report filed on this incident. Director Fallon reported on the damage to the Freedom Park bathroom. A police report was filed on this.

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

**Proksa Park Redevelopment:** Ed Beaulieu from Aquascape presented the renovation plans of the ponds at Proksa Park. Some of the current issues of the ponds are the lack of proper filtration systems. He discussed the options and costs of the project. Director Fallon has reached out to other vendors regarding the necessary repairs for the ponds. So far, the vendors that have responded have all rejected the pond project. Director Fallon is waiting for a response from IDNR as to what repairs and improvements are allowed on the ponds since the ponds were funded by an OSLAD grant.

**Old Business:** The district has purchased a training program for staff regarding working and responding to homeless individuals. Director Fallon reached out to several private security companies. The quote from one of the companies is included in the packet. Director Fallon reached out to Hitchcock Design for an answer if the district is not awarded the OSLAD grant for the Freedom Park splashpad. Hitchcock will try again at the next grant cycle for a reduced fee.

**New Business:**

**Commissioners' Comments:** Commissioner Clark enjoyed the movie night showing the movie *Wicked*.

The Drip coffee/lemonade vendor was great.

Commissioner Kostelny left the meeting at 7:30pm

Commissioner King asked about the lighting at Freedom Park and basketball courts. Both inquiries were from residents.


**Executive Session:** no session

**Meeting Dates:** July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025-Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm.  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 7:38pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:

  
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President: Gretchen Kostelny

  
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Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes