

Committee Meeting Minutes
Berwyn Park District
June 3rd, 2025, at 4:30pm
Freedom Administration Building

The committee meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:37pm by President Gretchen Kostelny.

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

Absent: Janel King

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

Guest: Attorney Mike Roth.

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

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none.

Attorney Mike Roth discussed the roles of park district commissioners with the board. He discussed the protocols of closed session. When a board is able to go into closed session.

Financial Report: a motion was made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to approve the first half of June 2025 payables in the amount of \$37,867.12. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-absent, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Due to the election, the Berwyn Park District has had a change in board commissioners. A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Espinoza to remove Brian Brock and Mario Manfredini from all Berwyn Park District Financial Accounts effective immediately. Signatories of the accounts will be Gretchen Kostelny, Ana Espinoza, Zachary Taylor and Cynthia Hayes (Superintendent of Finance and HR and designated assistant treasurer) as per the Board of Commissioners Manual. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Policy and Personnel: nothing to report.

Recreation: report included in the packet. Director Fallon discussed the increase in registration from when the report was written. The marketing report is also included in the packet.

Parks and Facilities: report in packet. Commissioner Taylor stated that he has noticed 6 dead trees in Proksa Park that need to be removed.

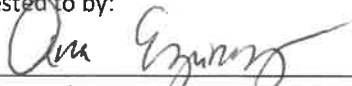
Other Business: Report included in packet. The recipients of the Path grant will not be announced until around September. Proksa Pond update: the board would like to talk with the owner of Aquascape regarding his proposal of repairs needed for the ponds at the June meeting. Director Fallon will reach out to IDNR regarding what modifications or eliminations can be made on the ponds. The OSLAD Grant cycle opens in July. Director Fallon would like the district to apply for this grant, for the purpose of redoing the splash pad at Freedom Park. The board approves Hitchcock Designs assisting with the OSLAD grant. The commissioners asked if we are not approved of the grant, can the work of Hitchcock Designs be used for the next grant cycle. Director Fallon and John Roberts will discuss other options for the splash pad area with a representative from PDRMA on June 19th. Commissioner Taylor asked what the rankings of amenities in the master plan that the public would like to see the district consider. Director Fallon pulled the report and discussed this with the board.

Director Fallon discussed the damage that is reoccurring in the Freedom Park bathroom and the homeless people residing in the Proksa Park bathrooms. Director Fallon will look into private security options. The general use policy is currently being updated.

Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Clark stated the secretary who is retiring at Irving School, is very appreciative of the park district and the employees.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Espinoza to adjourn at 7:04pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:



Vice-President: Ana Espinoza



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes