

Berwyn Park District
Board Meeting
Proksa Park Activity Center
3001 S. Wisconsin Ave, Berwyn, IL
March 10, 2026, at 6:00pm
Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Roll Call of Commissioners (action)
- II. Adoption of Agenda (action)
- III. Acceptance of Minutes (action)
 - a. February 17, 2026, Board Meeting
 - b. March 3, 2026, Committee Meeting
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Financial Report
 - a. Superintendent of Finance & HR Report (action)
- VII. Agency Report
- VIII. West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA)
- IX. Proksa Redevelopment
- X. City of Berwyn Pool Committee
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Commissioners’ Comments
- XIV. Executive Session
 - a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.
 - b. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.
 - c. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06
 - d. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
- XV. Action from Executive Session (action)
- XVI. Adjournment (action)

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners is April 21, 2026, at 6:00pm at Proksa Park Activity Center.

The next Committee meeting of the Board of Commissioners is April 7, 2026, at 4:30pm at Freedom Park Administration Building. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Director Fallon at 708-788-1701, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gretchen Kostelny, President
Zachary Taylor, Treasurer
Janel King, Commissioner

Ana Espinoza, Vice President
Claire Clark, Secretary

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
February 17th, 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 (via phone), Gretchen Kostelny, and Zachary Taylor.

Absent:

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

A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Espinoza to approve Janel King to attend via phone. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Agenda: A motion made by Clark, seconded by Espinoza to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026 Board Meeting, and the February 10, 2026 Committee Meeting. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: A motion made by Clark, seconded by Kostelny, to approve February's payables in the amount of \$27,338.69 and January's payroll \$99,762.88 for a total of \$127,101.57. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

The Schedule of Investments Report for January was reviewed. Total investments \$934,272.69.

Commissioner Taylor would like to see longer-term investments when the March CD's mature. Possible 1-to-2-year terms.

Agency Report: The report is in the packet. Director Fallon discussed the various programs and the registration numbers.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): Marianne Birko (Executive Director of WSSRA) will come to our April 7th committee meeting to give a presentation to the board. Fallon and Hayes will attend the legislation luncheon February 27th. If anyone would like to attend, let Director Fallon know by February 23rd.

Proksa Park Redevelopment: Director Fallon updated the board on the progress of the redevelopment. The report on the geotechnical fieldwork is included in the packet. The first round of submittals was sent to MWRD. We are waiting for engineer comments from both the City of Berwyn and MWRD. Novotny engineering is who the City uses. Director Fallon went over the Proksa Redevelopment Estimates. Commissioner Taylor wants a connection to the city sidewalks as an alternate bid item instead of Proposed Phase 2. Commissioner Taylor asked if natural play areas that are at Bison Park in

Schaumburg, IL, could be incorporated into the Proksa redevelopment. Commissioner Taylor wants additional trees installed in the playground area. He would like to see cut outs in the pour in place for trees to be planted. Commissioner Kostelny asked Director Fallon to discuss the various steps of the Proksa Park Redevelopment. Director Fallon gave summaries of the various specialists, designers, and engineers that she herself and staff have met over the last year. Director Fallon has worked closely with Aquascape and Hitchcock (RVI). The plans are incorporating input from the Master Plan and the children's focus group.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Taylor wanted to know the progress of the Freedom Park deeds and the Intergovernmental agreement with Berwyn School District #100.

Executive Session: no session

Meeting Dates: March 3rd, 2026 -Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm. March 10th, 2026- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 6:46pm. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor-absent. Motion carried.

Attested to by:

President: Gretchen Kostelny
Or Vice President: Ana Espinoza

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes

Committee Meeting Minutes
Berwyn Park District
March 3, 2026, at 4:30pm
Freedom Administration Building

The committee meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:35pm by President Gretchen Kostelny.

Commissioners in attendance: Ana Espinoza, Claire Clark, Janel King (arrived at 4:37pm), Gretchen Kostelny, and Zachary Taylor

Absent: none

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

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

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: Director Fallon gave the financial report. Cook County will start sending payments to the district in May. Director Fallon discussed the estimated operational costs for 6 months. It comes to about \$1,400,000. Currently the district has liquid assets in unrestricted accounts for a total of \$1,547,098. When the March CD's mature in May, the district will invest the money into 12 month and 18-month CDs, when the May CD matures, we will reevaluate potential investments. The board is good with this plan. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to approve the first half of March 2026 payable in the amount of \$220,485.36. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Director Fallon discussed the payment schedule for Aquascape. It is divided into four payments.

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. The bathrooms at Sunshine Park while the maintenance department completes repairs. A porta potty is stationed at the park while the bathrooms are closed. Staff will start on removal of the dry bed creek at Proksa. Commissioner Taylor raised concerns that a decision had not been made on the removal of this section. Other commissioners stated that removal of this area was agreed upon in a past meeting. Director Fallon will look at past notes/minutes. This will be further discussed at the next meeting. Rats were sighted at Serentiy Park. The parks department is cleaning the area.

Other Business:

Requests for building permits have been submitted to the city. The renovation of the ponds is scheduled to begin at the end of March. Commissioners were presented various options for the playgrounds. The commissioners agreed upon option two for the play apparatus for the 3- 5-year-old group. The commissioners agreed upon option 1(shows a ramp) for the play apparatus for the 5-12-year-old group. They would like the hexagon next climber to be incorporated into this design. The commissioners agreed upon the blue, green, yellow color choice for the playground equipment. They would like to see a spinning and teetertotter pieces as well. The canopy over the swings will be bid as an alternate piece. The commissioners can decide this piece later. The water fountain in the playground area will also be bid as alternate piece. The commissioners can decide this piece later.

Director Fallon discussed the 2026 capital expenditures sheet in the packet. Commissioner Kostelny would like to see committed project lines and estimated expenses for future projects. She would also like a report on the

timeline of the projects. Commissioner Taylor would like to see a list of anticipated closure dates of the sections of the park along with a map diagram.

Commissioner Taylor would like an updated report from RVi budget for the disc golf features. Some line items need to be removed. He also asked where in the budget is the estimated amount for the concrete pads for disc golf.

Commissioner Suggestions/Comments: In the magazine that the Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) distributes to the residence, is an article that states the district received a truck donation from them. This was printed in error. The district has not received this donation. Director Fallon will reach out to the BDC and ask them to make a correction in the next magazine. Commissioner Taylor wants the sidewalk/crosswalk to connect to the paths at the northeast corner of Proksa Park. Or even the possibility of a crosswalk painted by the north side entrance into the park.

The Perry Weather system is being promoted on social media. It will be activated soon. Director Fallon requested money from the health department and Berwyn Township to purchase a bus for senior programs.

Commissioner Espinoza would like to see representation at the senior luncheons put on by the City of Berwyn. She would like the district to promote our programs and events. Commissioner asked if there was any update on the Freedom deed. (Nothing to update)

Adjournment: A motion was made by Clark, seconded by King to adjourn at 6:21pm. Motion carried.

Attested to by:

President: Gretchen Kostelny

Or Vice President: Ana Espinoza

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes

DATE: 3/10/2026
TO: The Board of Commissioners
FROM: Cindy Hayes, Superintendent of Finance and HR
RE: Financial Report

- A. February 2026 Payroll and Payroll Liabilities (Action Roll Call)
- B. Summary of Operating Accounts
- C. Summary of Restricted Accounts
- D. Schedule of Investments
- E. Treasurer's Report- February
- F. Statement of Economic Interest (SEI)

DATE: 3/10/2026
TO: The Board of Commissioners
FROM: Cindy Hayes
Superintendent of Finance and HR
RE: Accounts Payable and Payroll -Treasurer's Report

FINANCE

Payroll/Payroll Liabilities:

2/13/2026	\$ 32,317.57
2/27/2026	<u>\$ 34,074.68</u>
total:	\$ 66,392.25

I motion to approve the February 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$66,392.25

Berwyn Park District
Summary of Operating Accounts
February 2026

Description	Yield	Rating	Beginning Balance	Transactions	Monthly interest earned	Ending Balance	
Illinois Funds (IPTIP)	3.796%	N/A	\$508,592.47	\$0.00	\$1,480.71	\$510,073.18	
ISC Account	3.549%	N/A	\$223,652.76	-\$220,000.00	\$74.42	\$3,727.18	
Republic Bank Operating Account	n/a	FDIC	\$795,199.72	-\$466,961.58	\$0.00	\$328,238.14	
Republic Bank- Merchant Account	n/a	FDIC	\$69,739.73	\$7,877.83	\$0.00	\$77,617.56	
Republic Bank Money Market Account	2.590%	FDIC	\$147,244.10	\$765,925.32	\$1,607.68	\$914,777.10	
Republic Bank Payroll Account	n/a	FDIC	\$21,260.40	-\$9,329.02	\$0.00	\$11,931.38	
Republic Bank Petty Cash Account	n/a	FDIC	\$5,064.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,064.35	

**Berwyn Park District
 Summary of Restricted Accounts
 February 2026**

Description	Yield	Rating	Beginning Balance	Transactions	Monthly Interest Earned	Ending Balance	
Byline Unemployment Account	2.200%	FDIC	33,375.79		55.69	33,431.48	
First American Bank Money Market Capital Account	2.956%	FDIC	2,977,545.09		6,759.32	2,984,304.41	
First American Bank Checking Account Capital Account	0.250%	FDIC	4,650.97	-31.00	1.01	4,620.98	
First American Bank OSLAD Account	tbd	FDIC	5,000.00			5,000.00	

Berwyn Park District
Schedule of Investments
February 2026

Description	Yield	Rating	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Market Value/Cost	Maturity Value	Monthly Interest Earned
Morgan Stanley PVT Bank	4.720%	FDIC	3/13/2024	3/13/2026	\$100,150.99	\$100,000.00	
BOM Bank, LA	4.089%	FDIC	9/12/2025	3/12/2026	\$100,000.00	\$102,027.46	
Bank of China	3.756%	FDIC	2/4/2026	5/5/2026	\$220,000.00	\$222,037.66	
				Total:	\$420,150.99	\$424,065.12	\$0.00
Interest Earned 1/1/26 -12/31/26 \$5,239.51							
Morgan Stanley Coupons: 3/13/26 \$2380.27							

Berwyn Park District Treasurer Report

February 2026

<u>Republic Bank Operating Account</u>				
	Beginning Balance		\$795,199.72	
GL's	<u>Deposits</u>			
Misc accounts	Taxes (divided up among the funds)		\$107,026.21	
10-00-00-43-455	Cook County Voting Use			
10-00-00-49-647	Corp: Cell Tower Lease		\$6,265.70	
10-02-00-49-493	Recycling/Salvage			
10-02-00-45-470	Dog Park Fees			
10-02-00-46-485	Memorial Tree			
50-01-00-46-477	Community Event Fees			
50-01-00-49-494	PDRMA Incentive/Reimbursement		\$470.00	
50-10-00-46-485	Back to School			
51-16-00-41-415	Early Childhood Programs		\$40.00	
51-16-00-41-420	Youth Programs		\$25.00	
51-16-00-41-425	Teen Programs			
51-16-00-41-430	Summer Day Camp			
51-16-00-41-435	New Programs			
52-09-00-41-420	Youth Soccer			
52-09-00-41-430	Youth Baseball			
52-09-00-41-435	Athletic Camps			
52-09-00-41-440	Youth Athletic Contract. Programs			
52-09-00-41-450	Adult Athletics			
52-09-00-41-465	New Programs			
52-09-00-41-470	Youth Athletic Special Event			
53-12-00-41-600	Adult Programs			
53-12-00-41-610	Active Adult Programs			
53-12-00-41-615	Adult Day Trips			
53-12-00-41-620	Extended Adult Trips		\$3,199.00	
53-12-00-41-625	Adult Lunches			
53-12-00-41-630	New Programs			
53-12-00-52-618	refund transportation			
53-12-00-52-620	overpayment of Holland trip		\$2,800.00	
54-10-00-46-410	Brewfest			
54-10-00-46-420	Fall Events			
54-10-00-46-430	Winter Event			
54-10-00-46-440	Sponsorship			
54-10-00-46-450	Summer Event			
55-13-00-43-450	Proksa Center Rentals			
55-13-00-43-451	Liberty Center Rentals			
55-13-00-43-455	Athletic Fields			
55-13-00-43-471	Park Rentals (Outdoors)			
	refund on RecTrac		\$350.00	

<u>Credit Card (P-Card) Bill</u>				
BMO Harris Mastercard			-\$7,643.36	
transfer in from PMA account				
transfer to Money Market			-\$500,000.00	
transfer to payroll			-\$32,317.57	
Bank Fees			-235.46	
Outstanding Checks Cleared/ACH			-\$46,900.10	
Deposits Credited to March Statement			-\$41.00	
Sales from the December GL				
Ending Balance			\$328,238.14	

Berwyn Park District Treasurer Report

February 2026

<u>Republic Bank Merchant Account</u>				
	Beginning Balance		\$69,739.73	
GL's	<u>Deposits</u>			
10-02-00-45-470	Dog Park Fees		\$35.00	
10-02-00-46-485	Benches			
10-02-00-46-486	Garden Plots			
51-16-00-41-410	Preschool		\$1,227.00	
51-16-00-41-415	Early Childhood Programs		\$745.00	
51-16-00-41-420	Youth Programs		\$115.00	
51-16-00-41-425	Teen Programs			
51-16-00-41-430	Summer Day Camp		\$300.00	
51-16-00-41-435	New Programs		\$84.00	
52-09-00-41-420	Youth Soccer		\$2,595.00	
52-09-00-41-425	Futsal		\$105.00	
52-09-00-41-430	Youth Baseball		\$1,680.00	
52-09-00-41-435	Athletic Camps			
52-09-00-41-440	Youth Athletic Contract. Programs		\$1,180.00	
52-09-00-41-450	Adult Athletics			
52-09-00-41-465	New Programs			
52-09-00-41-470	Youth Athletic Special Event			
53-12-00-41-600	Adult Programs		\$145.00	
53-12-00-41-610	Active Adult Programs			
53-12-00-41-615	Adult Day Trips		\$25.00	
53-12-00-41-620	Extended Adult Trips			
53-12-00-41-625	Adult Lunches			
53-12-00-41-630	New Programs			
54-10-00-46-420	Fall Events			
54-10-00-46-430	Winter Events			
54-10-00-46-450	Summer Events			

55-13-00-43-450	Proksa Center Rentals	\$1,818.75		
55-13-00-43-451	Liberty Center Rentals			
55-13-00-43-455	Athletic Fields Rentals	\$718.75		
55-13-00-43-471	Park (Outdoor) Rentals			
	refund	-\$297.00		
	Card Connect Fees (January)	-\$951.15		
	Bank Fees	-\$4.93		
	Clearent Fee	-\$512.84		
	Credited to March Bank statement	-\$490.00		
	Sales from the January GL	\$159.25		
	control account	-\$799.00		
				799
	Ending Balance	\$77,617.56		

Berwyn Park District Treasurer Report

February 2026

<u>Republic Bank Property Tax Money Market Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$147,244.10
Interest	\$1,607.68
Property Tax Revenue (transferred from Operating Acct.)	
Replacement Tax	
OSLAD Grant	\$300,000.00
Transfer from Operating Account	\$500,000.00
Transfer to Illinois Funds Account	
Deposit from Illinois Funds Account	
Transfer to other accounts	payroll -\$34,074.68
Ending Balance	\$914,777.10

<u>Republic Bank Payroll Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$21,260.40
Transfer in from Money Market Account	\$34,074.68
Transfer in from Operating Account	\$32,317.57
<i>Payroll/Employee Compensation-direct deposit</i>	-\$39,688.66
<i>Payroll/Employee Compensation-paper checks</i>	-\$416.77
	-\$17,649.60
Federal, State and FICA Exp	
IMRF Payments-Employer/Employee Contributions	-\$17,966.24
Ending Balance	\$11,931.38

<u>Republic Bank Petty Cash Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$5,064.35
Deposit from Operating Account	
<i>Checks Cleared:</i>	
Ending Balance	\$5,064.35

Berwyn Park District Treasurer Report

February 2026

<u>Byline Unemployment Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$33,375.79
Interest	\$55.69
Unemployment	
Ending Balance	\$33,431.48

<u>First American Bank Money Market-Capital Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$2,977,545.09
Interest	\$6,759.32
Transfer in	
Transfer to other accounts- set up of OSLAD account	
Ending Balance	\$2,984,304.41

<u>First American Bank Checking Account-Capital Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$4,650.97
Interest	\$1.01
Account Analysis Fee	-\$31.00
Transfer in	
Transfer to other accounts	
Ending Balance	\$4,620.98

<u>First American Bank -OSLAD Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$5,000.00
Interest	
Transfer in	
Transfer to other accounts	
Ending Balance	\$5,000.00

DATE: 3/10/2026
TO: The Board of Commissioners
FROM: Cathy Fallon, Executive Director
RE: Proksa Park Redevelopment Update

- The selected playground concepts have been submitted to RVI (formerly Hitchcock) for final rendering. Once these renderings are complete, we will be able to share them with the community.
- We are still awaiting comments from MWRD. The project has been assigned to an MWRD reviewer, which occurred within the first week of submission. MWRD has 30 working days to provide feedback to the Park District. As a reminder, the initial permit application was submitted on February 12, 2026.
- Requests were made of RVI to clarify the disc golf items within the budget.
- Attached is an updated draft of the Capital Expenditures, with the added column with projected projects/expenses.
- There is an updated start date for the pond. The project is scheduled to begin March 30th. Equipment is currently being ordered and marketing is working on communication and signage to be shared with the community.

2026 Capital Expenditures		Capital Actual	Capital Approved Projects
		Balance	
		\$ 2,971,857.00	\$ 2,774,909.16
Projects:	Vendor	Expense	
Proksa Park Redevelopment			
	RVI (LA Prof Services)	\$ 55,099.94	\$ (55,099.94)
	Vanderstappen Topographical Survey	\$ 15,380.00	\$ (15,380.00)
	OSLAD Grant		\$ 600,000.00
Proksa Pond Repairs			
	Aquascape	\$ 124,467.90	\$ (124,467.90)
Proksa Trails Grant			
	Grant Award Fee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
	Regional Trails Grant		\$ 250,000.00
Miscellaneous Repair/Improvements			
Capital Ending Balance		\$ 2,774,909.16	\$ 1,634,484.16

Proksa Redevelopment Estimates

	Estimated Base Cost	Alternate Estimate	Notes
Playground Flooring	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 106,000.00	
Alternate Bid Items			
Shade Structure for swings		\$16,000	This does not include install
Water fountain at playground		\$40,000	
Concrete Park Entry		\$75,000	
Connection to City walk ways		\$40,000	

Proposed Phase 2

Veteran's Memorial Redevelopment

Children's Garden

The City of Berwyn



Robert J. Lovero
Mayor

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October 28, 2025

Dear Members of the City Council

Re: Appointment of City Council Representatives and Composition of the Pool Feasibility and Design Exploration Ad Hoc Committee.

I am moving forward with the establishment of the Pool Feasibility and Design Exploration Ad Hoc Committee, which was discussed during the Committee of the Whole on September 23, 2025. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate options for the redevelopment of Berwyn's public pool facility, including potential design concepts, partnership opportunities, and funding approaches.

After consideration, I am appointing Alderman Caldwell, Alderman Leja, and Alderwoman Barnett-Bruckmann to serve as the City Council representatives on this committee. These members represent different areas of Berwyn and will provide balanced insight as the group begins its work.

After meeting with several of the key partners connected to this project, we made a few sensible adjustments to the committee's setup to make sure it runs smoothly and includes the right voices.

The committee will consist of fourteen (14) members, structured as follows:

- Three (3) Aldermen – appointed by the mayor.
- One (1) representative from the North Berwyn Park District, to be selected autonomously through their Executive Director and / or Board of Directors.
- One (1) representative from the Berwyn Park District, to be selected autonomously through their Executive Director and / or Board of Directors.
- One (1) representative from the Berwyn Township, to be selected autonomously through their Township Supervisor and / or Board of Trustees.
- One (1) representative from the Berwyn Recreation Department, to be appointed by the mayor on behalf of the City, as the Recreation Department is a city function.
- The City Treasurer, who will serve as an ex-officio member and provide financial input as needed.
- Six (6) community representatives, that geographically includes at least one resident from the northern area of Berwyn and one from the southern area of Berwyn.

The City of Berwyn



Robert J. Lovero
Mayor

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This structure maintains respect for the independence of our partner taxing bodies while ensuring the city leads coordination of its own responsibilities. It also is structured to establish a practical framework for collaboration, broad participation, and clear communication throughout the process.

The three aldermen will first determine among themselves who will serve as Chair. Once a chair is selected, the committee will begin outreach to the park districts, township, and recreation department to coordinate next steps. I have asked that early focus be on organizing community listening sessions, reviewing background information, and beginning discussion on developing a Request for Proposal for feasibility and design services.

I have also instructed the chosen Council members to solicit and accept letters of interest from community members who may wish to serve. In recognition of their time and efforts representing the City Council on this initiative, each alderperson serving on this committee will be tasked with appointing two community member of their choosing to the committee.

As a reminder this is intended to be an advisory sunset committee. Once the committee completes and presents its review the full City Council will make a final determination—whether to proceed with a project or not— and the committee's work will conclude. If the Council elects to move forward, responsibility for implementation will transition to City staff for formal management and oversight.

I want to thank Alderman Caldwell, Alderman Leja, and Alderwoman Barnett-Bruckmann for their willingness to lead this effort and to work collaboratively with our partners and residents as the process moves forward.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Lovero
Mayor

DATE: 3/10/2026
TO: The Board of Commissioners
FROM: Cathy Fallon, Executive Director
RE: Unfinished Business

Proksa Pond Dry Creek Summary:

- The board voted to move forward with phases one and two of the repairs. At that time there was no vote to move forward with phase 3.
- At the 10/21/25 meeting the board was informed that the current dry creek will not be operational in the current form. The pond needs to be made deeper by a minimum of 12 inches and will need to be made narrower to ensure proper flow and functionality. The liner is also in need of replacement.
- With the new design of the ponds the two ponds are no longer connected, and reconnecting the ponds would need a new scope and design.
- There was discussion about using the dry creek as a rain garden or using construction spoils in the dry creek to reduce haul away costs.

Future of the Dry Creek

1. Leave the creek as is and address in the future when funding allows
2. Allocate additional funding for repairs and amend the current plan with Aquascape.
3. Have the staff remove the dry creek and return the area to green space.
4. Have the staff remove the dry creek and work with RVI to create a rain garden or a beautification project.