

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
March 10th, 2026, at 6pm
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:12pm by Secretary Claire Clark.

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

Absent: Ana Espinoza

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

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

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

Minutes: A motion made by Kostelny seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026 Board Meeting, and the amended March 3, 2026 Committee Meeting. The amended committee minutes will reflect Ana Espinoza and her understanding that the Dry Creek would contain native plants. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-absent, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: The financial reports will now contain a separate summary report for each of the following: schedule of investments, the operating accounts and the restricted accounts. A motion made by Clark, seconded by King, to approve February's payroll \$66,392.25. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-absent, 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.

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

Proksa Park Redevelopment: Director Fallon updated the board on the progress of the redevelopment. The selected playground concepts have been submitted to RVi for final rendering. The final renderings will then be shared with the community. We are still waiting for comments from MWRD regarding the engineering plans. The budget form RVi has the concrete pads included in the concrete line item. RVi will update the budget to reflect on the disc golf changes that are no longer needed. The capital expenditures report has been updated in the packet to include a column for projected projects/expenses. The pond start date is now scheduled to begin March 30th. Marketing is working on communication and signage to be shared with the community.

Commissioner Taylor asked what happens with the extra soil from the construction. The extra will be used throughout the park to fill in low spots. The walkways in the park will not have any significant

grade changes. The engineer plans will be presented after MWRD approves them. This project will go to bid. The awarding of the contract is required to go to the most "responsible bid." This is not always the lowest bid. Dry creek summary options are in the packet. Director Fallon reached out to the engineer to see if the dry creek is part of the water storage that is required for the construction project. Commissioner Taylor wants to leave the dry creek as is. He does not feel we have a good conversion for this area. Commissioner Clark feels the public may comment once the ponds are completed. It could be considered an "eye sore." She would like to see it as a rain garden area. Commissioner Kostelny does not feel the area should be used as a "play space" Commissioner King wants input from the residents for the dry creek area. Director Fallon will talk with Aquascape on how far the pond design will go. Aquascape's recommendation was to remove the dry creek if the district is not going to utilize it as a connector between the two ponds.

Old Business: none.

New Business: On March 19th, the City of Berwyn is forming a Pool Committee. Commissioner Kostelny will attend on behalf of the park district. This will be an agenda item going forward.

Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Taylor wished "Happy National Women's Day"

Executive Session: no session

Meeting Dates: April 7th, 2026 -Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm.
April 21st, 2026- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to adjourn at 7:05pm. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-absent, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor-absent. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny

Or Vice President: Ana Espinoza

Or Secretary: Claire Clark



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes