

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
March 18th, 2025, at 6pm
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:05pm by President Brock.

Commissioners in attendance: Brian Brock, Ana Espinoza, Mario Manfredini, and Zachary Taylor.

Absent: Gretchen Kostelny

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

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

Minutes: A motion made by Manfredini, seconded by Espinoza to approve the minutes from February 18, 2025, Board Meeting and March 4, 2025, Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Suzanne Pois is concerned about children's safety due to the removal of the chain link fence surrounding the children's garden area. She stated that Berwyn Roots will plant natural buffers along the borders. She asked where the board minutes were posted. She said the calendar section on the district's website needs to have more information. She would like to see a link on the district's website to Berwyn Roots' page. Claire Clark asked if the bench near the playground at Hessler Park would be replaced. Janel King stated that a resident told her that they are thrilled with all the updates at Proksa Park. She also stated that pizza boxes are being left all over the picnic tables at Freedom Park. Commissioner Taylor suggested messaging and signings to the public to clean up their trash.

Correspondence: no correspondence.

Financial Report: A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Manfredini, to approve March's payables in the amount of \$51,907.53 and February's payroll \$77,149.93 for a total of \$129,057.46. Roll call: Brock-aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-absent, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. The Schedule of Investments Report was reviewed. The KS State Bank CD matured on March 5th. The district will purchase a new CD in the amount of \$217,000 at 4.150%.

Agency Report: The report is in the packet. Director Fallon went over the programs and enrollment numbers. There are sixty participants registered for soccer. The marketing manager made a YouTube video demonstrating to parents- how to register their child for summer camp.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): the March 11 minutes are included in the packet. Director Fallon asked if any of the commissioners are interested in attending the Derby Gala Fundraiser for WSSRA on May 3, to let her know. Director Marianne Birko can come to a board meeting to update the commissioners on WSSRA programs and participation.

Unfinished Business: The board policy manual is still being developed.

New Business: Park District Foundation- Attorney Mike Roth has given the district examples of bylaws and paperwork to start the process. We need to find people who would like to serve on this board. Come to the committee meeting with questions and ideas on how this foundation will look. Director Fallon is participating in the City of Berwyn's ADA transition plan. Oates and Associates is the firm contracted with the city to conduct the study.

Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Taylor asked what the next step for the Proksa project is. Director Fallon responded that the design phase is next. More than likely, the paths will remain in the same place but will be renovated. Under the OSLAD grant, the district will be able to replace about ¼ mile of paths. Renovating all the paths in Proksa Park is contingent on the Trails Grant. (The district is waiting to see who the recipients of this grant are.) Director Fallon is meeting with Aquascape to discuss options for the pond. Hitchcock will start preparing designs for Proksa Park.

Executive Session: none.

Meeting Dates: April 1st, 2025-Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm.
April 15th, 2025- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Manfredini, seconded by Espinoza to adjourn at 6:59pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:

President: Brian Brock



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes