

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. Commissioner Espinoza also thought the dry creek area was going to be for plants. 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.

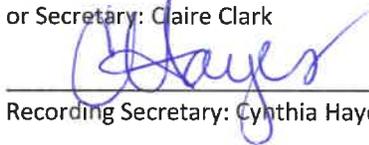
Commissioner Espinoza would like to see representation at the senior luncheons put on by the City of Berwyn. She would like the district to promote our programs and events. Commissioner asked if there was any update on the Freedom deed. (Nothing to update)

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,
or Secretary: Claire Clark



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes