

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting  
Berwyn Park District  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6pm  
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:01pm by President Gretchen Kostelny.

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

Absent: none.

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

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

**Minutes:** A motion made by King, seconded by Espinoza to approve the minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Board Meeting, and the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Allie Caldwell would like the district to reconsider the purpose of the pond at Proksa Park. She would like an access area for the public.

**Correspondence:** none.

**Financial Report:** The financial report summaries for the schedule of investments, the operating accounts and the restricted accounts were included in the packet. A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Clark, to approve April's payroll/payroll liabilities and May's payables for \$100,857.11 Roll call: Clark-aye, Espinoza-aye, 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. Touch a Truck will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Center. Garden bed clean up is completed at all parks except Proksa. Drinking fountain maintenance has been completed.

**West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA):** May 12, 2026 minutes are included in the packet. Commissioner Espinoza would like the district to purchase Derby Fundraiser tickets next year.

**Proksa Park Redevelopment:** Director Fallon updated the board on the progress of the redevelopment. MWRD Permit is in the Iterative Review phase. The bid information is included in the packet. RVi has reviewed it. An updated draft of the capital expenditures is in the packet. Restoration and water clarification will continue over the next several weeks.

**City of Berwyn Pool Committee:** the meeting is being rescheduled. No updates.

**Old Business:** no old business.

**New Business:** Great Lakes was the lowest and most responsible bidder for the Proksa redevelopment. The contract only covers the installation. Material, playground equipment, shelter, and seating the

district will order. Director Fallon discussed the scope of the project to the people in attendance at the meeting. She also discussed where the funding for the project came from.

The bid tabulation is included in the packet.

A motion made by Taylor, seconded by King to approve Great Lakes, the lowest and most responsible bidder, on base bid #1 OSLAD Improvements in the amount of \$933,493.00. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Clark to approve Great Lakes, the lowest and most responsible bidder, on base bid #2 RTP Improvements in the amount of \$242,221.00. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Clark to approve Great Lakes, the lowest and most responsible bidder, on alternate bid #1 PIP surfacing at Playground in the amount of \$194,143.00 Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

A motion made by King, seconded by Espinoza to approve Great Lakes, the lowest and most responsible bidder, on alternate bid #2 Shade sail at swings in the amount of \$10,000. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

The commissioners discussed alternate bid #3 Drinking fountain. A motion made by King, seconded by Espinoza to dismiss alternate bid #3. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. The commissioners would like to explore other alternatives.

A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by King to accept and not exceed the total amount of \$1,379,857.00 for the redevelopment of Proksa Park by Great Lakes. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

**Oak Park and 34<sup>th</sup> Street**-Director Fallon spoke with Nicole from the engineering department in the City of Berwyn. Nicole was unaware the property was leased to the park district. She was the one who gave permission for the contractors (34<sup>th</sup> street project) to stage their equipment on this property. The city also had plans to redevelop this property closer to 2028. The park district was exploring this property to be a Veteran's Memorial park. Director Fallon reached out to BPAI- they were not made aware of the staging of construction equipment and material. Commissioners Kostelny and Clark would like to work with the city, but the liability needs to be removed from the district and completely absorbed by the city of Berwyn. Commissioner Taylor asked if there would be an environmental survey of the property that would be completed, paid for by the city, after the construction project is completed. Commissioner Espinoza is in favor of the lease contract for that property to be amended. Commissioner wants to know the scope of the staging area. What type of fencing will be used, schedule/timeline of the project and use of the property.

Board consensus: Director Fallon to reach out to Nicole (at the city) to have the contract amended and provide a COI.

**Executive Director's compensation:** a motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Clark to approve a 3% salary increase effective on the March 13, 2026 payroll. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

**Commissioners' Comments:** Commissioner Taylor likes the pond. He wants to know what the district's liability is if people are wading in it. Director Fallon will reach out to PDRMA. Commissioner King said that Ebenezer Church is having a youth fair on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm. Would like to know if the district is able to have a table at the fair.

**Executive Session:** no session

**Meeting Dates:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 -Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm.  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Motion carried.

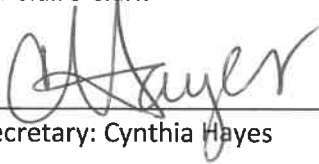
Attested to by:

  
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President: Gretchen Kostelny

Or Vice President: Ana Espinoza

Or Secretary: Claire Clark

  
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Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes