

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
May 20, 2025, at 6pm
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:00pm by President Brock.

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

Newly elected commissioners in attendance: Claire Clark and Janel King.

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

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

Minutes: A motion made by Espinoza, seconded by Manfredini to approve the minutes from April 15, 2025, Board Meeting and May 6, 2025 Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Swearing in of New Officers: Claire Clark and Janel King took the oath of office.

Election of Commissioners Positions: A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Espinoza to elect Kostelny as board president. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Kostelny to elect Espinoza as vice president. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Espinoza to elect Taylor as treasurer. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by King, seconded by Taylor to elect Clark as secretary. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Gretchen Kostelny took over as board president.

Public Comments: Andrew Sullivan loves having dogs in the park and loves frisbee golf. He expressed concerns of the homeless people in Proksa Park. The first time he called the police; they came and moved the people out of the park. The next time he called the police, they never came. He witnessed a man urinating on a tree in the park, the police did not do anything. He also has notice that people are playing frisbee golf in the park past 10pm. Commissioner Taylor asked Alderman Richard Leja if the police department could share reports with the park district. Director Fallon has reached out to the social worker at the police department regarding the homeless people but has not received a response. Commissioner Espinoza said the Berwyn Public Library underwent training for dealing with situations concerning homeless people. Alderman Leja said the police department has two social workers on staff. One during the day and one at night. Sabine Krauss congratulated the newly elected commissioners and thanked the resigning commissioners. Commissioner Kostelny thanked the audience for coming and bringing their concerns. Commissioner Taylor would like to see an update to the general use policy.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Espinoza, to approve May's payables in the amount of \$91,513.89 and April's payroll \$81,870.84 for a total of \$173,384.73. Roll call: Clark- aye,

Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. The Schedule of Investments Report was reviewed. A CD is maturing on 5/27/2025. This amount will not be invested into another CD due to the recent news that Cook County will be late distributing tax bills to homeowners. The length of the delay has not been stated.

Agency Report: The report is in the packet. Brewfest tickets will go on sale starting June 1st. The park district has received a DCEO reimbursement grant in the amount of \$162,222.84. A summer scavenger hunt will start May 30 and run through the middle of August. Each week new clues will be released. Participants will receive stickers for correct submissions and a chance to win other prizes.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): draft minutes of the May meeting are included in the packet.

Proksa Park Redevelopment: the kickoff meeting with Hitchcock Design for the Proksa Park redevelopment was May 16th. Hitchcock has released a RFP for topographical services and a RFP for geotechnical services for Proksa Park.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made by King, seconded by Clarke to approve the bylaws for the Berwyn Park Foundation. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Clark to approve Resolution No. 2025-0520 Authorizing Release of Certain Closed Session Minutes. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

New Business: A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Espinoza to approve the change order number 001, Berwyn Park District Mowing Services with Langton Group. This will add Liberty Cultural Center, Liberty Lot, Karasek Park and Karban Park for an additional cost of \$4800. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Attorney Mike Roth will come to the June 3rd meeting to answer any questions the board has.

Commissioners' Comments: no comments

Executive Session: no session

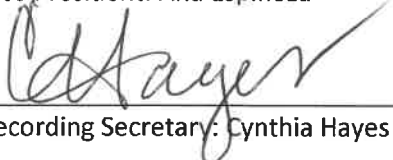
Meeting Dates: June 3rd, 2025-Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm. June 17th, 2025- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Clark, seconded by King to adjourn at 7:03pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:



Vice President: Ana Espinoza



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes