

Committee Meeting Minutes
Berwyn Park District
May 5, 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 Vice President Espinoza.

Commissioners in attendance: Ana Espinoza, Claire Clark, Janel King (via phone, arrived in person at 5:47pm), and Zachary Taylor

Absent: Gretchen Kostelny

Staff in attendance: Cathy Fallon (Executive Director), Cindy Hayes (Superintendent of Finance and HR), John Roberts (Superintendent of Parks and Facilities), Carlos DeLeon (Foreman) and Mary Swade (Superintendent of Recreation).

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

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Clark, seconded by King to approve the May 2026 payables in the amount of \$195,940.28. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny-absent, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

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. Commissioner Espinoza noted that the children's garden area needs improvement. Director Fallon will contact Berwyn Roots to discuss the area.

Other Business: Freedom Deed and the Intergovernmental Agreement- the school board has approved the deed release. Notarized signatures are all that is needed. The IGA is still being reviewed by the lawyers. Bid opening was April 30th. RVI is currently reviewing the bids for accuracy. The formal bid award is scheduled for the May Meeting. Director Fallon informally went over the dollar amounts of each bid package with the board.

Commissioners received an update on the Perry Weather System. Director Fallon is waiting on Perry Weather to update users. Commissioner King arrived in person at 5:47pm.

Commissioner Taylor asked about the status of the flower beds throughout the parks. Superintendent Roberts said the crew would begin at Mraz Park and continue through each park. The pond is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Commissioner Taylor also asked whether the district had received the second round of comments from MWRD; it had not. He then asked whether Proksa remains on schedule for completion by October. Director Fallon said the landscaping may need to be finished the following spring, depending on the weather, and that the district could request an extension from OSLAD if needed. The City of Berwyn used the property at 34th Street and Oak Park Avenue for a press release about the redevelopment of 34th Street without notifying the district in advance. The commissioners requested that the City notify the district before using leased property in the future. Commissioner Espinoza would like President Kostelny and Director Fallon to discuss this matter, as well as the district's other leased properties, with Mayor Lovero. Commissioner King said a resident asked why Karban Dog Park has wood chips instead of grass. The response was that grass does not grow well in the area because of the dogs, and the wood chips are specifically designed to be dog friendly. The commissioners also asked for an update on the person requesting use of the ballfields. Director Fallon reviewed the priority order and rental procedures for field use. She had responded to the individual but has not yet received a reply.

Pool Committee: Commissioner Kostelny is absent. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Executive Session: none.

Action from Executive Session: none.

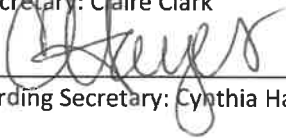
Commissioner Suggestions/Comments: Commissioner Taylor would like Director Fallon to respond to the email from Nicole from the city. Director Fallon could provide better details of what is needed regarding the crosswalks at Proksa. Commissioner Taylor would like Director Fallon's review scheduled for the next meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Clark, seconded by King to adjourn at 5:29pm. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny,
or Vice President: Ana Espinoza,
or Secretary: Claire Clark



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes