Committee Meeting Minutes
Berwyn Park District
October 6, 2026, at 4:30pm
Freedom Administration Building

The committee meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:31pm by Secretary Clark.
Commissioners in attendance: Gretchen Kostelny, Claire Clark, Janel King (arrived at 4:39pm), and Zachary Taylor.
Absent: Ana Espinoza
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 Taylor, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Alie Caldwell would like to see updates on the Proksa Park redevelopment on social media.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to approve the October 2026 payables in the amount of $128,352.98. Roll call: Clark-aye, Espinoza-absent, King- absent, Kostelny-aye, Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Director Fallon discussed the proposed health plans and rates. Amotion made by Kostelny, seconded by Clark to approve the cost share table rates as presented in the packet for the 2027 health insurance rates. Roll call: Clark-aye, Espinoza-absent, King- absent, Kostelny-aye, Taylor- aye. Motion carried. The 2027 budget hearing is set for October 20th at 6pm at Proksa Park Activity Center, followed by the regular board meeting.

Oak Park and 34th Street: Commissioners Kostelny and Taylor, Director Fallon, and Superintendent Roberts met with Mayor Lovero and other City of Berwyn representatives regarding the property at 34th Street and Oak Park Avenue. The city expects to complete the project by the end of December 2026 and will no longer need the property afterward.
(Commissioner King arrived at 4:39pm)
A construction fence was put around the perimeter of the property prior to the meeting. The city agreed to provide the park district with a certificate of insurance, release of liability, and a list of materials stored on the property. The city will put up additional signage on the fence to warn the public to "Keep Out." Notes from the meeting will be sent to Director Fallon from the legal representative that was present at the meeting. Director Fallon will review and send them to Attorney Mike Roth for review. A "use agreement" will be used between the city and the park district. After the park district is completed with the redevelopment of Proksa, the park district will reach out to the city for assistance on the development of the 34th and Oak Park property. Commissioner Kostelny asked if RVi can assist the park district with obtaining grants to construct a Veteran's Memorial at this location. The city is requesting the park district provides certificates of insurance (naming the city as additionally insured) for all the leased properties.

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. October 17 is "Oaktoberfest" with Morton Arboretum. Volunteers are needed to help with tree planting.

Other Business: Information regarding park district events and community events that staff participate in were included in the packet. Updates for the Proksa redevelopment were included in the packet. The district has not

received the bike repair station from the Berwyn of Township. The 2026/27 goals will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Berwyn Pool Committee: The pool committee received seven proposals. The committee and city council accepted the proposal from FGMA. Next meeting is October 8th.

Executive Session: none.

Action from Executive Session: none.

Commissioner Suggestions/Comments: Commissioners Clark and King represented the park district at the police open house. It was great interaction with the public on behalf of the park district.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 5:15pm. Motion carried.

Attested to by:

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

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes