

Committee Meeting Minutes
Berwyn Park District
October 7th, 2025, at 4:30pm
Freedom Administration Building

The committee meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:37pm 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), Cindy Hayes (Superintendent of Finance and HR), John Roberts (Superintendent of Parks and Facilities), Javier Garcia (Foreman).

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

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: a motion was made by Clark, seconded by Kostelny to approve the first half of October 2025 payables in the amount of \$90,164.88. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza- aye, King-aye, Kostelny- aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Hayes gave an update of the delay from Cook County on property taxes. The county is having software issues. There is no update to when we can expect our final numbers or 2nd installment payment. The county is offering short-term loans for agencies that do not have at least a 3-month cash flow for operation costs. Our district does not qualify for this. Director Fallon went over the budget numbers. Fallon discussed the fund balances. The propped 2026 budget is a similar deficit to the last several years. The district is working with Lauterbach and Amen accounting firm on the 2026 budget and levy. The 2026 budget public hearing is scheduled for October 21, 2025 at 6pm at Proksa Park. Commissioner asked what the 2024 budget was and final numbers were.

A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Clark to approve the cost share table rates for the 2026 health insurance plans for \$2000 PPO/1500 HRA, HMO, Dental with Orthodontia, and Vision \$600. Full coverage for single health insurance with 20%/80% employee/employer coverage on vision, dental, and additional family members for health insurance. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Clark to close out the BMO account and transfer the remaining balance to the Republic Bank account. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Policy and Personnel: Tree Protection Policy- Commissioner Taylor would like page numbers and noted a typo error on third page.

Recreation: no report.

Parks and Facilities: report in packet. Morton Arboretum did a walk through with the parks department for the upcoming tree planting day-October 25. Pickle ball lines are now painted on all the tennis courts at Proksa Park. The parks department purchased a water tank.

Other Business: Hitchcock Designs was bought out by another firm, RVI. We will continue to work with Lacey Lawrence on the Proksa Park redevelopment project. IDNR has turned down the district's application for the OSLAD grant for Freedom Park, due to the language that is written in the deeds of Freedom Park. Director Fallon will work with Mike Roth (attorney) to get the deeds updated.

Commissioner King left the meeting and attended via phone for remaining portion of the meeting.

The board's retreat is November 9th from 2pm-6pm. Further information will follow.

The City of Berwyn is looking to establish a pool committee. This was proposed at the council meeting. Possibly having Director Fallon as part of this committee. Waiting for further information on this.

Schedule of 2026 committee meetings and board meetings were included in the packet. Board will approve at the next meeting.

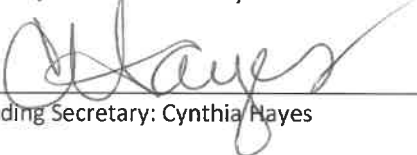
Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Taylor would like the porta pots cleaned multiple times during the week instead of the contracted once a week. He asked if they could be located throughout the park instead of next to the building. He would like winterized porta pots in the parks all winter. Commissioner Espinoza asked about the training of the lightning detection system. She asked if the BDC gave any additional information on the Harlem Avenue property.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 6:06pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes