

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
September 16th, 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 Vice President Ana Espinoza.

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

Absent: none

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

A motion was made by Espinoza, seconded by Taylor to approve Kostelny and King attend via phone.

Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

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

Minutes: A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes from August 19, 2025, Board Meeting. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. The September 2, 2025 Committee Meeting was tabled due to an error. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: A motion made by Clark, seconded by King, to approve September's payables in the amount of \$52,797.34 and August's payroll \$149,013.09 for a total of \$201,810.43. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. The Schedule of Investments Report was reviewed. Total investments \$1,485,830.60. The 2026 draft budget was included in the packet. Details of the budget will be discussed at the Committee Meeting.

Agency Report: The report is in the packet. Director Fallon discussed the various programs and the registration numbers.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): minutes from the July 8th meeting were included in the packet.

Proksa Park Redevelopment: no update.

Old Business: Included in the packet is the Proksa Pond proposal from Aquascape. A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Clark to authorize Director Fallon to enter into a contract with Aquascape for phase 1 \$298,057.07 and phase 2 \$116,835.94 which includes both the east and west pond areas. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Taylor would like further exploration with phase 3- the connector section.

Included in the packet is the tree protection plan for the Morton Arboretum grant requirement. This will be on the next agenda for further discussion and approval.

New Business: A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Clark to approve the Resolution of Authorization Form OS/DOC-3 that states the district has the funds to match the OSLAD grant for the project at Freedom Park. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

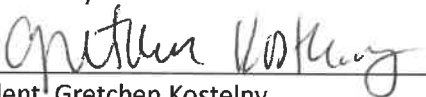
Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Espinoza said that the Township of Berwyn tabled the park district's request for a bus was due to no exact dollar amount in the letter. She asked that Director Fallon resubmit the request. Commissioner asked why the park district did not participate in the police department open house. Unfortunately, the district did not have staff available, responded Director Fallon. Commissioner Kostelny asked Director Fallon to reach out to the commissioners for volunteer opportunities if staff are unavailable. Commissioner Taylor noted that the east side of Freedom Park has debris and building materials along the fence line. Commissioner Taylor commented that the new trees are growing taller than the protective fencing. He asked if taller fencing could be used. He would also like to see management staff at their programs to evaluate how things are. Commissioner Espinoza asked if the district has a QR code to purchase Brewfest tickets. She would like to display it at the Octoberfest. Commissioner asked if the district had a last-minute push strategy for ticket sales.

Executive Session: no session

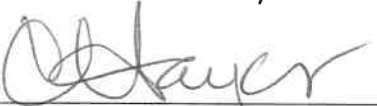
Meeting Dates: October 7th, 2025-Committee Meeting at Freedom Park Administration Building at 4:30pm. October 21st, 2025- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Clark, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 6:31pm. Roll call: Clark- aye, Espinoza-aye, King-aye, Kostelny-aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Attested to by:



President: Gretchen Kostelny



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes