MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2016
BOARD MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm. by President Manfredini. The meeting was held at the Proksa Park Activity Center 3001 S Wisconsin Ave, Berwyn, Illinois 60402.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE
Mario Manfredini, President
Diego Estrella, Vice President
Edward Karasek, Secretary
Sandra Fejt, Commissioner
Frank Amaro, Commissioner

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
Jeffrey S. Janda, Executive Director
Mary Gail Corpus, Assistant to the Executive Director
Conor Cahill, Superintendent of Recreation
Jerry Sebesta, Treasurer

GUESTS
Mary Karasek

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Commissioner Manfredini led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Commissioner Amaro moved, seconded by Commissioner Fejt to approve the agenda as presented.

IV. MINUTES
A. Commissioner Amaro moved, seconded by Commissioner Fejt to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the March 8, 2016 Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
NONE
VI. TREASURER’S REPORT
   A. Commissioner Amaro moved, seconded by Commissioner Fejt to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented and place on file for audit.

   Motion carried

   A. Commissioner Karasek moved seconded by Commissioner Estrella to approve The monthly payroll and payables totaling to the amount of $145,704.56.

   ROLL CALL: Amaro, Yea
                Estrella, Yea
                Fejt, Yea
                Karasek, Yea
                Manfredini, Yea

   Motion carried

VII. Executive Director Report
     Commissioner Amaro moved, seconded by Commissioner Fejt to accept as informational.

VII. WSSRA
     Accept as informational.

IX. Correspondence
     Passed around

Motion carried

X. STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

A. FINANCE
   A.1 Discussion and Consideration of 2016 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

     Commissioner Karasek moved, seconded by Commissioner Estrella waive reading of Ordinance O-16-01, the 2016 Budget & Appropriations & Ordinance as presented at the March 8, 2016 Public Hearing.

     Motion carried

     Commissioner Karasek moved, seconded by Commissioner Estrella to adopt Ordinance O-16-01, Budget & Appropriations & Ordinance as presented at the March 8, 2016 Public Hearing.

     ROLL CALL: Amaro, Yea
                 Estrella, Yea
                 Fejt, Yea
                 Karasek, Yea
                 Manfredini, Yea

     Motion carried
B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
   Accepted as informational

C. PERSONNEL & POLICY
   No meeting

D. RECREATION
   Accepted as informational

XI  UNFINISHED BUSINESS
    NONE

XII. NEW BUSINESS
     MEETING DATES:

   A. Commissioner Karasek scheduled a Finance Meeting for Monday April 11, 2016 to begin at 4:30 pm. The Recreation meeting will be held at Proksa on Thursday April 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

   B. Celebration of Commissioner Karasek's 50 year milestone as a Berwyn Park District Commissioner.

   President Manfredini turned the meeting over to Executive Director Janda for the celebration portion. Attached is a copy of the script from the event.

Thank you President Manfredini.
Good evening, Board members and honored guests. Under New business tonight, we have a Special Presentation Commemorating Commissioner Karasek's 50 Years of Service to the Berwyn Park District.

Edward A. Karasek was appointed to the Board of Commissioners in 1966 and his first recorded meeting occurred on March 15, 1966. With 12 Board meeting as year, plus 3 or 4 committee meetings per month, plus special events, that equates to 600 Board meetings, 1,800 Committee meetings, and 50 years of special events. In that whole time, I can only find 2 Board meetings that Ed could not attend. In researching all available records, Ed is the longest serving Park Commissioner in the State of Illinois. It kind of reminds me of Cub Scouts, where they told me "It's only 1 meeting a month."
I would like to thank Commissioner Karasek for his selfless service not only to the park district, but to the City of Berwyn as well. Ed you have truly made a positive difference on both the park district and the community. On a personal level, I would like to thank you for all of your advice and lessons learned over the years. I remember when I became the Executive Director; you gave me some great advice. Do your homework, and know what you are talking about when making tough decisions. You have helped shape the professional that I am.

Tonight, we have several accolades and presentations for you. The Berwyn Park District is a partner member in the West Suburban Special Recreation Association, a cooperative agency that provides recreation to persons with special needs. The agency was founded in 1976 and the Berwyn Park District became a member in 1979, a move supported by Commissioner Karasek. At this time I would like to invite West Suburban Special Recreation Association Executive Director Marianne Birko up to the podium to make a presentation to Ed.
Thank you Marianne.
It is election season, and you hear all of the candidates speaking about today and the future, but seldom do we hear them relate to the past. Ed's life experience greatly assisted the District during economic downturn a few years back, keeping the District on solid ground. They say all politics are local, and I believe they are. In addition to serving as a Berwyn Park District Commissioner, an elected position that has no salary; Ed has been very active in the Berwyn community having membership in the PTA, serving on the All Berwyn Committee (a civic organization), and has more than 64 years membership in the Kiwanis Club of Berwyn. Additionally Ed is a member of the Berwyn Development Corporation and has the honor of having served as its first president in 1983. As you can see Commissioner Karasek is very committed to Berwyn.

At this time, I would like to invite up Berwyn City Clerk Thomas Pavlik to make a presentation on behalf of the City of Berwyn.

Thank you Mr. Pavlik.

Over the years, I have learned that Ed Karasek is very well known in Springfield. I remember meeting with former State Treasurer Judy Barr-Topinka years ago, and the first question she asked me was "How is WIDE-TRACK" in reference to the days when Ed was worked for a Pontiac Car Dealership in Berwyn. I also remember back around the year 2000 when we were looking to renovate Freedom Park. Ed and I reached out to State Representative Bill O'Connell and the District received a grant of more than $600,000 towards the project which included construction of a soccer field. Commissioner Karasek, you are fortunate to live across the street from Proksa Park, but I am also fortunate in that I see on a daily basis the children whose lives you have influenced with the soccer field. On behalf of the children who play soccer on the field, I would like to present you with a soccer ball autographed by the 2016 Chicago Fire Soccer School participants as their thank you to you.

At this time I would like to invite Superintendent of Recreation Conor Cahill up to the podium to present a resolution from the State of Illinois House of Representatives 99th General Assembly.

Thank you Connor

I would also like to invite Commissioner Frank Amaro up to present a Resolution form the State of Illinois Senate 99th General Assembly.

And from United States Congressman Lipinski.

Thank you Commissioner Amaro.

Tonight, we are fortunate to have President and CEO of the Illinois Association of Park Districts Peter Murphy in attendance. The IAPD was formed in 1928 and the Berwyn Park District has been a member since 1929. I would like to invite Mr. Peter Murphy up to the podium to make a special presentation.

Thank you Peter.

At this time, I would like to ask that Berwyn Park District Board President Mario Manfredini and the Board of Commissioners to come up to the podium to present Commissioner Karasek with a special recognition in appreciation of 50 years of dedicated selfless service to the Berwyn Park District.

Thank you.

As we are honored to experience all of the accolades and honors bestowed upon Commissioner Karasek tonight, I am reminded of one of my favorite movies, Miracle on 34th Street. In that movie, Kris Cringle is on trial for claiming to be the real Santa Claus. When the U.S. Post Office reads the news about the trial, they determine that they will deliver all of the letters that are addressed to Santa Claus to court, as the movie goes, the court determines that if the U.S. Post office, a branch of the Federal government believes he is Santa, who is the court to argue.

Well Commissioner Karasek, you were named Commissioner of the Year by the Illinois Association of Park District’s in 2011, and in case you have any doubt, today we deliver cards and notes from around the State of Illinois celebrating and thanking you for your incredible service as a Park Commissioner.

We hope that you enjoy reading all of the cards and notes that serve as a testament to who you are.

At this time, I would like to ask Commissioner Edward A. Karasek to say a few words.

Mr. President that concludes the special presentation under new business.
ADJOURNMENT:
There being of no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Amaro moved, seconded by Commissioner Fejt to adjourn at 7:59pm.

ROLL CALL: Amaro, Yea
Estrella, Yea
Fejt, Yea
Karasek, Yea
Manfredini, Yea

ATTESTED TO BY:

[Signature]

PRESIDENT: Mario Manfredini

Date 4/19/10

Motion carried

[Signature]
Edward A. Karasek