

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
November 19th, 2024, at 6pm
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:07pm by President Brock.

Commissioners in attendance: Brian Brock, Ana Espinoza, Gretchen Kostelny, Mario Manfredini, and Zachary Taylor.

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

Agenda: A motion made by Manfredini, seconded by Espinoza to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes: A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024, Board Meeting, the November 5th, 2024, Committee Meeting and the November 5th, 2024, Budget Hearing Meeting as amended prior to the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comments: Sabine Krauss is very excited about the park district's new master plan.

Correspondence: An email regarding FLSA. It has been challenged in the courts. Final outcome-it will not go into effect on January 1, 2025.

We received an email from the city regarding Alderman Richard Leja reporting the park district for blight. He reported that Sunshine Park was infested with rats. The email did not have any course of action or follow up information. Commissioner Espinoza suggested that Director Fallon follow up with Leja for more details. Director Fallon reached out to our pest control vendor, Orkin, to investigate this. Orkin did not see any signs of a rat infestation.

Master Plan: A motion made by Manfredini, seconded by Kostelny to approve the final report of the Master Plan. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-aye, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Financial Report: A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Manfredini to approve November's payables \$334,650.14 and October's payroll \$74,398.33 for a total of \$409,048.47. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-aye, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Schedule of Investments' Report, and Scholarship report are included in the packet.

A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Manfredini to approve the fiscal year 2025 Budget. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-aye, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Agency Report: The report is in the packet. Director Fallon updated the commissioners on what is going on in each of the departments. Staff are starting to decorate Mraz Park.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): minutes from the October 1st, 2024, meeting is included in the packet.

Unfinished Business: The board policy manual will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Moody announced the park district has an A1 rating. Changes to the budget and having a master plan attributed to the district receiving a strong rating.

New Business: For the fiscal year 2024 audit, the park district is changing firms to Lauterbach and Amen. We will update the board when we have confirmed the new process.
The Berwyn Public Arts Initiative (BPAI) has requested to keep the art boards up at 34th Street and Oak Park Avenue. The board is in support of having the art for another year. Commissioner Brock asked if the art would go back to the Depot District, no decision has been made due to the ongoing construction in the depot district.

Commissioners' Comments: The commissioners wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Commissioner Espinoza asked for an update on the DCEO grants. Commissioner Brock needs to sign some of the paperwork for the grant.

Executive Session: not needed.

Meeting Dates: December 3rd, 2024-Committee Meeting at the Freedom Admin Building at 4:30pm.
December 17th, 2024- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion made by Taylor, seconded by Manfredini to adjourn at 6:46pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:

President: Brian Brock



Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes