

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting  
Berwyn Park District  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6pm  
Freedom Administration Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:09pm by Vice President Espinoza. President Brock arrived at 6:11pm

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:** The agenda was amended to add under New Business; a. Land Acquisition and b. Community Pool. A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Espinoza to approve the amended agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Manfredini to approve the minutes from the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board Meeting and March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Committee Meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

**Public Comments:** no comments.

**Correspondence:** Invitation to the Derby Fundraiser from The West Suburban Special Recreation Association.

**Financial Report:** The Statement of Economic Interest- all commissioners need to fill this out and submit it to the county by May 1st, 2024. A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Manfredini to approve March's payables \$63,082.30 and February's payroll \$67,310.74 for a total of \$130,393.04. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-Aye, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Scholarship report is included in the packet.

**Agency Report:** The report is in the packet. Director Fallon updated the commissioners on what is going on in each of the departments. Commissioner Taylor asked if the equipment in the pool area be removed and the fencing removed as well, to open up the area. Director Fallon suggested turning the fountain at Mraz Park into something else. Since the fountain will never be able to operate in its current state. Turning the fountain into a planter will help beautify the space. The fencing around the garden area at Proksa Park needs to be removed. The board is okay with updates to the fountain and the fence removal at Proksa. Director Fallon discussed the AC unit at Liberty Center. It does not work and needs to be replaced. Replacement is on hold until we get a full report of all the needs of Liberty at costs from Williams Architect.

**West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA):** Minutes are included in the packet.

**Unfinished Business:** On March 14, the Cook County Board passed an amendment to the Paid Leave for Workers Act, exempting Park Districts and School Districts until January 1, 2025. This gives time for the districts to adjust budgets and update policies.

**New Business:** The Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) acquired property at 2832 Lombard Rd. They asked if the park district would be interested in purchasing this property. A motion was made by Brock, seconded by Manfredini to allow Director Fallon enter into negotiation of the Lombard property. Motion unanimously carried. Director Fallon met with the Superintendent of School District #100, Mary Havis, about space and needs for the future of the park and school district. Director Fallon met with Mayor Lovero, the Director Joe Vallez of the North Berwyn Park District, and Director Tony Martinucci of the Berwyn Rec Center in regard to the future of the pool located at 31<sup>st</sup> and East Ave, the old Bounce Facility on Grove Ave. and a Soccer Field at Baseball Alley. The City would like to form a partnership with both park districts for renovations. No formal plan was presented. Director Fallon will attend meetings to obtain more information.

**Master Plan:** Hitchcock is waiting on 50 more statistically valid surveys.

**Government Efficiency Committee:** no report.

**Commissioners' Comments:** The commissioners congratulated Director Fallon on her one-year anniversary with the park district.

Meeting Dates: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024- Committee Meeting at the Freedom Admin Building at 4:30pm. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 7:23pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:

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President: Brian Brock



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Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes