

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting  
Berwyn Park District  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6pm  
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:03pm by President Brock.

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

Gretchen Kostelny-absent

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 amended agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** A motion made by Manfredini, seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board Meeting and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, Committee Meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

**Public Comments:** Sabine Krauss from the Berwyn Public Arts Initiative (BPAI) asked if the park district would display plaster cicadas that various groups in the community have decorated. The cicadas would be on display from May 13-September 2. Krauss is asking if the park district could display about 8 throughout our parks. Krauss would like a formal contract with the park district- renewing the use of space at 34<sup>th</sup> and Oak Park Ave. She also asked if signage and benches could be added to this space. The Art Walk is scheduled on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will start at this location.

**Correspondence:** no correspondence

**Financial Report:** A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Manfredini to approve April's payables \$93,131.46 and March's payroll \$110,374.12 for a total of \$203,505.58. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-absent, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried. Schedule of Investments' Report, and Scholarship report are included in the packet. A motion was made by Brock, seconded by Kostelny to add Commissioner Taylor to both accounts at First American Bank in Riverside. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-absent, 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. Mraz Fountain- we have received great feedback from some of the public with turning the fountain into a planter. Berwyn Western is still working on the bathrooms in the pool house. April 28<sup>th</sup> (1pm-4pm)- the Morton Arboretum along with the Student Conservation Association will plant 50 trees in our parks. Aly Raisman (Olympic Gold Medal) will be our guest planter. Commissioner Taylor asked about the pumps for the pond. The pumps will go into the pond in May.

**West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA):** Minutes are included in the packet. Director Fallon asked if any of the Commissioners would like to attend the Derby fundraiser to let her know.

**Unfinished Business:** Property at 2832 Lombard- the BDC cannot give this property to the park district for free. Director Fallon will continue conversation with the BDC on the purchase price of this property. OSRAD grants for 2024 have not opened. Waiting on the state to approve their budget first.

**Master Plan:** Hitchcock will come to our Touch-a-Truck event and Fiesta de Verano event for additional community engagement.

**Government Efficiency Committee:** no report.

**Commissioners' Comments:**

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Brock, seconded by Manfredini to go into closed session at 7:30pm for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-absent, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brock, seconded by Espinoza to come out of closed session and go into open meeting at 8:22pm. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-absent, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor-aye. Motion carried.

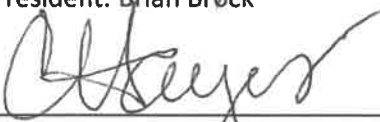
No action needed.

Meeting Dates: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Committee Meeting at the Freedom Admin Building at 4:30pm. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Brock, seconded by Espinoza to adjourn at 8:23pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:

  
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President: Brian Brock

  
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Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes