

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Berwyn Park District
July 16th, 2024, at 6pm
Proksa Park Activity Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:04pm 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 Kostelny to approve the agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes: A motion made by Kostelny, seconded by Manfredini to approve the minutes from the June 18th, 2024, Board Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comments: none.

Correspondence: none.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Manfredini to approve July's payables \$130,875.82 and June's payroll \$87,377.22 for a total of \$218,253.04. 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 was made by Manfredini, seconded by Kostelny to authorize Hayes to update the Republic Bank operating account to all ACH payments initiated by Hayes. Roll call: Brock- aye, Espinoza- aye, Kostelny-aye, Manfredini- Aye, and Taylor- aye. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report- included in the packet is a Fund Balance Policy. A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Manfredini to accept the Fund Balance Policy as presented and edited. Referendum and alternative financing- the board discussed options. A motion was made by Kostelny, seconded by Manfredini to pursue non referendum bonds for three million dollars with Bernardi Securities. 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. Some additions- the water fountains at Proksa Park are still turned off due to the RPZ valve that is leaking inside of Proksa Park AC. The RPZ valve at Serenity Park is also leaking. There are 2 confirmed breweries for Brewfest- waiting on responses from other breweries. Commissioner Espinoza commented that over the weekend – park patrons that rented picnic groves were driving their cars inside the Proksa Park grounds.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA): no report.

Unfinished Business: Board Manual-Fallon gave the board examples to choose from on the first section of the board manual. At each meeting there will be more sections for the board to evaluate. Safety manual- a draft of the safety manual was included in the packet for the board to see. Commissioner Manfredini would like to see a plan for bigger events.

New Business: Our current attorney, Mike Roth, is retiring from Ice Miller at the end of the year. Roth met with Director Fallon to discuss options. Director Fallon included some of these options in the packet for the board to see and think about it. A decision will need to be made before the end of the year.

Master Plan: Hitchcock will come to the August board meeting to present the final Master Plan report to the board. Commissioner Manfredini would like another architect quote on the status of Liberty's condition.

Government Efficiency Committee: nothing to report.

Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Taylor would like the commissioner's emails added to the district's website. A general email that will get distributed to all the commissioners will be used. Commissioner Manfredini said that the Director of the YMCA enjoys the collaboration with Director Fallon and the park district.

Community Pool- Misinformation has been given to the public. There have been comments from the public that the reason the community pool will not happen is due to Director Fallon not being willing to participate in this project. Director Fallon has not expressed that she is not interested in this project. She has asked for plans to be provided to evaluate the costs of this project. As of the date of this meeting, nothing has been provided.

Executive Session: not needed.

Meeting Dates: August 6th, 2024- Committee Meeting at the Freedom Admin Building at 4:30pm.
August 20th, 2024- Regular Board Meeting at Proksa Park Activity Center at 6pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Manfredini, seconded by Kostelny to adjourn at 7:44pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Attested to by:

President: Brian Brock

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Hayes