



**NORTH BERWYN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 2026
1529 Harlem Ave, Berwyn, Illinois
August 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

1. Call To Order:

- A. President Jim Kearns called the regular monthly meeting of the North Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:24 p.m.
- B. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Upon roll call being taken, the following commissioner were present:

Commissioners: Jim Kearns, President
 Veronica Cortes, Treasurer
 Nestor Zavala, Commissioner

Staff: Joe Vallez, Executive Director

Absent: John Kearns, Vice President
 Angel Avalos, Jr., Secretary

- D. President Jim Kearns requested approval of the August 27, 2026 Agenda.

Commissioner Nestor Zavala made a motion to approve the agenda for the August Regular Monthly Meeting. Treasurer, Veronica Cortes second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- A. President Jim Kearns requested approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the July 9, 2026.

Commissioner Nestor Zavala made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 9, 2026. Treasurer, Veronica Cortes second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Correspondence:

A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding a potential partnership between the North Berwyn Park District and the City of Berwyn for the development of a future pool was presented to the Board for review.

4. Public Comment:

No public comment.

5. Treasurer's Report:

A. Treasurer Veronica Cortes presented the April Cash Disbursement report. President Jim Kearns requested approval of the Cash Disbursement report.

Commissioner Nestor Zavala made a motion to approve the cash disbursements for July 2026. Treasurer, Veronica Cortes second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

B. President Jim Kearns requested to defer the Finance Report until September due to lack of information from the Cook County Assessor.

Commissioner Nestor Zavala made a motion to defer the approval of the finance report to September. Treasurer, Veronica Cortes second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Staff Reports:

A. Executive Director Report:

1. NBPD 2.0:

a. Mackin Park: Masterplan

2. IT Upgrade: Rec Trac App is on hold for the time being.

3. Roosevelt Road Art Plaza: met with the new BDC director, the project continues.

4. Brochure Deliver dates: Fall: August 3rd, Winter: December 7th.

5. Vehicle Emissions: 2026 dates: October 5-10, and December 7-11.

6. Pool Initiative committee: Met on June 30, RFP Meeting and MOU being developed. Next meeting will be on September 3rd. RFP will be discussed then moved to City Council for approval.

7. Party Wagon Use

8. Anchor Church Rental: renewed yearly rental
9. District 98 Board Meeting: September 21: Director Joseph Vallez and President Jim Kearns will be in attendance.
10. NBPD September Meeting: there was thought of changing the date, but decided to keep it as its originally scheduled date of September 10, 2026.
11. Mariachi 5K Run: 1,500 runners.
12. Berwyn Art Initiative Sponsorship: Cermak Plaza completed in August.
13. City of Berwyn Fall Fest: September 18, 19
14. Cook County Delayed Tax Distribution: 90 days or more
15. Jefferson Field
16. Spray Pool: closed for the season
16. Special Events:
 - a) September 28 to October 2: NRPA Conference
 - b) October 22: Halloween House Decorating Contest
 - c) October 23: Storytelling Tour
 - d) October 24: Halloween Event
 - e) October 30: Super Mario Party
 - f) November 7: Berwyn's Got Talent
 - g) November 14: Cardboard Car Drive-in
 - h) November 30 to December 12: Letters to Santa
 - i) December 12: Santa's Workshop
 - j) December 17: Christmas House Decorating Contest
 - k) December 18: Calls from Santa

B. WSSRA:

No meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

7. **Old Business:**

A. Mackin Park: Update

B. JCV Facility Updates

8. New Business:

- A. Pool Committee Meeting will meet again on September 3, 2026. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding a potential partnership between the North Berwyn Park District and the City of Berwyn for the development of a future pool was presented to the Board for review

9. Executive Session:

There was no need to enter into Executive Session.

10. Re-Convene to Open Session:

11. Possible Action, If Necessary:

There was no possible action.

12. Adjournment:

President Jim Kearns requested approval to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Nestor Zavala made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m. Treasurer, Veronica Cortes second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.