

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT OCTOBER, 2012

ADMINISTRATION

I am looking forward to my attendance at the 2012 NRPA Congress in Anaheim, California. I will leave on Saturday, October 13th, and return on Thursday, October 18th, in advance of Thursday's Board Meeting.

Highlighting Thursday's meeting will be the dedication of the recently completed solar energy system at the Island Prairie Nature Center. Bernie Schmidt, Renewable Energy Alternatives, and Patrick Burke, Burke Electric will be in attendance for the dedication. Jon DePaolis, Editor of the *Frankfort Station* will also attend to cover the dedication of the solar panel system. Please note; the Board Meeting and solar dedication will take place at the Nature Center building.

The community survey has been completed, and Audrey Marcquenski is working with Jarrod Scheunemann from the University of Illinois, on final delivery and tabulation logistics. All residents will receive a survey at their homes, and may elect to manually complete and return via a business reply envelop, or complete an online option.

Included in the October meeting are the annual abatement and subsequent mini bond for the sale of limited tax park bonds. Copies of both ordinances are included in Board packets for advanced review.

Previously, this process was completed in November, but per last month's meeting, the calendar on these procedures was advanced to provide an increased time frame for completion.

A semi-annual safety loss control assessment has been completed by the park district's insurer, IPARKS. The maintenance staff corrected deficiencies summarized in the spring assessment, and IPARKS representative, Bill Bongartz, considered the response to previous concerns to be exceptional.

I would ask for Board approval to renew the Class D liquor license for Square Links Golf Course. The renewal is due in November, in advance of the November Board Meeting. Lapse of this renewal process would require completing an original application, a much more detailed and expensive process. No problems have been encountered with golf course alcohol sales. I will update Board Members on total sales for the inaugural season.

The second session of department reports will be presented at Thursday's meeting as follows:

- Maintenance - Jeff Mecher, Park Superintendent
- Recreation - Audrey Marcquenski, Director of Recreation and Administration
- Early Childhood – Cheryl Martin, Superintendent of Early Childhood Programming

The annual audit was completed and will be available at the October meeting, with copies distributed to Board Members.

Bound counsel, Robert W. Baird & Co., is evaluating the park district's debt load for any potential savings.