

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULY, 2015

ADMINISTRATION

The annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 15-07-288, required for adoption, is included in the Board packet. All necessary notices have been posted, a public hearing will be conducted during Thursday's Board Meeting, and the ordinance is ready for adoption.

I have included Village of Tinley Park Resolution No. 2015-R-019 amending the existing Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Tinley Park, for Board consideration. This amendment eliminates the Park District's responsibility to maintain 80th and 88th Avenue properties.

The loan proceeds for projects have been extended from Old Plank Trail Community Bank, and many of the projects are either underway or in process. As I write this report on the 8th of July, I expect that the much anticipated dance studio will be completed for the start of Summer Dance Camp on July 13th.

The cheerleading mats have been received, and will be ready for use this fall.

Many improvements, necessary for the transition of our Before and After School Program to Mary Drew, are in the works. I will update Board Members as projects are completed.

The audit is underway, and should be completed on Friday, July 10th. Duane Meyers, Diane Meister, and Linda Mitchell did an outstanding job preparing all the necessary documents for audit review. I am pleased with the professionalism of the new firm, Hearne & Associates, P.C., and look for a timely return of the 2015 audit.

The Park District is scheduled receive the preliminary Loss Control Review by PDRMA representatives at the end of this month. This review will be the culmination of an extraordinary amount of work completed on the Park District's behalf. All staff worked on this transition, but our progress would not have been possible without Audrey Marcquenski's leadership, and the addition of Ken Novak and Arliss Bouton.

Ed Reidy has provided the monthly review of resident concerns, and I continue to be exceptionally pleased with the attention to detail and follow through by our new Superintendent of Parks.

We are excited about the receipt of the \$10,000 ComEd Green Region Program grant, enabling an extension to our popular Island Prairie Park boardwalk, and will be making provisions for the project's completion.

A Development Project Status Report was forwarded to the IDNR for the District's OSLAD Community Park Redevelopment grant report to keep the project pending in the event funding will be available for this improvement at a future date.

I met with Licka family members relative to the proposed memorial bench at Lincoln-Way North Park, and will update Board Members about this improvement during Thursday's meeting.

MAINTENANCE

The wettest, coolest summer in the history of Illinois has created the perfect environment for growing grass. Normally, by early July, the summer heat and dry conditions would have slowed turf growth, allowing staff to commit to various necessary projects. This has not been the case this season, and every piece of equipment has been employed in order to keep up with mowing.

We continue to work with Summit Hill School District, completing our agreement to provide landscape assistance for their various campuses. Audrey, Ed, and I met with Barb Rains and Jim Jacobowski, in what will be a recurring monthly meeting, to ensure open lines of communication. I have enclosed the Park District's summary of actions and a schedule of programs planned for various school locations.

The completed tasks are too numerous to mention, but include herbicide application, ball field maintenance, asphalt repair, crack sealing, tree removal, stump grinding, mulching, and numerous repairs throughout the District. Additionally, staff have completed a myriad inspections and repairs.

The Tinley Park Fire Department conducted in-city inspections, and staff completed all needed corrections. New standards include weekly inspections of all park-owned maintenance equipment. 1st and 15th of the month facility inspections and professional park compliance inspections are completed at all locations, at minimum, once every six weeks.

The Park District has experienced several acts of vandalism, but I was happy to report that vandals at Frankfort Square School have admitted to the damages, and prosecution is ongoing. The Park District also remitted a \$500.00 reward to an individual that provided the information, leading to the arrest.

I am happy to report that the open Skate Park concept, approved by the Park Board at the May Board Meeting, has limited acts of vandalism associated with this facility. Previous vandalism was related to the breaking into this location. We have received exceptional support from the Tinley Park Police Department at the Union Creek Park site.

RECREATION

Staff have been exceptionally busy in planning for a new ELC program, with the help of our new hire, Pam Kohlbacher.

Equally demanding, is the transition of the Before and After School Program to Mary Drew School, and the completion of the many necessary improvements.

The fall brochure is complete and off to the printer, and Park residents can anticipate receiving the brochure in the mail on or about July 23rd.

Summer Day Camp is in full swing, and the summer softball season has successfully concluded a wet season, hampered by many rainouts.

The entire recreation staff is exceptionally hard working, pitching in to keep things moving forward, willingly accepting added responsibilities for the betterment of the offerings.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Too numerous to mention is the best way to describe all the actions that have transpired to manage the Park District needs. We are very pleased with Unique Computing Solutions, our new IT contractor, who is exceptionally proficient and uses a simple, proactive approach.

The big push is to make the move to Mary Drew School, bringing required technology and services for staff and programming. All actions are scheduled to be completed prior to August 1st.

Deb Cancialosi has also been working with locksmiths to complete necessary upgrades throughout the District. I will update Board Members on these improvements as information related to scheduled changes becomes available.

GOLF COURSE

The annual College Scholarship Golf Outing was held on Saturday, July 11th, and at the time of this report, we had received \$8,400 in donations.

I previously mentioned the rain, and golf course maintenance staff have equally struggled to keep up on much needed mowing. On a brighter note, very little irrigation has been needed throughout the District. As of July 4th, no remote irrigation has been employed on any of the high-use athletic fields.

The golf course staff is equally tired of the rain and inclement weather that has resulted in below par numbers for the month of June. When open, we are packing folks in, so all are hoping for sunshine the remainder of the month.

The new mower was ordered for the golf course, and staff are looking forward to receiving this new tool.

Ray Schmitz has done an exceptional job minimizing disease that is so prevalent in wet weather.

The much anticipated bridge installation is scheduled for the week of July 13th. The ditch line on Hole #1 will be graded for cleaning and installation of a bioswale.

The kitchen remains a hit, with good daily numbers, and it continues to attract non-golfers.

Respectfully submitted:

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