

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**APRIL 2025**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The unofficial results from the April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election are in, and we are extending congratulations to Lauren Breedlove, Frank Florentine, Joseph King, and Denis Moore. The results will become official once Will County canvasses the election no later than April 22, and the Oath of Office will then be administered at the May 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

The proposed 2025/2026 operating budget is included on the agenda for your consideration. Included in the budget for approval are the pay increases based on Park Board direction. This is a highly unusual year due to the Will County adjustment. With the 2023 levy, Will County underestimated the Cook County EAV resulting in Will County overestimating their share for distribution. They made the adjustment with the 2024 levy and will “take back” that amount through the decrease in upcoming tax distributions.

The FSPD is in a strong position and can still accomplish the exciting capital improvement projects currently underway and planned for this coming season for the FSPD residents.

In addition, I am requesting Board approval to balance deficit funds at the conclusion of the fiscal year utilizing excess Corporate Fund proceeds.

The 2024 – 2025 capital improvement project list was extensive and included improvements at all facilities that host FSPD programming and at 11 different parks. The 2025 – 2026 fiscal year will continue the FSPD's main projects at Hunter Prairie Park, The Square, and the golf course along with additional smaller improvement projects that I will request the Board to consider, and staff will continue to evaluate the list as the main projects progress.

Many thanks to the judges for the College Scholarship program. It was a very competitive year with many impressive applicants. The results were forwarded to the Lincoln-Way East High School PPS office and FSPD representatives will be present at the May 7, 2025 Community Scholarship Night to present the awards.

Work continues on the dance studios at The Square with additional permitting and inspections completed the week of April 7. Painters are onsite and the flooring will be installed soon. We are awaiting delivery and installation of the mirrors in the coming weeks.

Preliminary work is being completed on the annual audit and planning is underway to schedule the onsite portion in May.

### **MAINTENANCE**

The mowing season is underway with all of the contractors onsite to complete spring clean-up and regular mowing schedules. Staff are working through a few issues with expectations and damage.

Staff are working with locksmiths at the Union Creek concession stand in advance of the season. They are also preparing ballfields and completing fence work.

Spring water turn-on is happening District-wide with outdoor restrooms, irrigation, and RPZ certification.

## **RECREATION**

Many thanks to John Keenan Superintendent of Recreation, Pam Moloney, ELC Preschool Director/Lead Teacher, and staff for a fantastic Breakfast with the Bunny! They successfully moved the event to its new location at The Square and received numerous compliments on the new menu and lots of fun activities. The weather cooperated, so the egg hunts were able to be held outside and children went home with baskets full of eggs!

Staff did a great job planning a week of fun field trips and activities for our Escapades participants during spring break. Field trips included Sky Zone, Little Red Schoolhouse, Frankfort Circus Center, Nova Quarter Horses, Haunted Trails, and Crack the Code Escape Room.

The 2025 Summer Brochure is at the printer and residents can expect to find them in their mailboxes later this month.

## **SPECIAL RECREATION**

The next LWSRA Board Meeting is scheduled for April 15.

LWSRA's 2025 Spring/Summer Program Guide is available online. It includes a variety of offerings including golf skills at Square Links and Titans at the Nature Center conveniently located within the FSPD community.

## **GOLF COURSE**

Square Links is open and ready for another great season! Opening Day was beautiful, and we sold out the afternoon tee times. Since then, we have had a little bit of everything in terms of weather, but there was strong play during the month of March compared to recent years.

The irrigation components arrived for the new practice area. Fencing is the next step and then the sand trap and green work is expected to begin later in June.

## **OFFICE**

The new phones are scheduled to be installed at the Community Center on April 16. The downtime will occur while the front office is closed during the afternoon. Improved connectivity and performance are expected along with a new feature of being able to transfer callers directly to and from the Square Links Clubhouse.

Summer 2025 resident online program registration begins May 6, 2025. Walk-in and non-resident registration begins May 8, 2025.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Staff completed a webinar explaining the newly expanded process for this year's Risk Management Review. It also included a brief introduction of the new Risk Management Consultant for the FSPD and we look forward to meeting her in person soon.

Upon purchase of The Square, staff worked with PDRMA, the District's liability insurance carrier, to complete the necessary documents to add the facility as an FSPD asset for coverage. It was done so immediately, and the entire process was recently completed by meeting with a representative from CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC.

Respectfully submitted:

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