EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2026

ADMINISTRATION

A reminder that the September 17, 2026, Board Meeting will be held at The Square as approved at the May 21, 2026, Board Meeting.

At The Square, flooring and mirrors are being installed in two former classrooms. One room will be used for dance, while the other will house fitness classes such as Zumba and yoga. We look forward to welcoming program participants to the new spaces for fall programming.

Staff worked with Old Plank Trail Community Bank and Chapman and Cutler to prepare the annual abatement ordinance and the provision for the extension of a General Obligation Bond (mini bond) totaling $136,000, which are both included for your consideration on the September Board Meeting agenda. The sale date is scheduled for October 15, 2026, with repayment on October 15, 2027.

The annual audit has been posted to the FSPD website, provided to requesting agencies, including Standard & Poor's and Old Plank Trail Community Bank, filed with Will and Cook Counties, and posted per MSRB EMMA requirements. The final action will be to file the AFR Special Purpose Long Form with the Will and Cook County Clerk's Offices.

Staff are in communication with the Village of Tinley Park regarding a proposed new subdivision at the southeast corner of 80th Avenue and 191st Street. The Village is currently working with the developer to identify a proposed park location within the subdivision for the enjoyment of future residents.

Thank you to Ryan Holley for his years of dedicated service as a Frankfort Square Park District Commissioner. We are grateful for his efforts in support of our community and wish him and his family all the best in their new home.

Following Commissioner Holley's resignation from the Board, a notice of the vacancy was posted along with the existing Park Board information on the FSPD website and at the entrance of the Community Center. I will request an Executive Session for the Board to review Letters of Interest, followed by a return to open session for consideration of an appointment to fill the Park Board vacancy.

MAINTENANCE

Many thanks to the parks staff for their tremendous cleanup efforts. Three severe storms have required eight weeks of focused work to clear fallen park trees and debris throughout the parks. A contractor with specialized equipment is scheduled to complete the remaining work that is too high for Park District staff and equipment.

Now that the majority of the work is completed, staff have been able to resume ballfield, playground, and park maintenance projects.

RECREATION

The 2026/2027 school year is successfully underway. The BAS program is going strong at The Square and staff welcomed new and returning students to this popular program. Also, our 3- and

4-year-old preschool programs began this month, and the children are already learning new skills while they enjoy all the crafts, songs, stories, and playtime with old friends and new.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The transition from the previous IT equipment at The Square is nearly complete. Due to the changes in zones and the reconfiguration of existing equipment, we experienced some connectivity issues. Staff and the IT Contractor worked to resolve the issues. We now have improved signal strength and more reliable communication across the equipment and systems in place.

SPECIAL RECREATION

At last month's LWSRA Board Meeting, staff presented participation highlights demonstrating continued growth in LWSRA program participation. During the Winter 2026 season, 29 FSPD residents participated in 142 programs reflecting an increase of 26 program opportunities. Also, LWSRA provides inclusion services for residents participating in FSPD programs and demand for these services continues to grow.

A closer look at participation data shows that 39.5% of FSPD participants are adults, reflecting a comparatively strong adult participation base. The member-district average is 33.6%.

The next LWSRA Board Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

GOLF COURSE

Square Links is hosting the annual College Scholarship Classic on Saturday, September 19 with tee times available online for $5. The event showcases our generous sponsors and offers a fun day in support of the FSPD College Scholarship Program. To date, the FSPD has received $6,650 in donations that will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the spring of 2027.

The 50th Anniversary themed golf cart which featured bright colors in a tie dye pattern suffered extensive damage that required it to be removed from service. It was popular among the golfers and always brought joy and fun photo opportunities. Staff are brainstorming and collecting ideas for a new design for 2027.

We fondly remember Ken Buss, PGA Professional, for his dedication in sharing his love of golf and consider ourselves fortunate that he was part of our Square Links team. Through his knowledge and encouragement, he made a lasting impact on countless golfers.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The FSPD's commitment to safety remains strong and progress continues on this year's Risk Management Review, which is scheduled to conclude on November 1, 2026.

CPR/AED training dates are scheduled throughout the year to ensure staff maintain this critical training. October sessions will include new staff involved in fall programming as well as staff who need recertification before the start of the new year.

Respectfully submitted:
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