

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

APRIL 2026

## ADMINISTRATION

The proposed 2026/2027 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. Also, following receipt of the Will County Tax Rate Calculation Report, the property tax line items were adjusted. This budget reflects a return to more typical operating conditions after last year's adjustment from Will County and the three large capital improvement projects.

Also included for your consideration is the capital improvement project list developed from resident requests and scheduled priorities. The FSPD is in a strong position and can accomplish the exciting capital improvement projects currently underway and planned for this coming season for FSPD residents.

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

Lauterbach and Amen completed the audit on the Hunter Prairie Park OSLAD grant project. The audit was clean with no findings reported. The Illinois Department of Resources reviewed the audit, marking the final step in the OSLAD grant process prior to the release of the remaining funds.

Many thanks to the judges for the College Scholarship program. The results were forwarded to the Lincoln-Way East High School PPS office and FSPD representatives will attend the May 7, 2026 Community Scholarship Night to present the awards.

Due to a scheduling conflict, we moved the Hunter Prairie Party in the Park to June 10, 2026. Staff are planning fun activities to officially celebrate the opening of this newly redeveloped park.

The development of the Brookside Glen Villas subdivision continues, and the upcoming phase includes the developer's installation of a tot lot later this year. Over the years, the Brookside Glen subdivisions have enabled the development of park sites exceeding 150 acres that are enjoyed by FSPD residents, their families, and visitors. This new park site will be a wonderful addition, and we are grateful for the continued support from the developers and the Village of Tinley Park to make it all possible.

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

I will request a brief Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

## MAINTENANCE

Staff continued work on requested painting, flooring, and electrical projects at The Square. With school and regular programming on spring break, it was an ideal time to get this work done.

The mowing season is underway with the contractor onsite to complete spring clean-up and regular mowing schedules.

Seasonal work is ongoing to prepare ballfields, parks, facilities, outdoor restrooms, irrigation systems, and RPZ certification.

## **RECREATION**

The Little Einsteins STEM Camp is the final special subject in this year's preschool series that included Mini Mozarts music camp, Little Picassos art classes, and Little Foodies cooking classes. Based on resident input, these additional offerings are popular and registration continues to increase. Along with the Open House, these programs have also introduced new students to the ELC program.

The 2026 Summer Brochure is headed to 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 21. The agenda includes updates to policies affecting both program participants and staff.

LWSRA's 2026 Spring/Summer Program Guide is available online. It includes a variety of offerings conveniently located within FSPD facilities and neighboring communities.

## **GOLF COURSE**

Square Links is open and off to a strong start to the 2026 season. Favorable weather has resulted in nearly double the amount of play compared to March 2025. Also, staff have already noticed many golfers that are new to the course. We look forward to welcoming more as lessons start later this month with Matt Major and Suzie Owens. Many of the classes filled immediately and new times were added to accommodate the demand.

## **OFFICE**

Summer 2026 resident online program registration begins May 5, 2026. Walk-in and non-resident registration begins May 7, 2026.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Staff completed the kick-off process for this year's Risk Management Review. Initial areas of focus include behavior management, agreements with community groups, and cyber liability.

## **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

The Maddog Strong Foundation will host the annual Giving Tree Dedication at Island Prairie Park on Friday, June 26.

On Saturday, June 27, the Miles for Maddog Awareness Walk will take place throughout the community with stops at FSPD facilities featuring fun activities for the entire family.

Participants may choose between a 1-mile or 2-mile course. A 1-mile route will follow the Tribute Trail, honoring organ donors and donor advocates. The 2-mile course will include additional stops at Gratitude Stations offering activities along the route.

Respectfully submitted:  
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