

*Lockport Township Park District  
Park Board Minutes  
January 26, 2026*

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lockport Township Park District was held on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Dellwood Park Community Center, 1811 Lawrence Avenue, Lockport, IL 60441 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon calling roll, the following Commissioners were present:

Jeff Rigoni  
Don Bauer  
Paul Nobis  
Patrick Maier  
Max Woods

Also, present were:

Bill Riordan, Executive Director  
Nathan Krusinski, Director of Business  
Ken Tondini, Director of Park Services  
Pete Hall, Director of Facilities, Projects & Planning  
Ben Ragle, Director of Recreation  
Gina Madden, Attorney  
Lisa Bruni, Board Recording Secretary  
Jennifer Williams, Challenge Fitness Manager  
Steve Lunde, Director of Golf Course Operations  
Angelo Cordero, Director of Golf Grounds Operations  
Ryan Muhr, Park Services  
Jeff Schenk, Chief of Police

Public Hearing 2026 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance – President Rigoni called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. President Rigoni stated that purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the 2026 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. The combined Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance appropriates the monies that are necessary to cover the projected expenses and liability that the Lockport Township Park District may incur in 2026. The 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was put on display at the Dellwood Park Community Center from December 19, 2025 through January 23, 2026. Notice of this public hearing along with the notice putting the Budget on display was published in the Joliet Herald News on December 18, 2025. He then asked if there are any questions or comments from the Board. Hearing none President Rigoni declared the public hearing closed at 7:01. No visitors were present for the hearing and there were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve consent agenda for the following:

- Minutes of December 15, 2025
- Bills & Payrolls

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Donald Bauer, Patrick Maier, Paul Nobis, Max Woods

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

Disbursement checks issued and recorded in the accounts payable journal for December 2025 for the following funds:

General Fund	185,892.81
Museum Fund	1,591.07
Police Fund	12,339.50
Liability Fund	3,548.00
Recreation Fund	224,662.56
Chaney Pool Fund	10,352.29
Heritage Falls Water Park Fund	3,039.39
Challenge Fitness	84,449.87
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	100,904.31
Special Recreation	7,620.93
Construction	624.50
Debt Service	318.00
Total	\$635,343.23

Employee payrolls for the month of November 2025 for the following funds:

General Fund	136,138.90
Museum Fund	1,168.00
Police Fund	31,970.44

Recreation Fund	191,552.06
Chaney Pool Fund	411.06
Heritage Falls Water Park Fund	411.06
Challenge Fitness	87,383.31
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	<u>97,988.65</u>
Total	\$547,023.48

**Treasurer's Report**

Motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve the Treasurer's Report as follows:

- Fiscal Treasurer's Report December 2025
- Cash & Investment Report December 2025
- PPRT Analysis
- Prairie Bluff December 2025
- Round Analysis
- Challenge Fitness December 2025
- License Agreement Payments

A short discussion ensued with regards to PPRT payments.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Donald Bauer, Patrick Maier, Paul Nobis, Max Woods

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

**Correspondence**

- Patron told DPCC staff that the Swimming with Santa event was very well structured and that there was plenty for kids to do without feeling overwhelmed. She appreciated that the activities were balanced in a way that prevented the kids from feeling any fear of missing out. She especially loved how involved our swim instructors were in the pool, actively playing and engaging with the kids, which made the event feel special. She also shared that she hopes we offer this event again next year.

**Report of Officers**

- A. **Attorney's Report**
  - None
- B. **Secretary's Report**
  - None
- C. **President's Report**
  - None

**Director's Report**

- **Department head meetings**  
I continue to meet with the Department Heads.
- **Rotary**  
I helped Rotary with their food basket giveaway before Christmas.
- **Safety meeting**  
We continue to hold safety meetings virtually.
- **Special events**  
Attached are the special events through February 2026.
- **Year-end Payroll**  
481 W2's were sent out in January for 2025.
- **2025 Audit**  
Lauterbach and Amen will be starting their fieldwork in early February.
- **Consumer Price Index**  
From Dec 2024-Dec 2025, the CPI increased by 2.7%.
- **Staff resignation letter**  
Attached is a resignation letter from a Park Services employee.
- **WWI memorial meeting**  
There is a WWI memorial stone in Dellwood Park, staff met with a group about enhancing this memorial. Bill added that the meeting went well; there was discussion about moving the current memorial, adding to the current memorial

and having some fundraising opportunities. Additional meetings will be planned and more information will be presented to the Board at the mid-year capital meeting.

- **Heritage Falls Water Park update**  
Pete stated that due to the weather the planned repairs have not been completed. Once it gets warmer, staff will be able to make the repairs.
- **Chaney Pool**  
Pete explained that shop drawings on the liner and the slide are being worked on and will be submitted to IDPH when they are completed.
- **Dellwood Park bridges**  
Pete stated that there are several items requested from IDNR to be resubmitted for the permit application on the bridges. He added that we are waiting on further information from the engineers and plan to touch base with the bridge company at conference at the end of the month.
- **Lago Vista Park update**  
The fitness equipment was delivered and will be installed when weather permits.
- **Solar update**  
Engineering is completed and submitted for permit approval. The panels are ordered and we are working with ComEd on the transformer. ComEd has stated that the transformer to back feed the grid needs to be updated and could take up to 180 days to complete.
- **Creekside / Oak Valley Playground**  
Staff is working with Plainfield Park District to finalize the design for this new park site that will be turned over to the district shortly. Pete said that the playground equipment purchase will be brought to the board for approval next month.
- **Sadie Ridge**  
Staff is working on the design with a landscape architect for the new Park site that is scheduled to be developed in the fall of 2026.
- **Other capital updates**  
Staff is working on requirements for updating the mixing pad at Prairie Bluff. The lighting installation will begin when the weather improves. Massage bed for Challenge Fitness was ordered and should be arriving the first week in February.
- **Community Solar**  
Staff will talk to vendors for Community Solar agreement at the conference.
- **IAPD/IPRA Conference**  
The IAPD/IPRA State Conference is January 29<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>. Attached is the schedule of events.
- **State of the City - Lockport**  
The State of the City for Lockport is scheduled for April 21, 2026.
- **State of the Village - Romeoville**  
The State of the Village for Romeoville is scheduled for April 28, 2026.
- **Dellwood Foundation meeting**  
The next Dellwood Foundation is scheduled for February 11, 2026
- **Dellwood Foundation virtual golf outing**  
The Dellwood Foundation golf outing is scheduled for Friday May 1, 2026
- **Legislative Breakfast**  
The Legislative Breakfast at Tinley Park Park District is scheduled for February 11, 2026.
- **LABP Meeting**  
Staff attended the January LABP meeting for our insurance benefits. We will meet several times in preparation for the July 1<sup>st</sup> renewal.
- **OASIS**  
A parent has reached out to us about our after-school program to include 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Our current cut-off is 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Bill added that the parent was told that we did not provide that service but the staff will try to explore other ideas for kids older than the cut-off age.

• **Meeting with affiliate group**

Staff met with the representatives from the Jr Porters program looking for practice space. They discussed areas that would be available for their use and will continue to work with them to try and find usable space that works for both parties.

**New Business:**

**A. Introduce Full Time Park Services Employee**

With the resignation/dismissal of a few staff members along with a retirement last year, we were down 4 staff members in Park Services. Staff interviewed some candidates and hired 1 staff member in Park Services. Ryan Muhr has been working part-time with the District since last summer. Ryan did a great job over the summer and in the fall. Ryan started FT on Monday January 19, 2026.

Please welcome Ryan Muhr.

**B. Introduce Golf Grounds Superintendent**

With the resignation of Andrew, staff interviewed Angelo Cordero to replace Andrew as the Golf Grounds Superintendent. Angelo has served in the assistant role since early 2024. Angelo has hit the ground running since taking over as the Golf Grounds Superintendent earlier this month. Angelo has a great relationship with our current staff and will be working a current staff member to eventually be his assistant.

Please welcome Angelo Cordero as our new Golf Grounds Superintendent.

**C. Adopt Ordinance #2026-1 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance**

Attached is the 2026 budget as discussed at the budget workshop in November. There was a reduction of \$300,000 in the capital expenditures in the General Fund because we made a payment for the solar panels for DPCC before the end of the year, so we reduced the solar budget from \$650,000 to \$350,000.

The notice for the public hearing and putting the budget on display was published in the Joliet Herald News on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The budget was on display at DPCC from December 19, 2025 through January 23, 2026. The public hearing was held at the beginning of this meeting. We have met the requirements in order to adopt the 2026 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.

A separate email was sent out with the entire budget packet including the 2026 Budget Summary, Capital Expenditure worksheets and Executive Summary for the 2026 Budget. The total expenditure for the Budget is \$26,567,850. Larger projects in this budget include:

- Silo Bend Garage
- Completion of the Challenge Fitness Pool Renovation
- DPCC Solar Project
- Several playground projects including Sadie Ridge, Creekside/Oak Valley, and CH Admin area.
- Chaney Pool liner and Slide
- Prairie Bluff Banquet Patio Shade

Staff recommends adopting ordinance 2026-1 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Max Woods to adopt ordinance 2026-1 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance as presented.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Donald Bauer, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier, Max Woods

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

**D. Adopt Ordinance #2026-2 Surplus Equipment**

Throughout the year, we recommend capital items to be declared surplus. These are capital items owned by the Park District that are no longer needed by the District. Declaring these items surplus will give the District the ability to properly dispose of these assets.

Staff recommends adopting Ordinance 2026-2 declaring surplus equipment per attachment dated January 22, 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to adopt Ordinance 2026-2 declaring surplus equipment per attachment dated January 22, 2026.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Donald Bauer, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier, Max Woods

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

**E. Adopt Resolution #2026-1 NIMEC Agreement Authority**

The Park District has 2 main electric accounts that we have utilized NIMEC (Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative) to go out to bid with other units of government for many years. Both the DPCC/Challenge Fitness accounts and the Prairie Bluff accounts will be bid out this year. NIMEC uses the purchasing power of large municipal electric users and bids the combined usage as leverage for better rates. NIMEC monitors the best time to go out to bid and we have typically 24 hours to approve the agreement. NIMEC anticipates to bid out the electrical contracts in March 2026. The Resolution will give the Executive Director authority to approve the agreement with the low bidder for up to 3 years. NIMEC will bid out 1 year, 2 year and 3-year rates and we choose what best fits the Park District. The agreement will be brought before the Board for "official" approval at the next Board meeting after this bid opening.

NIMEC is aware we will be installing solar panels at DPCC and will adjust our usage accordingly. If we choose to participate in a Community Solar project, this will have no impact on our usage.

Staff recommends adopting Resolution 2026-1 giving the authority to the Executive Director to approve the electrical supplier agreement up to 3 years with the low bidder through NIMEC.

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to adopt Resolution 2026-1 giving the authority to the Executive Director to approve the electrical supplier agreement up to 3 years with the low bidder through NIMEC.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Donald Bauer, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier, Max Woods

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

**F. Accept Low Responsible Bid and Approve Contract for Challenge Fitness Pool Liner Project**

As discussed at the 2026 Budget meeting we are continuing the renovation of the Challenge Fitness Pool area. The scope of the project that was bid out is for the installation of the pool & spa liner. There is \$100,000 in the 2026 budget for this liner project.

Bids were available to the public on January 5th with the bid opening at 10:00 am at DPCC on January 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 2 contractors that turned in bids. Attached are the bid results with Renosys Corporation being the low responsible bidder. Renosys will also be doing the Chaney Pool liner project later in 2026.

The base bid is for the pool shell. We typically are painting the pool shell every 2-3 years. This liner should last 10 years. Alternate number 1 is for the hot tub area. We have constant maintenance issues with the tiles in the hot tub area. This will make this area look much nicer and will cut down on closures due to tile maintenance.

Staff recommends accepting the low responsible bid and approving the contract with Renosys Corporation for the Challenge Fitness Pool Liner project in the amount of \$66,229.00 for the base bid and \$27,607.00 for alternate #1 for a total of \$93,836.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to accept the low responsible bid and approving the contract with Renosys Corporation for the Challenge Fitness Pool Liner project in the amount of \$66,229.00 for the base bid and \$27,607.00 for alternate #1 for a total of \$93,836.00.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Donald Bauer, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier, Max Woods

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

**G. Accept Low Responsible Bid and Approve Contract for Silo Bend Garage Project**

As discussed at the 2026 Budget meeting we are planning on adding a park services maintenance garage with public bathroom at Silo Bend Park. The project scope was bid out as a general contract for the complete construction, except the site utility and fire alarm work due to the design specifications was not available at the time of bid. These remaining scope items outside this general contract bid are budgeted at \$60,000. There is \$400,000 in the 2026 budget for this project under the General Fund with the balance to be taken out of the construction fund from the bond issuance last year.

Bids were available to the public on January 5th with the bid opening at 9:00 am at DPCC on January 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 7 contractors that turned in bids. Attached are the bid results with Champion Drywall Inc. being the low responsible bidder. Champion Drywall Inc. did the carpentry work for the driving range project with no issues.

Staff recommends accepting the low responsible bid and approving the contract with Champion Drywall Inc. for the Silo Bend Garage project in the amount of \$509,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Paul Nobis, second by Commissioner Max Woods to accept the low responsible bid and approving the contract with Champion Drywall Inc. for the Silo Bend Garage project in the amount of \$509,000.

A short discussion ensued with regards to the project cost and materials.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Donald Bauer, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier, Max Woods

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

#### H. Purchase Police Radios

There is \$43,500 in the 2026 Police budget for the purchase of portable radios. As discussed at the budget workshop the City of Lockport is upgrading their radio system. We utilize the City of Lockport's infrastructure with WESCOM. We will also have to upgrade our radios. The City of Lockport will include our 5 radios with their order reducing our cost due to volume discounts. Attached is the invoice from the City of Lockport for 5 radios, speaker microphones, chargers and 10 batteries in the amount of \$43,203.19.

Staff recommends approving the purchase of portable radios in the amount of \$43,203.19 through the City of Lockport.

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve the purchase of portable radios in the amount of \$43,203.19 through the City of Lockport.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Donald Bauer, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier, Max Woods

Nays: None

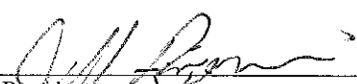
The Motion Was Duly Carried

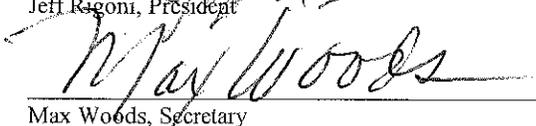
Commissioner Bauer inquired about the water runoff issues with neighbors on Lawrence Avenue. A short discussion ensued with regards to the run off and the actions that the District has taken to resolve the issue.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE".

The Motion Was Duly Carried.

  
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Jeff Rigoni, President

  
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Max Woods, Secretary