

Lockport Township Park District
Park Board Minutes
February 23, 2026

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lockport Township Park District was held on Monday, February 23, 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
Max Woods
Patrick Maier

Also, present were:

Bill Riordan, Executive Director
Pete Hall, Director of Facilities, Projects & Planning
Ken Tondini, Director of Park Services
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
Jeff Schenk, Chief of Police

Motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Don Bauer to approve consent agenda for the following:

- Minutes of January 26, 2026
- Bills & Payrolls

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

Disbursement checks issued and recorded in the accounts payable journal for January 2026 for the following funds:

General Fund	86,617.48
Museum Fund	788.76
Police Fund	47,486.73
Liability Fund	83,912.38
Recreation Fund	123,323.67
Chaney Pool Fund	1,965.86
Heritage Falls Water Park Fund	1,556.65
Challenge Fitness	58,590.91
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	62,160.99
Construction Fund	3,054.91
Grant Fund	<u>36,432.58</u>
Total	\$505,890.92

Employee payrolls for the month of January 2026 for the following funds:

General Fund	95,997.76
Museum Fund	760.00
Police Fund	24,237.99
Recreation Fund	134,815.16
Challenge Fitness	68,499.76
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	<u>70,263.97</u>
Total	\$394,574.64

Treasurer's Report

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

- Fiscal Treasurer's Report January 2026
- Cash & Investment Report January 2026
- PPRT Analysis
- Prairie Bluff January 2026
- Round Analysis
- Challenge Fitness January 2026
- License Agreement Payments

- GFOA- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

Correspondence

- Thank you note thanking staff for the leadership and support from our entire team with the Veteran's membership program.
- Thank you note from a former employee to staff for her support over the past summers as camp counselor at Willow Walk Camp.

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.
- **Safety meeting**
We continue to hold safety meetings virtually.
- **Special events**
Attached are the special events through March 2026.
- **2025 Audit**
Lauterbach and Amen have started the fieldwork.
- **WWI memorial**
There is a WWI memorial stone in Dellwood Park. Staff is starting planning to enhance this memorial.
- **Rose Garden**
The retaining wall at the rose garden in Dellwood Park was removed. Staff is planning the renovation of this area.
- **Heritage Falls Water Park update**
Pete stated that the needed repairs to the pipes will begin in early spring.
- **Chaney Pool**
Pete explained that the shop drawings have been completed and sent to IDPH. He added that he hoped for a quick turnaround since the previous permits were approved quickly.
- **Dellwood Park bridges**
There are several items requested from IDNR to be resubmitted for the permit application on the bridges. Pete added that we are working on the flood plan study and will submit that as soon as it is complete.
- **Lago Vista Park update**
The fitness equipment has been installed. Pete also shared that staff is currently reviewing a request to install a bird watching blind at the park.
- **Solar update**
Pete discussed the project and stated that the City construction permit has been received. The panels have been ordered, and we are currently coordinating with ComEd regarding the transformer upgrade. He noted that he has a meeting scheduled with the company next week, and installation of the panels is expected to begin within the next couple of weeks.
- **Creekside / Oak Valley Playground**
Pete explained that staff is collaborating with the Plainfield Park District on the playground construction bid documents. The design process is currently underway, and staff plans to present the playground equipment proposal to the Board for approval next month.

- **Sadie Ridge**
Pete stated that staff is currently working with a landscape architect on the design for the new park site, which is scheduled to be developed in fall 2026.
- **Other capital updates**
Pete explained that staff is currently reviewing the requirements for updating the mixing pad at Prairie Bluff. He also noted that the lighting installation at the Prairie Bluff entrance is expected to be completed by the end of March. Additionally, Pete stated that the new massage bed for Challenge Fitness has been installed. Staff is also in the process of implementing two Flock cameras within the district. Bill added that the cameras will be installed at Hassert Park and Dellwood Park.
- **Community Solar**
Staff is talking to vendors for Community Solar.
- **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 June 18th, 2026.
- **Dellwood Foundation virtual golf outing**
The Dellwood Foundation golf outing is scheduled for Friday May 1, 2026.
- **Legislative Conference**
The Legislative Conference is May 5th and 6th
- **SSPRPA Meeting**
Pete and I attended the SSPRPA meeting after the Legislative Breakfast.
- **LABP Meeting**
Staff will meet several times in preparation for the July 1st renewal.
- **Meeting with affiliate group**
Staff met with representatives from the Lockport Boys Baseball program to review potential capital improvements. Bill noted that funds have been allocated in the budget for affiliate improvements, and staff will be working with Lockport Boys Baseball to prioritize and address the fields that are most in need of improvement.
- **OASIS**
A parent has reached out to us about our after-school program to include 7th graders. Our current cut-off is 6th grade.
- **Statement of Economic Interest**
You will be receiving an email to complete your annual Economic Interest mid-March. The filing deadline is May 1, 2026.
- **Park Services**
Staff has interviewed several candidates and anticipates filling two of the three open positions within the next month. Bill reported that one candidate accepted the position last week and is scheduled to begin on Monday. The second candidate has also accepted the position and is currently completing the pre-employment process prior to starting work. Bill added that both new employees will be introduced at the next Board meeting.
- **MHW Meeting**
Staff met with members of the MHW committee about ways to generate additional revenue.

New Business:

A. Approve Purchase of Bank Mower

The Prairie Bluff Grounds Maintenance Department is requesting board approval for the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 3500D Sidewinder bank mower. The current bank mower is 15 years old, with a recommended replacement year of 2021. While the service life was extended, the mower is now showing signs of aging and requires increased maintenance each year to remain operational. As discussed at the Budget Workshop, there is \$55,000 for a rough bank mower identified in the capital budget for this year. Staff received two quotes for a replacement bank mower with the lowest price from Reinders for \$45,966.89 through the Sourcewell purchasing co-op contract number 031121-TTC.

Staff recommends purchase of the Toro Groundsmaster 3500D Sidewinder bank mower from Reinders, Inc. in the amount of \$45,966.89 through the Sourcewell purchasing co-op contract number 031121-TTC.

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Max Woods to purchase the Toro Groundmaster 3500D Sidewinder bank mower from Reinders, Inc. in the amount of \$45,966.89 through the Sourcewell purchasing co-op contract number 031121-TTC.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

B. Approve Purchase of Sweeper

The Prairie Bluff Grounds Maintenance Department is requesting board approval for the purchase of a Wiedenmann Super 600 sweeper. The Super 600 is a multi-purpose piece of equipment that will be used on tees, fairways, and native/fescue areas. The unit can be configured to verticut or mow and collect debris, depending on the application. This improves turf firmness, drainage, and overall turf health while reducing labor time and increasing efficiency. By consolidating multiple tasks into one piece of equipment, this purchase improves labor efficiency, enhances the effectiveness of cultural practices, and supports long-term turf health and course presentation. As discussed at the Budget Workshop, there is \$65,000 for a sweeper identified in the capital budget this year. Staff received quotes for the sweeper and the best available pricing was from Revels Turf & Tractor, LLC for \$59,605.57.

Staff recommends purchase of the Wiedemann Super 600 Sweeper from Revels Turf & Tractor, LLC in the amount of \$59,605.57.

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Don Bauer to purchase the Wiedemann Super 600 Sweeper from Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC in the amount of \$59,605.57.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

C. Approve Pond Treatments

There are seven ponds the Park District owns that are treated annually through McCloud Aquatics. McCloud Aquatics visits the ponds bi-weekly from April to October. They have been treating our ponds for 20+ years. McCloud Aquatics is offering a 5% pre-payment discount for their standard treatments (\$772.19). Staff is looking for approval from the Board for the treatment of seven ponds in the amount of \$17,703.65. This is the net amount less the 5% prepayment if paid by March 31st.

Staff recommends approving the proposal from McCloud Aquatics in the amount of \$17,703.65 for the treatment of seven ponds for the 2026 season.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Patrick Maier to approve the proposal from McCloud Aquatics in the amount of \$17,703.65 for the treatment of 7 ponds for the 2026 season.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

D. Approve Alcohol Requests for 2026 Events in Dellwood Park

Staff is requesting approval to sell alcohol in Dellwood Park at the following events.

Summer Concerts – 6:00pm - Midnight

Friday May 29th
Friday August 14th

Military History Weekend

Saturday September 12th – 11:00am – Midnight
Sunday September 13th – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Will County Car Show – 8:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday August 16th

Wednesday's concert series – 5:30 – 9:00pm

Every Wednesday from 6/3/26 – 08/26/26

5K Race – New Event!!

Date TBD

Jingle Bell Jam

December 5, 2026 – 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Staff recommends the approval to sell alcohol in Dellwood Park for the events as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Max Woods to approve the sale of alcohol in Dellwood Park for the events as presented.

A short discussion ensued with regards to the sale.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

E. Board Designating Staff as FOIA Officers

Staff is requesting the Board to approve the designation of staff as FOIA officers. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) establishes the minimum rights of the public to inspect an enormously wide range of documents. Currently Executive Director Riordan has been acting as FOIA officer. The Board must officially designate the Executive Director and at least one more staff member as the official FOIA officers.

Staff recommends the Board designate Pete Hall, Nathan Krusinski and Jeff Schenk as the Lockport Township Park District's FOIA Officers.

Motion made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Max Woods to designate Pete Hall, Nathan Krusinski and Jeff Schenk as the Lockport Township Park District's FOIA Officers.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

F. Board Designating Staff as OMA Officers

Staff is requesting the Board to approve the designation of staff as OMA officers. Currently Executive Director Bill Riordan has been acting as the OMA officer. In order to comply with the Open Meetings Act, the Board must officially designate at least one staff member as the official OMA Officer.

Staff recommends designating Pete Hall and Nathan Krusinski as the Lockport Township Park District's OMA Officers.

Motion made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Max Woods to designate Pete Hall and Nathan Krusinski as the Lockport Township Park District's OMA Officers.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

G. Delegate Designated Staff to Complete OMA/FOIA Training

With Staff designated as FOIA and OMA officers, the Board must officially delegate those designated staff members to complete the annual FOIA and OMA trainings (Public Act 96-542).

Staff recommends that the Board delegates the designated FOIA and OMA offices to complete the annual trainings in accordance with Public Act 96-542.

Motion was made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Patrick Maier to delegate the designated FOIA and OMA offices to complete the annual trainings in accordance with Public Act 96-542.

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Don Bauer, Max Woods, Patrick Maier

Nays: None

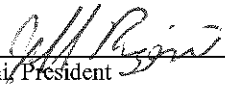
The Motion Was Duly Carried

Commissioner Bauer discussed the water bill at Prairie Bluff Golf Course.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Patrick Maier to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE".

The Motion Was Duly Carried.



Jeff Rigoni, President



Max Woods, Secretary