

**Lockport Township Park District
Park Board Minutes
March 23, 2026**

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lockport Township Park District was held on Monday, March 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
Paul Nobis
Patrick Maier

Also, present were:

Bill Riordan, Executive Director
Pete Hall, Director of Facilities, Projects & Planning
Ken Tondini, Director of Park Services
Nathan Krusinski, Director of Business
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
John Waxweiler, Retired
Katie Miles, Food and Beverage Manager
Alicia Peandro, Banquet Coordinator
Michael Burman, Park Services
Luke Parker, Park Services

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

- Minutes of February 23, 2026
- Bills & Payrolls

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

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

General Fund	132,838.62
Museum Fund	2,833.67
Police Fund	50,868.15
Audit Fund	16,600.00
Recreation Fund	108,443.56
Chaney Pool Fund	1,218.67
Heritage Falls Water Park Fund	1,462.72
Challenge Fitness	68,364.85
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	188,773.06
Construction	<u>16,178.26</u>
Total	\$587,581.56

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

General Fund	106,545.25
Museum Fund	1,109.25
Police Fund	25,354.49
Recreation Fund	171,879.23
Challenge Fitness	85,272.38
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	<u>67,508.07</u>
Total	\$457,668.67

Treasurer's Report

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

- Fiscal Treasurer's Report February 2026
- Cash & Investment Report February 2026

- PPRT Analysis
- Prairie Bluff February 2026
- Round Analysis
- Challenge Fitness February 2026
- License Agreement Payments

Nathan stated that the District received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for the 2024 Fiscal Year. He added that we would be notified in the next month if we will receive the PAFR Certificate.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

Correspondence

- Two thank-you notes were received for Amy Rauhen praising the 2026 Black History Month celebration as meaningful and well executed, highlighting her strong leadership and her ability to bring the community together.
- A participant expressed appreciation for Katie White's exceptional leadership during a recent trip to Hawaii, highlighting her thorough planning, strong organization, and the seamless, well-coordinated experience she provided for participants.

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.
- **All Staff meeting**
We held an all staff meeting to provide district updates and meet with priority group leaders. Next meeting will be in April.
- **Special events**
Attached are the special events through April 2026.
- **Summer outings**
Attached is list of summer outings. Please let me know of your availability.
- **2025 Audit**
Lauterbach and Amen have completed the fieldwork and will be at a future Board meeting to present the 2025 Audit.
- **WWI memorial**
Pete stated that staff has started planning to enhance the WWI memorial stone in Dellwood Park. He added that they may not be able to move the stone but are coming up with plans to enhance the area.
- **Rose Garden**
Pete explained that staff is reviewing options on design for the renovation of this area. One of the design options will be circular and in the shape of a rose.
- **Heritage Falls Water Park update**
Pete stated that staff is starting to work on the outside projects at the site.
- **Chaney Pool**
Pete discussed the IDPH permit and stated that the structural calculations are complete and shop drawings are on schedule. The liner installation, chemical controller installation and slide installation will take place in 2026.
- **Dellwood Park bridges**
Pete explained that there are several items requested from IDNR to be resubmitted for the permit application on the bridges.

- **Lago Vista Park update**
Pete stated that the City's creek stabilization project is completed and looks good.
- **Solar update**
Pete explained that work has started on the project, safety rails were installed today and then the panel installation will start shortly after. He stated that the installer stated that ComEd has the project listed at system upgrades, some of which are currently taking place on Bruce Road, so we may not have to wait for a transformer upgrade. Pre-installation roof inspection was completed with minor repair work. Onsite pre-construction meetings have been conducted to review upcoming work.
- **Creekside / Oak Valley Playground**
Pete discussed how staff is working with Plainfield Park District on the playground construction bid documents. He added that the purchase of the playground equipment is under new business.
- **Sadie Ridge**
Pete stated that 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. He showed the Board a concept plan of the park and added that the equipment purchase will be brought to the board in the next couple of months.
- **Other capital updates**
Pete stated that staff is working on requirements for updating the mixing pad at Prairie Bluff. He added that the lighting installation at Prairie Bluff entrance has been installed and will need to be connected to the westside lights and will be completed shortly.
- **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.
- **Legislative Conference**
The Legislative Conference is May 5th and 6th
- **Legislative Grants**
Staff will be submitting for various projects to our local legislators and will discuss with them in Springfield. Attached are the requests for each legislative district.
- **SSPRPA Meeting**
SSPRPA meeting has been attended by staff.
- **NWCSRA Meeting**
NWCSRA meeting has been attended by staff.
- **LABP Meeting**
Staff will meet several times in preparation for the July 1st renewal.
- **Affiliate Group Meeting**
Staff met with the representatives from the Lockport Boys Baseball program to review capital improvements.
- **Statement of Economic Interest**
You should have received an email or mailed the annual Statement of Economic Interest. The filing deadline is May 1, 2026.
- **TIF Meeting**
Staff attended the Crest Hill TIF meeting on March 19th.
- **Crest Hill Area Leaders Meeting**
Pete and I will be attending an Area Leaders meeting organized by Crest Hill on March 27th.
- **MHW Meeting**
Staff received notice that the WW2 German group will not attend the event. Staff is looking for alternate options.

- **NIMEC**
The NIMEC bid opening was March 11th. Dynegy submitted a very competitive rate compared to the other bidders. Staff opted to lock in the rate for 3 years. Attached is the Electric Service Agreement with Dynegy with the 3 options (1, 2 and 3 year). A short discussion ensued with regards to the current rates.
- **City of Lockport Ordinance**
Attached is the proposed ordinance for unlicensed off-road motor vehicles for the City of Lockport. A short discuss ensued on who would be responsible for enforcing the ordinance.

Bill thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support over the last 23 years. He thanked the staff and congratulated Pete Hall on his new position as Executive Director.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None

New Business:

A. Introduce Full Time Staff

With the resignation/dismissal of a few staff members along with a retirement last year, we were down 3 staff members in Park Services. Staff interviewed some candidates and hired 2 staff members in Park Services.

Mike Burman has been working part-time with the District since last summer. Mike has done a great job over the summer, fall, & winter months. Mike started FT on March 2nd, 2026. Please welcome Mike Burman.

Luke Parker has been working part-time with the District since last summer. Luke did a great job over the summer, fall, & winter months. Luke started FT on March 16th, 2026. Please welcome Luke Parker.

Alicia Peandro was hired as a part-time banquet coordinator since October 2024. Alicia did a great job since that time. In the past, this was a full-time position. Alicia will be starting FT on April 1, 2026. Please welcome Alicia Peandro.

B. Approve Purchase of Mower

The Parks Maintenance Department is requesting board approval for the purchase of an Exmark Lazer Z large area mower. As discussed at the Budget Workshop, there is \$145,000 budgeted for the purchase of two large area mowers identified in the capital budget for this year. Staff would like to purchase one at this time. The current large area mowers have become trouble mechanically as they age but will still be in use.

Staff recommends the purchase of the Exmark Lazer Z 144" large area mower from Shorewood Home & Auto in the amount of \$69,305.00 through the Omnia co-op contract number 20469.

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Max Woods to approve the purchase of the Exmark Lazer Z 144" large area mower from Shorewood Home & Auto in the amount of \$69,305.00 through the Omnia co-op contract number 20469.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

C. Adopt Ordinance 2026-3 Surplus Equipment

Throughout the year, we recommend capital items to be declared surplus. These capital items owned by the Park District 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 2026-3 declaring surplus equipment per attachment dated March 19, 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Paul Nobis, second by Commissioner Max Woods to adopt Ordinance 2026-3 declaring surplus equipment per attachment dated March 19, 2026.

A short discussion ensued with regards the process of selling surplus equipment.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

D. Approve Purchase of Playground Turf

Parkside Estates playground rubber surfacing was placed in 2011. Over the past 15 years staff has patched the surface but it is now at the point of needing replacement. Rubber surfacing replacement is cost prohibitive at this time. At the budget meeting, we discussed the surfacing replacement with artificial playground turf. The playground equipment is still in good shape and the turf installation will prolong full park replacement to match up better with the adjoining Parker Ridge playground. Forever Lawn has

provided a quote to install the playground turf for \$99,714.94 and has availability to install the turf this spring before heavy playground use this year.

Staff recommends approving the playground turf installation at Parkside Estates in the amount of \$99,714.94 through the Sourcewell purchasing contract #031622-FVL.

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve the playground turf installation at Parkside Estates in the amount of \$99,714.94 through the Sourcewell purchasing contract #031622-FVL.

A short discussion ensued in regards to the square footage of the turf and the installation process.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

E. Approve Purchase of Playground Equipment

As discussed at the budget workshop, staff went over the Creekside / Oak Valley project. We will be looking to purchase the playground equipment now since it is a long lead item. Attached is the proposal from Landscape Structures, Inc. for Creekside / Oak Valley Park. The scope of the project is to replace the existing playground and center the location between the parcels moving the location away from the existing homeowner. The construction documents are to be finalized and go out to bid later this spring. The playground equipment should be purchased now so that it will be ready for the awarded contractor for the summer 2026 installation. Attached is the proposed playground equipment.

The playground equipment is quoted from Landscape Structures, Inc. through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative contract #010521-LSI in the amount of \$90,073.00.

Staff recommends purchase of the playground equipment for Creekside / Oak Valley Park from Landscape Structures, Inc. through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative contract #010521-LSI in the amount of \$90,073.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Paul Nobis, second by Commissioner Patrick Maier to approve the purchase of the playground equipment for Creekside / Oak Valley Park from Landscape Structures, Inc. through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative contract #010521-LSI in the amount of \$90,073.00.

A short discussion ensued with regards to the delivery of the equipment.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

F. Approve Farm License

Attached is the farm license agreement with Stewart Spreading. The Park District has worked with Stewart Spreading since 2010. The license area is approximately 22 acres south of the garage and soccer fields. The Park District will receive \$200/tillable acre. The term of the agreement is for 1 year beginning retroactively on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026. The 1-year agreement will give us an opportunity to expand this area with additional fields in the near future if needed.

This is the same agreement prepared by Attorney Madden last year with new dates.

Staff recommends approving the Farm License agreement with Stewart Spreading as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve the Farm License with Stewart Spreading as presented.

G. Approve Revisions to Investment Policy

Legislative changes in 2021 with SB 273 - Public Funds - Authorized investment - Public Act 102-0285 updated the language around corporate securities that gives local governments more flexibility. Attached is the updated investment policy reflecting these changes for your review and approval. Typically, the Board approves any policies changes over 2 Board meetings. Please review the changes to the Investment Policy. Staff will be looking for approval of the investment policy at the April Board meeting.

H. Approve Executive Session Minutes

Executive session minutes from December 15, 2025 were delivered for your review and approval.

Staff recommends approving the December 15, 2025 Executive Session minutes as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Patrick Maier to approve the December 15, 2025 Executive Session minutes as presented.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried


President Rigoni thanked Bill for his service to the Park District and for all his hard work and support of the Board and Staff. Commissioner Bauer seconded President Rigoni's thoughts and stated that Bill has been an asset and thanked him for his guidance during this transition and that his torch is being passed along to another dedicated leader.

Bill stated that Park District has been a great place to work and added that the Board and staff have always been supportive and that is why we have a great Park District.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE".

The Motion Was Duly Carried.



Jeff Rigoni, President



Max Woods, Secretary