

**Lockport Township Park District
Park Board Minutes
April 27, 2026**

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lockport Township Park District was held on Monday, April 27, 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:

Don Bauer
Max Woods
Paul Nobis
Patrick Maier

Also, present were:

Pete Hall, Executive Director
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
Jeff Schenk, Chief of Police

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

- Minutes of March 23, 2026
- Bills & Payrolls

Roll call results were as follows:

Ayes: 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 March 2026 for the following funds:

General Fund	263,097.53
Museum Fund	1,346.89
Police Fund	24,434.05
Audit Fund	3,150.00
Liability	83,278.55
Recreation Fund	227,733.35
Chaney Pool Fund	3,120.11
Heritage Falls Water Park Fund	6,184.80
Challenge Fitness	66,758.40
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	277,731.59
Special Recreation Fund	1,448.00
Construction	<u>99,636.79</u>
Total	\$1,057,920.06

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

General Fund	108,543.75
Museum Fund	1,258.00
Police Fund	25,615.71
Recreation Fund	177,598.77
Challenge Fitness	88,180.53
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	<u>74,810.41</u>
Total	\$476,007.17

Treasurer's Report

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

- Fiscal Treasurer's Report March 2026
- Cash & Investment Report March 2026
- PPRT Analysis
- Prairie Bluff March 2026
- Round Analysis

- Challenge Fitness March 2026
- License Agreement Payments

Commissioner Bauer thanked Nathan and the staff for being fiscally responsible and putting the District in a strong financial position. A short discussion ensued regarding the District's investments.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

Correspondence

- Thank you note on behalf of the West Suburban Chapter of Bunco for Breast Cancer, thanking the District for its donation to their Bunco event, which raised \$20,700 for breast cancer research.

Report of Officers

A. Attorney's Report

- Attorney Madden discussed the Gustafson Park property and recommended tabling the Ordinance for the property transfer until the June meeting. She stated that the parcel was owned by the City of Crest Hill and was never deeded to the Park District. The City of Crest Hill would like to deed the property to the Park District; however, Attorney Madden recommended against using a Quitclaim Deed and instead proposed getting pins for the parcel and creating an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City that covers the history of the property transfer. Discussion ensued regarding the property. The Board agreed to table the Ordinance until Attorney Madden completed work on the property transfer and IGA.

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 monthly safety meetings.
- **All Staff meeting**
We held an all staff meeting to provide district updates, cyber security training, and meet with priority groups. Pete stated that there will not be any meeting this summer but group leaders will continue to work on their tasks until the next meeting.
- **Special events**
Attached are the special events through May 2026.
- **Summer outings**
Attached is list of summer golf outings.
- **2025 Audit**
Lauterbach and Amen are working to finalize the audit and will be at a future Board meeting to present the 2025 Audit. Pete explained that since there is an early meeting next month Lauterbach and Amen will be presenting the audit at the June meeting.
- **WWI memorial**
There is a WWI memorial stone in Dellwood Park. Staff is reviewing to relocate and/or create new military memorial near the VFW pavilion. Pete explained that this project will be reevaluated but staff will continue to look into new design options.
- **Rose Garden**
Staff is working on the design for the renovation of the rose garden. Pete stated that staff is currently finalizing plant selections.
- **Heritage Falls Water Park update**
Staff has started the repair work to the pipe leak and other work to have the pool operational by opening day. Pete added that staff is already ahead of schedule for opening day.

- **Chaney Pool**
The IDPH permit is re-submitted for approval. The pool liners, chemical controller upgrade, and slide installation is scheduled for the fall of 2026. Pete explained that we are still waiting on IDPH approval and the slide is currently in fabrication. He added that the chemical controller upgrade might be done before opening but the rest of the project would not be started until after the pool was shut down for the season.
- **Dellwood Park bridges**
There are several items requested from IDNR to be resubmitted for the permit application on the bridges.
- **Solar update**
Installation of the solar panels are underway. ComEd shutdown for electrical connection is being scheduled in May. Pete stated that the administrative and preschool sides of the building have been completed and the gym roof should be completed in the next few weeks. He added that the building will be down a whole day when ComEd comes out for the power transfer. He was hoping this would happen towards the end of May when the building is not as busy.
- **Creekside / Oak Valley Playground**
Staff is working with Plainfield Park District on the playground construction bid documents. The Project should be out to bid shortly and will be brought to the Board next few months for approval. Pete stated that since the two parks will be combined and the new park will be renamed Hillside Park since that is the street the park resides on.
- **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. Playground equipment has been selected and is under new business for approval.
- **Other capital updates**
Staff is working on requirements for updating the mixing pad at Prairie Bluff. Pete added that we will be refurbishing the shed before placed on new concrete pad.
- **Community Solar**
Staff is talking to vendors for Community Solar.
- **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**
We have submitted various projects to our local legislators for legislative grants and will discuss with them in Springfield. Pete added that the District has already received \$335,000 in grant money for five different grants.
- **SSPRPA Meeting**
SSPRPA meeting has been attended by staff.
- **NWCSRA Meeting**
NWCSRA meeting has been attended by staff. A sendoff luncheon was had for Bill since it was his final meeting.
- **LABP Meeting**
Insurance budget and plan changes were approved by the group. Alera Group will be hosting a staff meeting to review revisions. Pete stated that there will be an increase to the premiums for the plan and some changes in benefits that will be discussed at the meeting.
- **Affiliate Group Meeting**
Staff met with the representatives from the Lockport Boys Baseball program to review capital improvements. Pete added that he and Ken have been meeting with the group regarding the backstop fence replacement. There was also discussion about having the Park District maintain the grass areas of the inside the fenced fields in exchange for a monetary donation to be used for future capital projects.
- **Crest Hill Area Leaders Meeting**
Staff attended an Area Leaders meeting organized by Crest Hill.
- **MHW Meeting**
Staff met with the reenactor group leaders and they will fill out the WWII German vacancy. Pete stated that Ben is working with the current groups and rallying support so the event can proceed as it normally would.

- **NRPA 2026**
The NRPA conference is September 29th to October 1st in Philadelphia with registration starting on May 11th.
- **May Board Meeting**
Just a reminder that the May Board meeting is moved up a week due to Memorial Day and will be Monday May 18th. At this meeting we will have the reorganization of the Board.

A discussion ensued with regards to the current legislative bills that will affect all park districts and how IAPD is lobbying on behalf of Illinois Park Districts.

Unfinished Business:

A. 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.

Staff Recommends approving the changes to the investment Policy as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Patrick Maier to approve the changes to the investment Policy as presented.

A short discussion ensued with regards to the legislative changes to the Investment Policy.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

New Business:

A. Approve Purchase of Playground Equipment

As discussed at the budget workshop, staff went over the Sadie Ridge project. We will be looking to purchase the playground equipment now so equipment is available for construction. Attached is the proposal for Burke playground equipment from Play Illinois, LLC for the Sadie Ridge Park. The scope of the project is to install a small parking lot, playground, shaded picnic area, and open land space. 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 installation later this year. Attached is the proposed playground equipment.

The playground equipment is quoted from Play Illinois, LLC. through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative contract #101625-BUR in the amount of \$91,345.20.

Staff recommends purchase of the playground equipment for Sadie Ridge Park from Play Illinois, LLC through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative contract #101625-BUR in the amount of \$91,345.20.

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Max Woods to approve the purchase the playground equipment for Sadie Ridge Park from Play Illinois, LLC through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative contract #101625-BUR in the amount of \$91,345.20.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

B. Approve Ordinance for the Property Transfer for Stanley Gustafson Park

The Park District has a small park in the City of Crest Hill called Gustafson Park. The playground equipment was installed back in 2005 and on the playground replacement schedule to be replaced. However, in researching this park it was discovered that the land is owned by the City of Crest Hill. The park is on one part of the lot and a Crest Hill wellhouse is on another part of the lot. Even though the Park District has operated and maintained the park for years, it is not an ideal arrangement for either party. This was brought to Crest Hill's attention and determined that the property should be subdivided and transfer ownership of the park land to the Park District.

The City has been through their Plan Commission and City Council for approval of the plat of subdivision and zoning for public park use.

Per the Local Government Property Transfer Act, the Park District Board would need to pass an Ordinance declaring the park lot necessary and/or convenient for continued use as a public park. Upon receipt of the passed Ordinance, the City would prepare a deed to the Park District and a Resolution authorizing same.

As discussed during the Attorney's report it is our intent to have the information reviewed and Ordinance written for approval at the June Board Meeting.

C. Approve Purchase of Park Services F150 Vehicle

As discussed at the budget workshop, we have \$120,000 identified for vehicle purchases in the 2026 budget. The Park Services Department is requesting approval for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150XL 4x4 SuperCab with 6.5' box. This truck is part of the State Bid list through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative. Attached is the information for this vehicle. This truck is replacing a 2013 Ford F-150 with 83,000 miles.

Staff recommends the purchase of the Ford F-150XL through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative from Currie Motors in Frankfort for the amount of \$46,514.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Max Woods to approve the purchase of the Ford F-150XL through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative from Currie Motors in Frankfort for the amount of \$46,514.00.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

D. Approve Purchase of Park Services F250 Vehicle

As discussed at the budget workshop, we have \$120,000 identified for vehicle purchases in the 2026 budget. The Park Services Department is requesting approval for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-250XL 4x4 SuperCab with Reading service body. This truck is part of the State Bid list through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative. Attached is the information for this vehicle. This truck is replacing a 2013 Ford F-150 with 86,000 miles.

Staff recommends the purchase of the Ford F-250XL with service body through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative from Sutton Ford in the amount of \$64,016.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Patrick Maier to approve purchase of the Ford F-250XL with service body through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative from Sutton Ford in the amount of \$64,016.00.

A short discussion ensued in regards to the use of the vehicle that was being replaced.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

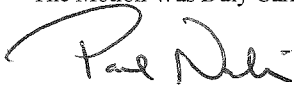
Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

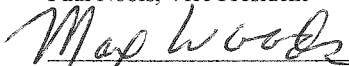
There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion made by Commissioner Don Bauer, second by Commissioner Patrick Maier to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE".

The Motion Was Duly Carried.



Paul Nobis, Vice President



Max Woods, Secretary