Lockport Township Park District
Park Board Minutes
May 18, 2026

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lockport Township Park District was held on Monday, May 18, 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
Max Woods
Paul Nobis
Patrick Maier

Also, present were:
Pete Hall, Executive Director
Nathan Krusinski, Director of Business
Ken Tondini, Director of Park Services
Ben Ragle, Director of Recreation
Lisa Bruni, Board Recording Secretary
Steve Lunde, Director of Golf Course Operations
Jeff Schenk, Chief of Police

Recognition of Visitors
Mark Jost stated that he has been a Lockport resident for 15 years and currently serves as a youth coach for the District's Soccer Shots program. He addressed the Board regarding an incident that occurred during a game on May 9. Mr. Jost explained that, following an incident on the field, he removed his team from play out of concern for their safety. He acknowledged that he was emotional at the time but stated that his actions were taken in the best interest of his team. Mr. Jost asked the Board to exercise greater due diligence before requesting that he step down as a coach.

Jonathan Pittman addressed the Board and stated that his daughter has participated in the District's Soccer Shots program for the past two to three years under Coach Mark Jost. He described Mr. Jost as a phenomenal coach who works hard and has taught his daughter a great deal. Mr. Pittman stated that he was present when Mr. Jost removed his team from the field and expressed disappointment that the incident had escalated to this point. He added that Mr. Jost should be reinstated as coach and that any disciplinary action resulting from the incident should be fair and applied equally to both coaches involved.

Karina Pinn stated that the incident on the soccer field on May 9 was both physically and emotionally upsetting for all of the children involved. She explained that she has a video of the incident that led Mr. Jost to remove his team from the field, which shows a child from the opposing team elbowing her daughter. Ms. Pinn stated that the opposing coach admitted to coaching aggressively and expecting his team to play aggressively. She further stated that a makeup game against the same team was scheduled for the following day, but she would not allow her daughter to participate because she did not want to place her in harm's way. Ms. Pinn added that both coaches and the referee should undergo more comprehensive training and that any disciplinary measures related to the incident should be handled equitably. She also requested that the Board cancel the rescheduled game while the incident remains under investigation.

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

- Minutes of April 27, 2026
- Bills & Payrolls

Roll call results were as follows:
Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Max Woods, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier
Nays: None
The Motion Was Duly Carried

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

General Fund	335,290.88
Museum Fund	656.46
Police Fund	5,292.78
Liability Fund	26,618.00
Recreation Fund	127,927.57
Chaney Pool Fund	108,022.57
Heritage Falls Water Park Fund	13,358.07
Challenge Fitness	48,240.33
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	112,552.40
Debt Service Fund	68,499.00
Total	$846,458.06

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

General Fund	101,441.76
Museum Fund	1,389.75
Police Fund	25,883.26
Recreation Fund	150,517.16
Challenge Fitness	82,412.73
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	103,780.08
Total	$465,424.74

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Commissioner Patrick Maier second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve the Treasurer's Report as follows:

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

Roll call results were as follows:
Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Max Woods, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier
Nays: None
The Motion Was Duly Carried

Correspondence

- **None**

Attorney 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.

- **Special events**
  Attached are the special events through June 2026.

- **Dellwood Foundation Outing**
  The Dellwood Foundation outing was Friday May 1st. Ben will give an update on this outing.

- **Dellwood Foundation Meeting**
  The Dellwood Foundation will meet on 6/18/26 and reorganize the Board.

- **2025 Audit**
  Lauterbach and Amen are working to finalize the audit and will be at the June Board meeting to present the 2025 Audit.

- **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.

- **Rose Garden**
  Staff is completing the design for the renovation of the rose garden and work will be starting shortly.

- **Parkside Estates Resurfacing**
  The existing rubber safety surfacing has been removed by staff in preparation for the new turf safety surfacing. The contractor will begin installation in the coming days.

- **Heritage Falls Water Park update**
  Staff has completed the repair work to the pipe leak and other work to have the pool operational by opening day.

- **Chaney Pool**

The IDPH permit has been approved. The pool liners, chemical controller upgrade, and slide installation is scheduled for the fall of 2026. Pete explained that the boiler at the pool is not working, staff is working with a company to see if it can be repaired. A short discussion ensued with regards to the boiler repair, if replacement is needed and how it will affect the pool opening.

- **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 is nearly complete. ComEd shutdown for electrical connection is being scheduled in May/June.

- **Creekside / Oak Valley Playground – Hillside Park**
  Staff is working with Plainfield Park District on the playground construction bid documents. The Project will be out to bid shortly and will be brought to the Board next month for approval. Pete added that the equipment purchase was approved at a previous board meeting.

- **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.

- **Silo Bend Maintenance Garage**
  Construction of the maintenance garage is underway with foundations, underground, flatwork, walls, and roof trusses being completed. Pete stated that the building has been constructed and they are currently working on the roof.

- **Other capital updates**
  Staff is working on requirements for updating the mixing pad at Prairie Bluff. Pete stated that the shed is being painted that the site work will begin soon.

- **Community Solar**
  Staff is working with NIMEC on a community solar agreement. Board Resolution is under new business for review.

- **Legislative Conference / Parks Day**
  The Legislative Conference was attended by staff and Board reviewing legislation that impacts the Park District. A short discussion ensued regarding SB3907 and how it could affect the District if the bill passes.

- **LABP Open Enrollment**
  Alera Group will be hosting a staff meeting to review revisions to insurance plan at the open enrollment meeting on May 20th.

- **Affiliate Group Meeting**
  Staff met with representatives from the Lockport Boys Baseball program to review potential capital improvements. Pete reported that he and Ben met with the group, which expressed interest in installing security cameras to monitor field conditions. A discussion followed regarding the proposal, and it was determined that camera installation would require amendments to the current agreement. Given the timing and the need to modify the agreement, it was determined it was not time to pursue the installation of cameras.

- **Summer Registration**
  Attached is a summary of the summer registration for Residents and Non-Residents.

- **Splash Pads**
  The splash pads at Willow Walk and Hassert Park will be open by Memorial Day weekend.

- **PDRMA membership assembly**
  Staff attended PDRMA's annual membership assembly. Pete gave a short summary of the meeting.

- **Crest Hill Municipal Plaza**
  I attended a meeting with Crest Hill on the park development at the Crest Hill Municipal Plaza. The City is going to start with the playground and walking track and the bandshell and washrooms will be a future project. Pete stated that he will need to get a new quote on playground equipment for a future meeting regarding the plaza.

Unfinished Business:

A. Approve Ordinance 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.

It is our intent to have the information reviewed and Ordinance written for approval at the next Board Meeting.

New Business:

A. Reorganization of the Board 2025-2026

As is customary at the Annual Meeting, the Board is reorganized. Pete Hall will initiate the process and then turn it over to the Board President for the rest of the nominations.

Nominations will be taken for:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

With that said, at this time, the floor is open for nominations for President for the coming year.
There is a nomination for: Patrick Maier. Are there any other nominations?

Hearing none, I would ask that a unanimous ballot be cast for Patrick Maier as President?

Motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis
All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE"
The Motion Was Duly Carried

President Patrick Maier then assumed the Chair and asked for nominations for Vice-President. Commissioner Max Woods nominated Commissioner Paul Nobis for Vice President. President Maier asked that a unanimous ballot be cast for Vice-President.

Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Max Woods
All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE"
The Motion Was Duly Carried

Commissioner Rigoni nominated Max Woods as Secretary. President Maier asked that a unanimous ballot be cast for Secretary.

Motion made by Commissioner Paul Nobis, second by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni
All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE"
The Motion Was Duly Carried

Commissioner Jeff Rigoni nominated Commissioner Don Bauer as Treasurer. President Maier asked that a unanimous ballot be cast for Treasurer.

Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis
All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE"
The Motion Was Duly Carried

B. Appoint Attorney - President

President Maier appointed Gina Madden as Attorney

Motion made by Commissioner Paul Nobis, second by Commissioner Max Woods
All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE"
The Motion Was Duly Carried

C. Appoint Committee Members - President

Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Max Woods to approve the following:
Pete Hall with Ben Ragle as alternate of the Northern Will County SRA Board

Motion made by President Patrick Maier, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to:
Approve Commissioner Max Woods and Commissioner Don Bauer as members of Dellwood Foundation for the coming year.

All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE"
The Motion Was Duly Carried

E. Designation of Depositories - President
Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Max Woods to retain all banking institutions in Will County, Illinois Liquid Asset Funds and PMA Financial Network/PTMA Financial Solutions as banks of deposit.
All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE"
The Motion Was Duly Carried

F. Approve Purchase of Park Services Mower
The Park Services Department is requesting board approval for the purchase of an Exmark Lazer Z larger area mower. There is $145,000 budgeted for the purchase of two of these mowers with the first one being purchased back in March of this year. After using this unit to start the mowing season, we are comfortable moving forward with the purchase of the second mower at this time. This mower will be an addition to the current fleet.

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 Max Woods, second by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni 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, Max Woods, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier
Nays: None
The Motion Was Duly Carried

H. Approve Resolution Community Solar – Resolution 2026-2
Community solar is a cost-saving strategy that has become increasingly popular as a way to mitigate high power costs. It allows customers to subscribe to a remote solar energy project and receive monthly credits on their electric bills. Community solar providers typically offer a 10% discount on the value of these credits. Most community solar developers provide contractual terms ranging from 15 to 20 years. Early termination fees vary by developer but are typically equivalent to approximately one year of savings. Attached is a memo from NIMEC with additional information and projected savings.

The Park District has worked with NIMEC (Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative) for years to broker energy rates. Staff recommends authorizing NIMEC to serve as the Park District broker for the community solar agreement as well. NIMEC has our current electric usage data and projected offset from our own current solar project at DPCC. Due to the limited availability it is recommended to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Community Solar Agreement as it becomes available.

Staff Recommends adopting Resolution 2026-2 giving signing authority to the Executive Director to execute a Community Solar Contract when availability arises.

Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Max Woods to adopt Resolution 2026-2 giving signing authority to the Executive Director to execute a Community Solar Contract when availability arises.

Roll call results were as follows:
Ayes: Jeff Rigoni, Max Woods, Paul Nobis, Patrick Maier
Nays: None
The Motion Was Duly Carried

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion made by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to adjourn at 7:50p.m.
All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE".
The Motion Was Duly Carried.

Patrick Maier, President

Max Woods, Secretary