

*Lockport Township Park District
Park Board Minutes
August 24, 2026*

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lockport Township Park District was held on Monday, August 24, 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:

Patrick Maier
Don Bauer
Max Woods
Paul Nobis
Jeff Rigoni

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 Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve consent agenda for the following:

- Minutes of July 26, 2026
- Bills & Payrolls
- Ratify NIMEC Electric Service Agreement
- Ratify NIMEC Community Solar Contract

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

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

General Fund	229,251.26
Museum Fund	642.65
Police Fund	4,150.24
Recreation Fund	197,459.22
Chaney Pool Fund	42,191.19
Heritage Falls Water Park Fund	24,699.55
Challenge Fitness	45,809.21
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	133,851.67
Construction Fund	<u>134,687.51</u>
Total	\$812,742.50

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

General Fund	136,828.80
Museum Fund	1,045.50
Police Fund	27,353.89
Recreation Fund	184,903.35
Chaney Fund	30,050.09
Heritage Falls Water Park Fund	33,049.50
Challenge Fitness	89,781.14
Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club	<u>157,732.12</u>
Total	\$660,744.39

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 July 2026
- Cash & Investment Report July 2026
- PPRT Analysis
- Prairie Bluff July 2026
- Round Analysis

- Challenge Fitness July 2026
- License Agreement Payments

Commissioner Bauer thanked staff for the fantastic job they were doing with events, programs and the District's facilities. A discussion ensued with regards to Prairie Bluff Food Service and upcoming staff meetings.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

Correspondence

The Park District received the following correspondence since the last Board meeting:

- Thank you notes
- Lockport Boys Baseball
- Legacy Adventure Park

A short discussion ensued with regards to all of the correspondence that were received.

Report of Officers

A. Attorney's Report

- Attorney Madden informed the Board and staff of a federal court case involving the City of Chicago and the termination of a Chicago firefighter related to posts made on social media. She explained that the firefighter appealed the termination and that the decision was ultimately upheld following an extensive review. Attorney Madden noted that the firefighter's social media account did not include a disclaimer indicating that it was a personal account and that the views expressed were not related to his employment. She advised the Board and staff to be mindful of the potential employment-related consequences associated with personal social media activity.

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.
- **Special events**
Attached are the special events through September 2026. Ben gave an overview Military History Weekend and stated that staff was prepared and ready for the weekend. He gave a brief summary of the battles and entertainment scheduled for the event.
- **Summer Concert / Car Show**
The August concert and car show event were held despite the weather and storm damage. Ben stated that both events were successful but the weather effected attendance and beer sales. He added that the people in attendance enjoyed the bands and were grateful that the events were able to take place.
- **Rose Garden**
Staff clearing area and preparing for installation. Ken added that the staff was reaching the end of the clearing process, they have transplanted some of the plants that were removed and that the limestone path still need to be removed.
- **Chaney Pool**
Slide and pool liners are scheduled to begin after the season close after Labor Day. Pete stated that the materials have been delivered and are being stored at the maintenance shop. As soon as the pool is closed work will begin on the slide and then the liner will be installed.
- **Dellwood Park bridges**
The engineer is working on the bridge permit with IDNR. I received a grant extension for another year to complete the project. Pete was hopeful that the engineer and IDNR will be able to work to get the project completed.
- **DPCC Solar update**
ComEd completed the shutdown for solar electrical connection and replaced the transformer. The system is being commissioned by the solar company. Pete explained that the transformer has been upgraded but there was an issue with the inverter. Once the part is received it will be installed and then the panels will be ready to use.

- **Creskside / Oak Valley Playground – Hillside Park**
Awaiting the Contractor to schedule the start of the project.
- **Sadie Ridge**
Waiting to finalize developer agreement for property transfer. Pete stated that the home owners are eager to see the completed project and that we are currently ahead of schedule.
- **Silo Bend Maintenance Garage**
Construction of the maintenance garage is nearing completion. Pete stated that staff was waiting on ComEd for the electrical service, it was called in and submitted after a glitch in the online process and ComEd engineer should be out in the next two weeks to review the service.
- **Remington Lakeview Park**
Park Services removed the gazebo from Remington Lakeview Park due to the degraded condition and safety concerns. More on new gazebo under new business.
- **Prairie Bluff Mixing Pad**
Staff is working on requirements for updating the mixing pad at Prairie Bluff. Ken explained that the excavation for the pad is complete and the stone and sand base for the rinse containment has been completed. He added that concrete will be the next step.
- **Challenge Fitness Pool Renovation**
Pool renovation work has started. Demolition is complete. New drainage and steam rooms renovations are underway. Pool liner is scheduled to start next week. Pete stated that the project is on schedule, the liner will be installed then the epoxy floor will be completed and the final project will be painting before the pool is reopened.
- **Other Capital Updates**
Staff worked with a Contractor to remove a blockage in Fiddymet Creek backing up water by the Sanitary District property which was causing flooding in the area. Pete stated that the creek is in good shape and is flowing again.
- **Storm Damage**
The District suffered from storm damage during recent storms including extended power outages at all facilities and extensive tree loss. Pete added that were also roof damages and the storms effected the controller and boiler at Chaney Pool.
- **Legislative Update**
I met with Representative Avelar and Manley at the NWCSRA 50yr event in Romeoville. Senator Ventura staff continues to assist in communication with IDNR and IDOT for the 171-walkway project.
- **Affiliate Group Meeting**
Staff continues to meet with the affiliate groups. Pete stated that Ben will continue to work with the Lockport baseball and softball groups.
- **Crest Hill Municipal Plaza**
I attended a meeting with Crest Hill on the park development at the Crest Hill Municipal Plaza. Pete added that the bid opening for the park and infrastructure will take place tomorrow and he will be attending a workshop with the City in September. He finished by stating the park theme will be “A Very Hungry Caterpillar”.
- **NWCSRA Meeting**
I attended the July NWCSRA Board meeting. Pete added that the next meeting will on Wednesday.
- **IAPD Best of the Best Gala**
IAPD Best of the Best Gala is at Wheeling Park District's Chevy Chase Country Club the evening of Friday, October 9, 2026.

Unfinished Business:

A. Approve Ordinance for 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. Purchase of Remington Lakeview Park Gazebo

With the removal of the gazebo at Remington Lakeview Park in Crest Hill, staff was in search of an appropriate replacement to achieve the desired look and use for the residents of the Remington Lakes community. A fitting structure was found from Amish Country Gazebos.

In order to take advantage of the current discounts offered, a 20' gazebo was purchased in the amount of \$24,738.00. This price reflects a discount of \$5,362.00 that was expiring at the end of July. The gazebo replacement was an item accounted for in the 2026 budget and within the authority of the Executive Director to purchase.

Attached is the detailed quote, photos, and layout of the park renovation. This is for information only and there is no action required by the Board.

B. Approve Purchase Toro Workman

The Park Services Department is requesting approval for the purchase of a Toro Workman HDX 2WD utility vehicle. Attached are the equipment product information and quote from Spartan Turf products for \$35,282.61. There is \$37,000 in the 2026 budget for this purchase. This piece of equipment will be replacing a 2008 Toro Workman 3200.

Staff recommends the purchase of the Toro Workman HDX 2WD utility vehicle from Spartan Turf Products for the amount of \$35,282.61 through the Sourcewell Contract #112624-TTC.

Motion made by Commissioner Paul Nobis, second by Commissioner Max Woods to approve the purchase of a Toro Workman HDX 2WD utility vehicle from Spartan Turf Products for the amount of \$35,282.61 through the Sourcewell Contract #112624-TTC.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

C. Approve Purchase Wright Mower

The Park Services Department is requesting board approval for the purchase of a Wright Stander Autonomous mower. Attached are the equipment product information and quote from Shorewood Home & Auto for \$47,845.63. There is \$50,000 in the 2026 capital budget for this purchase.

The mower would be initially be used at Hassert Park to mow the ballfields and common areas, freeing up staff to focus on other daily maintenance and setup at the park. This mower will be an addition to the fleet but could eventually become the replacement for one of the current mowers reaching the end of its useful life.

Staff recommends the purchase of the Wright Stander ZK Autonomous mower with 72" deck from Shorewood Home & Auto in the amount of \$47,845.63 through the Sourcewell contract 112624-WRT.

Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve the purchase of a Wright Mower Stander ZK Autonomous mower with 72" deck from Shorewood Home & Auto in the amount of \$47,845.63 through the Sourcewell contract 112624-WRT.

A short discussion ensued about the use of the mower.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

D. Approve Contract Axon Police Body Cameras and Tasers

Park Police is requesting a renewal of our Axon contract. The current contract expires in June of 2028. Axon contacted staff with a package-deal renewal that includes body cameras and Taser 10s. This would be a new five-year contract starting in January 2027 and going through January 2031.

The cost for this year's budget would be a \$100 payment due in September 2026. The new yearly payment, starting in January 2027, would be \$13,006.96. This would include new body cameras in December 2026 and again at the halfway point of this contract. It also includes new Taser10s and all associated equipment and licensing. The new Tasers will be connected to the Axon

Evidence account, allowing us to easily process any Taser deployment evidence. This is not possible with our current Tasers. Our current Tasers are at the end of their five-year lifespan and due for replacement.

If any of the above body cameras or Tasers malfunction during this period, Axon will replace them at no cost to the District because everything is leased. Axon is offering all its Taser products this way going forward.

Current contract: \$10,175.34 yearly payment, a total of \$50,876.70

Proposed contract: \$13,026.96 yearly payment, a total of \$65,134.78

See attached document for additional information.

Staff recommends approval of the Axon 5-year contract agreement for body cameras and tasers as listed for a total amount of \$65,134.78.

Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve the Axon 5-year contract agreement for body cameras and tasers as listed for a total amount of \$65,134.78.

A short discussion ensued with regards to the updates of the equipment included in the new contract.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

E. Approve Annual Application for Alcohol Use in the Legacy License Area

It is the requirement of Legacy Paintball LLC to annually apply for a permit from the Board of Commissioners for the sale, service, or consumption of alcohol in the license area. The attached application outlines the responsibilities of Legacy in the license agreements. This application mirrors section 5 (Alcohol Sales, Service and Consumption) of the license agreement.

In 2024 the City of Lockport took over the policing of the Haunted House on 2nd Street as well as on-site at the haunted house. Jeff Schenk met with Police Chief Arizzi and confirmed the event will operate the same as last year.

Also attached is the letter from John LaFlamboy outlining their plan to sell alcohol as well as dates for the Haunted House.

Staff recommends the Board approve the annual application for alcohol use in the license area for Legacy Paintball LLC.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Woods, second by Commissioner Paul Nobis to approve annual application for alcohol use in the license area for Legacy Paintball LLC.

Roll call results were as follows:

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

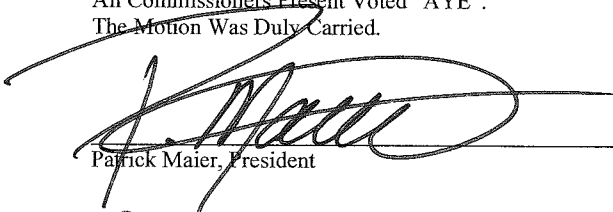
Nays: None

The Motion Was Duly Carried

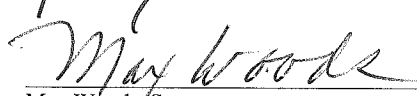
There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion made by Commissioner Paul Nobis, second by Commissioner Jeff Rigoni to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

All Commissioners Present Voted "AYE".

The Motion Was Duly Carried.



Patrick Maier, President



Max Woods, Secretary