
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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PARK COMMISSIONER NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE

WAUKEGAN, IL. August 23, 2010 - There will be a park commissioner position on the ballot for the April 5, 2011 election. The six-year position currently held by Commissioner Bill Durkin is up for election.

Park Commissioners serve a term of six years without compensation. Filing for candidacy requires collecting 154 signatures of registered voters in the park district on the petitions for nomination, completing and filing a statement of economic interest and filing a statement of candidacy.

The Commissioners meet on the second Tuesday of each month for the Board of Commissioners meeting and on the fourth Tuesday of each month for the Committee of the Whole meeting at the Corrine J. Rose Administrative Office. Meetings are held at 3:00 pm 3:45 pm.

Candidates seeking election as a Waukegan Park District Park Commissioners may pick up nomination papers at the Corrine J. Rose Administrative Office, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois beginning at 9am on Monday, September 13, 2010 and may begin circulating the petitions on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. The candidates may file their packets at the Corrine J. Rose Administrative Office of the park district between 9am December 13, 2010 and 5pm on December 20, 2010.

About The Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916 the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. The District operates recreational centers, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, basketball courts, the Waukegan Skate Park, and the Waukegan BMX track. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages including special populations. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company and the Waukegan History Museum. Sixty-one authorized full-time staff and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal and temporary employees. The district is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation and is also accredited with the Park District Risk Management Agency and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program.