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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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### **Waukegan SportsPark Named and Commissioner Motley Honored**

**Waukegan, IL (January 12, 2010)** – The Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners decided at the January 12, 2010 Board Meeting to name the outdoor sports complex currently under development at 3650 North Green Bay Road the “Waukegan SportsPark.”. The Waukegan SportsPark encompasses 138 acres and Phase 1 is expected to be completed in late summer. The lighted, synthetic turf championship field, baseball/softball fields and select soccer fields will be ready for limited use this fall. The Waukegan SportsPark has an additional thirteen natural turf sports fields for soccer, lacrosse & football; four lighted baseball softball fields, two concession buildings, 8 restroom facilities, a maintenance facility, a playground featuring a water spray area, picnic areas, walking paths, rain gardens and parking for 685 cars.

The Commissioners also declared that the roadway entering the Waukegan SportsPark off of Beach Road be ceremonially named Wayne Motley Drive. Bill Durkin, President of the Board commented that “Wayne has championed the Waukegan SportsPark project for 15 years and has made an unselfish commitment to serve in the best interests of the entire park district and not only this development.” The board unanimously supported the motion made by Commissioner Duffy.

## **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 Golf Course and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Course. 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 courts and fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, 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, the Bowen Park Opera Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. Sixty-seven 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.