

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Clearview Park Renovations Underway

**Waukegan, IL (August 11, 2017)** – Clearview Park, located at 1600 North Berwick Boulevard, is closed to the public while improvements are being made to the park. This summer, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant for \$400,000 was received for the redevelopment of Clearview Park making way for a \$1.5 million renovation. Additional amenities will be installed in the park including a multi-age playground, picnic shelter, outdoor fitness equipment, walking trail, water spray features, and restrooms. The basketball courts will be renovated and new landscaping and shade trees will be added to playground and picnic areas. A new west entrance into Clearview Park with a new parking lot are also planned providing access into the park from McAree Road and opening the interior of the park for open space activities.. The redeveloped park is expected to open to the public prior to the summer of 2018.

For more information about the project, please contact Scott MacLean at

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### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs,

services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 61 full-time and over 230 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 national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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