

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Jon Beckmann Promoted to Superintendent of Finance and Administration

Waukegan, IL (September 15, 2017) –Jon Beckmann, the new Superintendent of Finance and Administration, at the Waukegan Park District began working there in 2012. Since then, he has been promoted to several roles with more responsibility. Initially, he was hired as the Accounting/Payroll Specialist, promoted in 2014 to the Accounting and Payroll Supervisor, and to Manager of Finance and Administration in 2016. Jon has worked closely with the retiring Superintendent of Finance and Administration, and since Jim Glogovsky's retirement announcement, he has assumed additional responsibilities with the Board of Commissioners and Senior Staff. Some of Jon's accomplishments include: maintaining the \$31 million dollar operating and capital improvement budget, administering the District procurement card program of over \$1.5 million annually and coordinating the annual audit with the external audit firm. In addition to his Finance and Administration responsibilities, Jon has chaired the District's Partners in Parks Golf Outing committee the past three years and grown the event to more than 100 golfers and doubled the revenues for District scholarships and programs. He has also served on the District-wide Safety and Sponsorship Committees. Prior to joining the Waukegan Park District, Jon worked in recreation roles at both the Deerfield and Gurnee Park Districts.

Jon Beckmann has a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Organizational Development and Strategic Leadership from North Park University. Jon double majored at Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Insurance/Risk Management. He is a member of the Illinois Government

Finance Officers Association and serves on the Professional Education Committee. On that committee, he plans statewide training on topics related to payroll & human resources, pensions, and management & leadership. He is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and a member of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association Finance Section.

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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