

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

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PARK COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

WAUKEGAN, IL--- The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District announced Commissioner Bill Sarocka, who joined the board in 2007, has submitted his resignation, effective immediately, to spend more time with his family. He thanked the staff and board for all the great things they have done over the past 11.5 years. Bill said “he’s leaving the Park District in a better place than when he found it. He said whoever fills his spot will have a great team to work with.” Sarocka’s term is set to expire in April 2019.

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District announced they will have a Special Board meeting on Tuesday, May 29 at 4pm to discuss options for the vacant seat. The public is welcome to attend. Regardless of the decision, the vacant seat will be available in the general election in spring 2019 to any Waukegan Park District resident who chooses to run for the Park Board.

If you have questions, or need additional information, contact the office of Executive Director Jay Lerner at 847-360-4721.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 sites and more than 736 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, 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. The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum provide cultural events. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 62 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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