

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

JEREMIAH JOHNSON APPOINTED TO THE WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT BOARD

Waukegan, IL (June 15, 2018) – The Waukegan Park District is pleased to announce the selection of Jeremiah Johnson to fill the Board of Commissioners vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Sarocka earlier in May. He was interviewed and selected by the Board at a Special Meeting on June 14th. He will be officially sworn in at the June 26th Special Meeting of the Board and his term will run through May 2019.

Mr. Johnson is a local businessman who owns several restaurants in Waukegan. He has been a strong supporter of his hometown, especially the Waukegan Park District where he has remained active coaching youth baseball. He currently serves on the Waukegan Parks Foundation Board and previously was employed by the Waukegan Park District in the Fitness Center at the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center. For more information, please contact Jay Lerner, Executive Director at 847-360-4721 or jlerner@waukeganparks.org.



About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties 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's Greg Petry 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. 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 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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