
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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WAUKEGAN, IL. September 17, 2018 - There will be three park board commissioner positions on the ballot for the April 2, 2019 election. Two six-year terms and one two year term are available. Current commissioners up for election include George Bridges (6 year), Jeremiah Johnson (6 year), appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Sarocka, and Jacqueline Herrera Giron (2 year), appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Patricia Foley.

The Commissioners meet at 4:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month for the Board of Commissioners meeting and the fourth Tuesday of each month for the Committee of the Whole meeting at the Waukegan Park District Administrative Center, 1324 Golf Road, Waukegan.

Park Commissioners serve a term of six years without compensation. Filing for candidacy requires collecting signatures of registered voters who reside within park district boundaries on the petitions for nomination, completing and filing a statement of economic interest and filing a statement of candidacy.

Candidates seeking election as a Waukegan Park District Park Commissioner may pick up nomination papers and begin circulating the petitions on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Nomination papers are available for pick up at the Administrative Center, 1324 Golf Road, Waukegan, Illinois beginning at 9am on September 18, 2018. Candidates file their packets at the Waukegan Park District Administrative Center between 9 am December 10, 2018 and 5pm on December 17, 2018.

For more information, please contact Jay Lerner at jlerner@waukeganparks.org or 847-360-4721.

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.