

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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### **Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners Elects Officers**

**Waukegan, Illinois (May 13, 2020)** – The Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners elected and appointed officers at their May Board of Commissioners meeting, held virtually on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. The newly elected officers are: Jeremiah Johnson, President; Jacqueline Herrera Giron, Vice President; and George Bridges, Treasurer. Commissioner Marc Jones and Commissioner Janet Kilkelly also serve on the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners were also appointed to serve as liaisons to the Advisory Committees and the Waukegan Parks Foundation Board of Directors. Commissioners reappointed to their positions as liaisons are: Vice President Jacqueline Herrera Giron, Cultural Arts Advisory Committee; President Jeremiah Johnson, Golf Advisory Committee; and Treasurer George Bridges, Recreation Advisory Committee and Special Recreation Advisory Committee. Commissioner Marc Jones was appointed board liaison to the Waukegan Parks Foundation.

Commissioners will serve in their respective positions for a one-year term.

Waukegan Park District President Jeremiah Johnson stated, “I am honored and excited to serve as the next President of the Board. Every day, I am proud of the leadership on the Board and the exemplary work exhibited by our staff. Together, we will remain among the best park districts in the country, as we continue to make Waukegan a great place to live, work, and play.”

Waukegan Park District Executive Director Jay Lerner stated, “I would like to thank Commissioner Marc Jones for his outstanding leadership, accomplishments, and dedication as President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners for the past two years. I look forward to working with President Jeremiah Johnson to continue our commitment to providing quality parks, facilities, and leisure opportunities to our community.”

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

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 737 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, splash pads, 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 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, 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 has received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eight consecutive years. The district was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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