
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Quincy Bejster Promoted to Superintendent of Parks for the Waukegan Park District

Waukegan, Illinois (December 16, 2020) – We are pleased to announce that Quincy Bejster has been promoted to Superintendent of Parks for the Waukegan Park District. The position was formerly held by Scott MacLean who retired after more than twenty-five years working at the District.

Quincy has worked for the District since 2013 as Recreation Supervisor, Manager of the Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center, and Deputy Superintendent of Sports, Fitness, and Aquatics. In the summer of 2005, Quincy completed an internship with the Waukegan Park District, working alongside Executive Director Jay Lerner who was the Recreation Supervisor for Athletics at the time.

During his tenure at the Waukegan Park District, Quincy has made many changes to processes and contracts, resulting in cost savings, improved customer service, and increased efficiency. He has also been involved in the development of major facilities, including the indoor aquatics center and SplashZone at Corrine J. Rose Park. In spring of 2020, Quincy was named the chairman of the Waukegan Park District's internal COVID-19 Team, a key role with the responsibility of keeping participants and staff safe during the pandemic.

Quincy graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Administration and is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional through the National Recreation and Park Association. In 2019, Quincy was awarded the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners' Award in recognition of his superior efforts and achievement in fulfilling the District's mission.

Prior to working at the Waukegan Park District, Quincy worked in various roles at the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, Warrensburg Parks and Recreation Department, and Peoria Park District. Quincy resides in Waukegan with his wife Mallory and their two dogs, Max and Gillie.

Waukegan Park District President Jeremiah Johnson stated, "Quincy will be a great Superintendent of Parks. His contributions to the Waukegan Park District are countless. There is no doubt that Quincy will lead our Parks Department with devotion and enthusiasm and continue providing outstanding parks and facilities."

Waukegan Park District Executive Director Jay Lerner said, "During his time at the Waukegan Park District, Quincy has demonstrated exceptional leadership. I know Quincy will lead the Parks Department to ensure our parks and facilities are maintained at the highest level of quality for our community. Join me in congratulating Quincy on this well-deserved promotion!"

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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