
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners Elects Officers

Waukegan, Illinois (May 11, 2022) – The Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners elected and appointed officers at their meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The newly elected officers are: Janet E. Kilkelly, President; Jeremiah Johnson, Vice President; and Anton L. Mathews, Treasurer. Commissioner George Bridges, Jr. and Commissioner Jacqueline Herrera Giron also serve on the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner appointments to serve as liaisons to the advisory committees and the Waukegan Parks Foundation Board of Directors were also approved for a one-year term. Appointments are: Vice President Jeremiah Johnson, Golf Advisory Committee; Commissioner Anton L. Mathews, Master Plan Advisory Committee; Commissioner George Bridges, Jr. and Commissioner Jacqueline Herrera Giron, Recreation Advisory Committee; and President Janet E. Kilkelly, Waukegan Parks Foundation Board of Directors.

Janet E. Kilkelly, President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners, stated, “It is truly an honor to have been elected to serve as the President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners. With our committed commissioners and exemplary staff, we will continue to be among the best park and recreation agencies in the country.”

Jay Lerner, Executive Director of the Waukegan Park District, stated, “I look forward to collaborating with President Janet E. Kilkelly to continue providing our community with award-winning recreation and leisure opportunities, parks, and facilities. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Commissioner Jacqueline Herrera Giron for her leadership and outstanding accomplishments during her term as President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners.”

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the Waukegan Park District (WPD) has 53 properties and more than 742 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 WPD include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, Waukegan Skate Park, BMX Track, SplashZone, Percussion Playground, 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 need populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Arts and cultural activities are provided by the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. We offer something for everyone!

A member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA), the WPD employs 66 full-time and 290 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace.

Nationally accredited by the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and State accredited through the IAPD Distinguished Agency Accreditation, the WPD has received Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eleven consecutive years and received the coveted GFOA Triple Crown Award recognizing the WPD's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award in 2019. The WPD was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

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