



Mission: To create community

Vision: The "place to be" for exceptional experiences

Core Values: Innovation, Sustainability, Inclusion, and Exceptional Services

**Minutes of the Warrenville Park District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held on April 17th, 2025**

Call to Order: President DiCianni called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Commissioner Machowski – Present
Commissioner Wilkie – Present
Commissioner Coons – Present
Commissioner Thornbury – Present
President DiCianni – Present

Others Present:

Tim Reinbold, Executive Director/Board Secretary
Penny Thrawl, Executive Assistant/HR Manager/Assistant Board Secretary
Gregg Ireland, Superintendent of Parks & Facilities
Linda Straka, Superintendent of Finance & Technology
Matt Odom, Superintendent of Recreation/Safety Coordinator
Michelle Savage, Office Manager
Sheri Potter, Marketing & Community Engagement Manager
Nick Bovio, Fitness Supervisor
Tom Marks & Friends, Warrenville Residents

Public Hearing on the Proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Warrenville Park District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st of May 2025 and Ending on 30th Day of April 2026.

President DiCianni requested a motion to proceed into the Public Hearing and to continue the other business of the regular meeting upon the conclusion thereof.

MOTION: Commissioner Machowski Moved to Open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Warrenville Park District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st of May 2025 and Ending on the 30th Day of April 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkie.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thornbury - Aye
Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye

5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.



President DiCianni declared the Public Hearing Open.

President DiCianni announced that the Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been made available for the public to review for the required time.

The Executive Director has reported that no public citizens have asked to receive the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

President DiCianni asked if any of the Commissioners wished to make any comments regarding the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

No Commissioners had any comments regarding the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

President DiCianni asked if any of the Commissioners wished to submit any written testimony concerning the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

No Commissioners wished to submit any written testimony concerning the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation.

President DiCianni asked if any of the Commissioners wished to submit any oral testimony or public comments concerning the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. No Commissioners wished to submit any oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation.

President DiCianni asked if any of the public wished to make any comments regarding the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. No public wished to make any comments regarding the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

President DiCianni asked if any of the public wished to present written testimony with respect to the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. No public wished to present any written testimony.

President DiCianni asked if any of the public wished to present oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. No public wished to present any oral testimony or public comments.

President DiCianni entertained a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Wilkie moved to Adjourn the Public Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Machowski.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thornbury - Aye

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye

Commissioner Coons - Aye

Commissioner Machowski - Aye

President DiCianni - Aye

5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent

MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:19 pm.

President DiCianni declared that the Public Hearing was adjourned and will now proceed to the next agenda item.



Approval of April 17th, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda:

MOTION: Commissioner Thornbury Moved to Approve the Regular Meeting of April 17th Regular Meeting Agenda. Second by Commissioner Coons.

Commissioner Thornbury stated that she requested that "*Discussion of Phase II Cerny Park Horseshoe Pits*" be added to the Board Agenda as she was contacted by a resident regarding this. Commissioner Thornbury is requesting to move "*New Business: Item X.m. Discussion of Phase II Cerny Park Horseshoe Pits*" to "*Item X.a*" of the same, as residents are present to speak on the subject.

AMENDED MOTION: Commissioner Thornbury Moved to Amend the Motion to include moving Item Approve the April 17th, 2025 Board of Commissioners Agenda and to Move Item "*New Business: Item X.m. Discussion of Phase II Cerny Park Horseshoe Pits*" to "*Item X.a*" of the same. Seconded by Commissioner Coons.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thornbury - Aye
Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment: Tom Marks, Resident of Warrenville introduced himself to the Board. He explained to the Board that he has been watching horseshoes as a kid, approximately for 50 years, pitching for 45 and has and continues to help with the running of the 4th of July Horseshoe Tournament at Cerny Park for over 20 years.

He explained that he noticed that Phase I of the Cerny Park Renovation has begun, and also noticed Phase II showed the removal of two (2) of the horseshoe pits, replaced by Bag Toss Boards. He explained to the Board that on the Fourth of July, an average of thirty-five horseshoe teams are expected, along with their spouses and families, over 100 plus people, will be attending this event specifically for the Fourth of July Horseshoe Tournament. He continued to explain that there are kids reaching the age of play or older (12 and older) that are now pitching. He stated that he was able to pitch with his son, and is sure others are looking forward to pitching with their own kids as they get older. Women also have started to pitch, and they are now drawing the different pitching lines.

He explained that he and his friend worked with the District and the City to add more horseshoe courts at Cerny Park because the number of tournament participants grew, which took longer for the tournament to finish. With four (4) courts, it takes five (5) to six (6) hours to finish a tournament. If the number of courts is reduced, the tournament would have to be eliminated altogether. Currently, they only have the Fourth of July Horseshoe Tournament, which is annually. There have been discussions about adding other tournaments, or Horseshoe Night, but it's only been conversation.

He expressed that the Warrenville Fourth of July Celebration is a big event that people look forward to each year and brings a large number of people to Warrenville; like the horseshoe tournament and Water Keg Fight. He explained that it is the big events that draws people to Warrenville each year; like the telephone poles that are there with the kegger, water fights. It's an attraction, people come to watch and participate. People are coming for the horseshoes. He stated that he wants the Board to understand, they are not looking for the District for funding, to build anything, or to change anything; they are requesting the Board to simply leave the horseshoes courts alone, if eliminated, nobody wins, we all lose. Leave this very successful, popular Fourth of July attraction, it works and works great. He thanked the Board for listening.



Approval of Consent Agenda:

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners for March 20th, 2025:

MOTION: Commissioner Wilkie Moved to Approve of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners for March 20th, 2025. Second by Commissioner Machowski.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thornbury - Aye
Commissioner Machowski - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of the Closed Session - Personnel Meeting Minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners for March 20th, 2025:

MOTION: Commissioner Machowski Moved to Approve the March 20th, 2025 Board of Commissioners Closed Session Meeting Minutes – Personnel. Second by Commissioner Coons.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
Commissioner Machowski - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Thornbury - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Financial Reports:

Approval of Financial Statement for the Period Ending March 31st, 2025:

MOTION: Commissioner Thornbury moved to approve the Financial Statements for the Period Ending March 31st, 2025. Second by Commissioner Coons.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Commissioner Wilkie – Aye
President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Coons - Aye
Commissioner Thornbury - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Expenditure Report through March 31st, 2025 in the Amount of \$125,314.04:

MOTION: Commissioner Machowski Moved to Approve the Expenditure Report through March 31st, 2025 in the Amount of \$125,314.04. Second by Commissioner Wilkie.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Coons - Aye
Commissioner Thornbury - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
Commissioner Machowski - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**



Correspondence:

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting: The Executive Director thanked the Superintendent of Finance & IT Linda Straka for all the hard work it takes to achieve this. He stated that this is something that the District has achieved annually since 2012, and it shows the high level of the Finance Department overall.

President DiCianni congratulated the Superintendent of Finance and the entire Finance Team for their dedication and hard work. She noted that this achievement has been reached annually since 2012, reflecting the consistent excellence and high standards of the Finance Department. Well done!

Old Business:

Cerny Park OSLAD Update; Phase I & Phase II: The Executive Director explained that construction has begun, temporary fencing has been set up and the old playground and sand volleyball pit have been removed, along with all the woodchips. It was projected to begin in May, but has already begun this past week. The new playground has been ordered and is currently in production and will be delivered to La Hacienda Landscaping, once complete as they are the contractor for this project, and will be stored if needed.

The shelter needs to be completed by the Fourth of July and it has been expressed to the contractor. Overall progress is being made and the project is moving along.

Commissioner Coons stated that a child approached her in the park and told her a water park was going to be built and is going to be all dinosaurs. It was asked if there were images of the playground, with the Executive Director responding that the Marketing & Community Engagement Manager Sheri Potter updates the Districts website of what is going in at Cerny Park for both Phase I and Phase II. The Executive Director stated that they have been trying to communicate that the City of Warrenville is the one who actually received the OSLAD funding. There are no Dinosaurs, and a water feature will not be installed until Phase II.

New Business:

Discussion of Phase II Cerny Park Horseshoe Pits: Commissioner Thornbury stated that she requested that this be put on the agenda, as Mr. Tom Marks contacted her and have had a few phone conversations and messaged each other regarding the Districts' website. She stated that the Districts' website does show a plan for Phase II, and also shows only two (2) horseshoe courts, which coincides with what Mr. Marks reported.

During another conversation with another resident, and commented that sometimes it is difficult as a politician, it is forgotten that there is this history and this heritage that needs to be preserved. Sometimes that out weighs with what we may see as progress. It is then that she realized the horseshoes pits, along with the Fire Departments keg on a wire, is a part of Warrenville heritage and history. The District has an opportunity to preserve and keep it a unique event that Warrenville holds each year.

Commissioner Thornbury explained that the Districts' mission and values talk about being innovative and having something unique that not every District has. By keeping all of the horseshoe pits at Cerny Park, the District could actually bring horseshoes back as a viable activity program that the District can begin programming. Horseshoes can be enjoyed by people of all ages, starting from a young child on up. This is not a sport that you age out of at 30, 40 or 50 or whatever you can continue to do this.



Commissioner Thornbury stated that the Board has a unique opportunity to do something that other districts around us are not doing. This would be truly innovative if we kind of not only preserved it, but actually embraced it and made it a unique thing for Warrenville. The District could start programming with some activities and see what happens.

Commissioner Thornbury also explained that when speaking to the Executive Director regarding having this item on the agenda, it was realized that the Board afforded both Jim Klienwacter and Connie Schmidt the opportunity to talk in the middle of our agenda recently. The individuals here tonight are private citizens who do not represent any organization, they are here regarding a concern they have, which at this time is not District property. Commissioner Thornbury indicated to the Executive Director, that she felt it was appropriate if the citizens attending wanted to speak with the Board during the agenda item as the Board has already set a precedent and until a policy is set that dictates otherwise.

Commissioner Thornbury asked Commissioners where everyone stood regarding the removal of two (2) horseshoe pits, because if we are all agree or feel pretty strong about this and it can be fixed by the architect, the drawings could be re-issued, and the website updated with the correct information.

The Executive Director noted that this may not be the time for Commissioners to vote, but Commissioners can and should have a conversation about this. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach others a new sport and incorporate it with instruction and activities in the Districts' parks.

Commissioner Machowski explained that when living in Warrenville, residents hear how the City has changed, when amenities have been moved or taken away, and it can change the vibe that everyone fell in love with. It was stated that it is a problem removing something that is being utilized and enjoyed by so many individuals once a year for an event. He stated that he would definitely like to see additional use. If the District does decide to keep the horseshoe pits, he would like the District to look at programming and possibly incorporate into some events.

Commissioner Wilkie agreed with Commissioner Machowski, to program instructional horseshoes and possibly other horseshoe tournaments.

Commissioner Thornbury stated that the Cornhole Bags at Sesqui Park are only used twice by two (2) individuals in an entire year. Which is really impacting the community more? It was stated that there is an opportunity to correct this and show that the Board is listening, because the Board could do something about this. If everyone is committed to keep this going, the District should research on the programming and getting the younger generation involved in horseshoes. Advertise and promote to help it grow, incorporate horseshoes into other events that can be held at Cerny Park along with programs and tournaments throughout the year. This is also an opportunity, for those present here today that have run the tournament continually each year, and can share their wealth of information and expertise to make this program successful.

Mr. Tom Marks asked the Board to speak. He stated if the District is going to start programming, he would be happy to teach and/or assist the District in whatever is needed. He stated that he loved what Commissioner Thornbury stated about incorporating it into the District. No one learns how to play horseshoes, until they are exposed to it, i.e. at a family gathering or an event.

Commissioner Thornbury stated who would have thought that Pickleball started somewhere. True innovation is doing something that no one else is doing. This is a true moment of innovation that the Board can be actual leaders on. With Pickleball, individuals were driving from Geneva to attend the



Districts' Pickleball Program as there wasn't any other programming near them. Commissioner Thornbury stated that this is a huge opportunity for the District to work in conjunction with the citizens to make this happen.

Commissioner Wilkie stated that it has been his life for sixteen (16) years as he has been the Director of the Fourth of July Celebration and said that the number of people the Horseshoe Tournament brings in is amazing. He agrees with the other Commissioners to have another tournament or something of that nature. It is something the District would have to work on and grow, but it is definitely something that he would support.

Mr. Tom Marks stated that he and Greg started this 30-years ago with approximately twelve (12) to sixteen (16) teams with two (2) tournaments (Fourth of July Celebration and Labor Day weekend). It currently stands at thirty-five (35) teams and one (1) tournament.

Someone asked what the next steps if Commissioners were all in agreement to keep all four (4) horseshoe courts?

The Executive Director explained that Bridget Deatrick from Hitchcock Design Group had explained this when here as part of Phase I. The drawings that are out, are conceptual drawings, they have not been put into final design or into construction drawings. The elements or features that are shown have not been decided on or finalized. The same will be with the splash pad in Phase II.

The Executive Director understands the confusion and may be able to find out if they could change the drawings to a more accurate depiction of all four (4) horseshoe courts, although there may be a cost to do so. He reiterated that just because it shows an element or feature does not mean that it is included in the construction or final plans. The Board will dictate what the elements and features it will have as it gets closer to late fall, early winter of next year, when the Board will sit down with the City and Hitchcock Design Group to decide on the what elements and features are to be included (keeping the four (4) horseshoe courts) and where.

Commissioner Thornbury stated that drawing "no change" on the website would be helpful to show all the horseshoe courts back in place and stated that she would definitely give the Executive Director direction to have the drawing changed, because it is the middle of April, with the Fourth of July coming and those that travel a distance coming to Warrenville for the festivities may look at the website and see only the two (2) horseshoe courts.

The Executive Director stated that if this is the Boards direction, he would be happy to reach out to Bridget Deatrick from Hitchcock Design Group and will ask for a more accurate depiction of what is to be included in the plan, along with keeping the four (4) horseshoe courts. The Executive Director noted that he believes there will be a fee for the changes.

It was stated that the concept drawings on the Districts' website needs to include a small note as to what is going to be included as it is being perceived that two (2) of the horseshoe courts are going to be removed, when in reality this decision has not been officially made. **It was the consensus of the Board to include, very clear language, that tell the reader: "The images and drawings are conceptual designs and are not final plans."**

Commissioner Thornbury asked to check the website. The Executive Director explained that just because the drawing includes elements in the concept drawings does not mean that it has to be there as part of the OSLAD Grant. Only a certain number of elements have to be provided and those elements



can be finalized quite far along into the process. Commissioner Thornbury asked the Executive Director again, that nothing is changing, and the horseshoe courts are not changing this year?

The Executive Director stated that Mr. Marks knew that, as he saw the Phase II Concept Drawings on the website early on and knew that nothing was happening with the horseshoe courts. The Executive Director explained that in all honesty the Board could change multiple things, and reiterated that it is all up to the Board if all four (4) horseshoe courts are left, it is as simple as that. This is the time when the next set of conceptual drawings are made for Phase II.

Mr. Tom Marks thanked the Board and left his contact information. The Executive Director stated that the Superintendent of Recreation Matt Odom will reach out to put something together.

Review and Approval of Ordinance 2025-07: An Ordinance Providing for the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Warrenville Park District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st Day of May 2025, and Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2026:

MOTION: Commissioner Wilkie moved to Approve of Ordinance 2025-07: An Ordinance Providing for the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Warrenville Park District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st Day of May 2025, and Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2026. Second by Commissioner Machowski.

The Executive Director explained that the Budget currently has been on display for the required 30-days, and brought back to the Board in April for approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye

Commissioner Machowski - Aye

Commissioner Thornbury - Aye

Commissioner Coons - Aye

President DiCianni - Aye

5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Board of Commissioners' General Practices Manual: The Executive Director explained that the General Practices Manual was included in the Board Packet. In the Executive Directors Report, it explains that no changes have been made to this document since it was last approved.

The General Practices Manual will be updated to include gender neutral terms, consistent language, and any typographical errors.

MOTION: Commissioner Wilkie moved to Approve the Board of Commissioners' General Practices Manual. Second by Commissioner Thornbury.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thornbury - Aye

Commissioner Coons - Aye

Commissioner Machowski - Aye

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye

President DiCianni - Aye

5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent

MOTION CARRIED.



Review and Approval of Executive Director Job Description:

MOTION: Commissioner Coons moved to approve the Executive Director Job Description. Seconded by Commissioner DiCianni.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
Commissioner DiCianni - Aye
President Thornbury - Aye

Commissioner Coons - Aye
Commissioner Machowski - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Review and Approval of the Districts' Mission Statement:

MOTION: Commissioner Wilkie moved to Approve the Districts' Mission Statement "to Create Community". Seconded by Commissioner Thornbury.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
President Thornbury - Aye
Vice President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion and Approval of the selling of Beer, Wine, Malts, Hard Ciders, and alcoholic Seltzers at the Beer Tent and the Warrenville Summer Daze Festival (August 1st & 2nd, 2025):

MOTION: Commissioner Wilkie Moved to Approve of the selling of Beer, Wine, Malts, Hard Ciders, and alcoholic Seltzers at the Beer Tent at the Warrenville Summer Daze Festival (August 1st & 2nd, 2025): Seconded by Commissioner Thornbury.

Roll Call Vote:

President Thornbury - Aye
Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Vice President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion and Approval of the selling of Beer, Wine, Malts, Hard Ciders, and alcoholic Seltzers at the Beer Tent and the Warrenville Fall Fest (October 24th, 2025):

MOTION: Commissioner Coons Moved to Approve of the Selling of Beer, Wine, Malts, Hard Ciders, and alcoholic Seltzers at the Beer Tent and the Warrenville Fall Fest (October 24th, 2025): Seconded by Commissioner Thornbury.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye
Vice President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
Commissioner Thornbury - Aye

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**



Review and Approve of Agency and Department Goals & Objectives:

MOTION: Commissioner Coons Moved to Approve the 2025-26 Agency/District and Departmental Goals & Objectives. Seconded by Commissioner Thornbury.

Roll Call Vote:

**Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye**

**Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
President Thornbury - Aye**

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Review and Approval of Program Guide Design Contract – One Year in the Amount of \$10,320.00:

MOTION: Commissioner Thornbury moved to approve Program Guide Design Contract – One Year in the Amount of \$10,320.00. Seconded by Commissioner Coons.

Roll Call Vote:

**Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
Commissioner Thornbury - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye**

**Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye**

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Review and Approval of Board Policy Manual:

MOTION: Commissioner Thornbury moved to approve Board Policy Manual. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkie.

Roll Call Vote:

**Commissioner Thornbury - Aye
Commissioner Coons - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye**

**Commissioner Wilkie - Aye
Commissioner Machowski - Aye**

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Review and Approval of Environmental Policy:

MOTION: Commissioner Wilkie Moved to Approve of Environmental Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Machowski.

Roll Call Vote:

**Commissioner Coons - Aye
President Thornbury - Aye
Vice President DiCianni - Aye**

**Commissioner Machowski - Aye
Commissioner Wilkie - Aye**

**5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.**

Review and Approval of Hazard Communication Program:

MOTION: Commissioner Machowski Moved to Approve of Hazard Communication Program. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkie.



Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thornbury - Aye
Commissioner Machowski - Aye
President DiCianni - Aye

Commissioner Coons - Aye
Commissioner Wilkie - Aye

5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent
MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion of Board Officer Seat Nominations: President DiCianni stated that she would like to keep the Seat of President as is now starting to feel more comfortable and learns more regarding the District and the role of the President of the Board.

Discussion of City Park Task Force Meeting: The Executive Director noted that this was on the agenda last April and as with the last years discussion, there was no need to have a City Park Task Force Meeting. The Executive Director explained that he has had conversations with Phil Kuchler, Public Work Director at the City of Warrenville and there are a couple areas in town that the District will ultimately need to have discussions with them, as they are putting an iron filtration plan on the parcel on Estes and Barclay. Also, there is another parcel near there that a high-end car wash, a Starbucks and a Popeyes. He stated the City of Warrenville originally stated that this parcel was going to be given to the District and is now unsure. The Executive Director stated that he has asked Amy Emery, Community and Economic Development Director to attend a Park Board Meeting to give the Board an update on City projects and is now trying to schedule when she will attend. At some point, a City Park Task Force will need to reconvene in the not-too-distant future, not imminent, but in not-too-distant future.

It was stated that Andy Johnson was pretty vocal that if he was elected, he was going to bring some development to the more blighted areas in town, so there may be a faster pace of development again, which may bring additional opportunities for the District in the future.

Commissioner Thornbury stated that the City Park Task Force may need to meet on a regular basis, and also mentioned the discussion regarding the water tower property off of River Road by Bower School. Christina White, City Administrator was not even aware that the Bower staff was using that as a parking lot because the County was looking to get rid of that property, and they were going to give it to the City of Warrenville. The City did not want it and thought the Park District would want it. When it was brought up that the Bower School staff was using it as a parking lot. There was to be a meeting with the City, School District 200 and Park District, and asked where that went.

The Executive Director explained that he spoke with Dr. Schuler, earlier this year, discussions were still taking place, with the School District being more impacted by it than it would be for the Park District. He stated that there have been a lot of discussions with the School District and the City on a number of different things. When school is in session it is a parking lot for staff. No progress has been made on this parcel.

The Executive Director stated that Amy did indicate when meeting her, that the mayoral race would have an impact on things. She spoke regarding the revitalization, potentially, of Cantera and areas over there, where there might be some land and developers that are interested in a number of different areas.

Commissioner Thornbury also stated that at a MLK breakfast, there was talk regarding the land across the street from the District and because this is closely located near the Park District, Library, Police and City Hall, and depending on what this property becomes there should be discussions between all the entities as this could impact traffic patterns, or how we operate.



Fitness Presentation by Fitness Supervisor Nick Bovio: *FitnessNOW* Supervisor Nick Bovio introduced himself to the Board and shared an in-depth presentation about his role and contributions. He explained his responsibilities span managing the fitness center (equipment, staff, operations), organizing numerous fitness-related community events (e.g., Firecracker 5K, Brew Trot, charity workouts), and serving on various internal committees. He emphasizes the growth of both **personal training** (up 200%) and **group fitness** (up 171%) under his tenure, crediting strategic hiring, community engagement, and adaptive programming.

FitnessNOW Supervisor Nick Bovio highlighted successful events like the annual Open House (raising over \$18,000), community races, and cause-driven workouts. He also underscores his leadership style and values—being humble, purpose-driven, and focused on personal and team growth. His presentation reflects strong pride in building a tight-knit, enthusiastic fitness team that's deeply involved in the community.

Officials & Staff Reports:

President: ***President DiCianni*** stated that there is a lot going on with the warmer weather, she reported seeing the Parks Department staff getting the parks ready for spring and summer and are making ALL the Districts' parks safe, clean and ready for people to enjoy again.

She thanked the Superintendent of Finance & Technology Linda Straka for once again, receiving the financial award and stated that it is amazing to procure every year.

Commissioners: ***Commissioner Wilkie*** stated he had a great time assisting with the Flashlight Egg Hunt and the Bunny Breakfast. It was great to see all the kids and their families take part in the Districts seasonal programming and events. He thanked all involved with in the Special Events and Programs as the community loves coming out to these events, enjoying each other's company and good food.

Commissioner Thornbury noted that she and her daughter and grandkids stopped at Schaumburg Library and noted that they have an area with tables and seating, and people congregate and talk with others, whether before/after class, or just to meet. She thought that these would be a great idea here and would not cost the District too much, by putting some benches along the sidewalks. She also stated that when walking into the building, there is a display table and two (2) chests with items clearly marked for sale along with the proceeds going to the Teen Advisory Committee. People can sell items to raise funds for a cause; no specifics were given.

She also noted that when walking into the building, at the Registration/Guest Services Desk there were small crafts that can be picked up and done at the tables, depending on the craft, there may be crayons, glue stick, card board, etc. along with the instructions and material to make the craft. Once the craft is completed, the bag with the crayons, glue, etc. is dropped off at the desk for them to use for another craft.

Commissioner Thornbury also thanked the District for having Sensory Bags available for checkout and is an added benefit for those patrons that need to use.



Commissioner Machowski spoke regarding family concerns.

Commissioner Coons took a heartfelt moment to recognize Executive Assistant/HR Manager Penny Thrawl for her dedication in delivering the monthly Board Packets—three this month alone—to each of the Commissioners. Commissioner Coons emphasized that regardless of the weather, like the motto of the Postal Service—be it wind, snow, rain, sleet, hail, or even tornadoes—Penny never misses a delivery. She spoke to the Executive Assistant directly, and stated that she appreciates everything that she does, even delivering the packets, and although the Board may not know everything the Executive Assistant does in her position, she is very important to the Board and District.

Commissioner Machowski mentioned the delivery of the biggest dog cookies to Roxie, his itty-bitty sweet heart puppy (very old puppy). Telling this story, Commissioner Thornbury also spoke about the same with her dog Dotty.

Commissioner Coons stated also thanked all staff for all they do for the community and is enlightening to see what all that our District provides for the community. She explained that she recently visited a Park District in Florida and to see their big Park District in Florida and compared to our District; our employees interact and provide so much more to our patrons and residents of our community and the community is so much better because of how our employees are and what each bring to the District.

Executive Director Tim Reinbold stated that if the Executive Assistant/HR Manager Penny Thrawl were to give a presentation of all of her responsibilities, Commissioners would be amazed by all the different responsibilities she has and her knowledge of the District and where everything is located.

He also noted that the Executive Director/HR Manager is not liking the attention right now, which she replied that he was correct.

Commissioners Coons addressed the Executive Assistant and asked that this is reflected in the April minutes.

Executive Director: The Executive Director informed the Commissioners that the samples of District logo clothing are available for Commissioners to view and order tonight.

City Elected Officials Reception: The City Warrenville will be having an Election Officials Reception at City Hall on May 5th, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to recognize the outgoing and incoming elected officials.

Vacation: He informed the Board that he will be out next week and will return Monday April 27th, if needed, please contact him on his cell.

Legislative Conference: The Executive Director stated that he will be in Springfield on April 28th & 29th for the Legislative Conference. The Marketing and Community Engagement Manager Sheri Potter and Office Manager Michelle Savage will be setting up a booth in the Capitol rotunda to distribute information literature that showcase the Districts' programs, facilities, and services that are provided at the District.



June Board Meeting: The Executive Director reported that he spoke with President DiCianni earlier and is requesting to move the June 19th, 2025 to June 26th, 2025 due to a conflict. It was the consensus of the Board to move the June 19th, 2025 Board Meeting to June 26th, 2025.

Department Heads: The **Marketing & Community Engagement Manager** reported the District is almost done with Bunny. The Flashlight Egg Hunt had 243 participants, with 50 registering the day of the event. A total of 16 Baskets will be delivered by the Bunny this year on Saturday, April 19th, 2025 and 75 attended the Bunny Breakfast.

It was reported that beginning the new Fiscal Year, the District will hold Junior Road Rally on May 3rd, 2025 and will take place in the back parking which will be turned into a race track with sixteen (16) participants to date. New this year, thanks to our sponsors the District has rented six (6) cars for those that want to participate but do not have a vehicle. This program is sponsored by the Warrenville Police Department and the Warrenville Fire District.

The **Marketing & Community Engagement Manager** noted that next week a third Citizen Advisory Network Meeting on Wednesday. This group consists of ten (10) members to date. Both the Superintendent of Parks & Facilities and the Superintendent of Recreation/Safety Coordinator will be in attendance at this meeting in the Executive Directors absence.

The **Superintendent of Recreation/Safety Coordinator** attended a City Council Meeting on behalf of the District to accept the Districts' Autism Friendly Certification. The City of Warrenville, Library, Fire and Police Department, all received certification and went through the process together over the last couple months.

He also explained that the District has now 150 campers per week registered as of date with only six (6) weeks left before starting. Also, the Soccer Program is just shy of 100 registrants.

The Dance Show will take place on May 10th and May 17th is the City's Bike Rodeo which the District participates and assists with this event and also the Arbor Day event.

The **Office Manager** stated that Summer Camp is coming up quick, with registration going strong, with staff preparing for opening day. She had also assisted with the Bunny Breakfast and it was a fun time. For Parks Clean-up The Environmental Awareness Committee members and others help clean-up Summerlakes Park.

Guest Services have been busy.

The **Superintendent of Parks & Facilities** stated that April is the busy time of year for the Parks Department, with getting the parks and playgrounds cleaned up and ready for use, along with the set-up of soccer and baseball fields, with bleachers and soccer goals.

The last of the projects are being finished prior to the close of Fiscal Years 2024-25.



The Superintendent of Finance & Technology stated that her report is not as fun as all the others but is necessary. She is meeting with Managers and Superintendents regarding the closure of the 2024-25 Fiscal Year as it is only two-weeks away. Auditors are scheduled to come in June to close out the Fiscal Year.

Any Other Business That May Properly Come before the Board for Discussion Only: None.

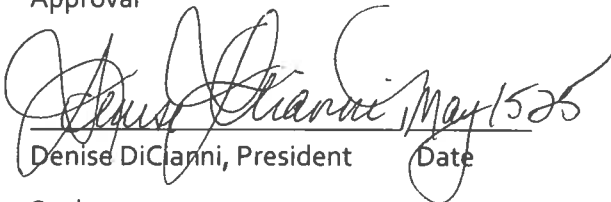
Adjournment: Commissioner Wilkie moved to Adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Machowski.

Voice Vote: 5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Approval


Denise DiCianni, President Date

 5/15/25
Tim Reinbold, Board Secretary Date

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