

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 2025
6:30 P.M.**



*SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
9300 WEBER PARK PLACE
SKOKIE, IL 60077-4200*





**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 22 - 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION, IF REQUESTED
- V. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
- VI. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Public Hearing on the Bond Issue Notification Act
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - *A. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 2, 2025
 - *B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2025
- *IX. BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH/APRIL 2025
- X. TREASURER'S ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Approval of the Tentative Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #25-004
- *XI. TREASURER'S REPORT
- XII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NO REPORT
- XIII. STAFF ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Community Survey Review
 - B. Approval of Accessibility Audit Contract
 - C. Approval of Skokie Water Playground Solar Panel Installation Bid
- *XIV. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Parks Division Report
 - B. Recreation Division Report
 - C. Facilities Division Report
 - D. Marketing and Sponsorship Report

- E. Information Technology
- F. Staff and Community Committee Reports

XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Regular and Annual Board Meetings – Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
- B. Commissioner Comments
- C. Director Comments

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Review of Executive Session Minutes of March 18, 2025
- B. Discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees

XIX. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of March 18, 2025
- B. Approval of Ordinance #25-005, an Ordinance amending and correcting Skokie Park

XX. District Ordinance #01-002

ADJOURNMENT

*Consent Agenda

Vision Statement

The Skokie Park District envisions a community where all of its residents enjoy a high quality of life through leisure time pursuits, beautiful open spaces, and first rate facilities.

Mission Statement

The Skokie Park District will realize its vision through teamwork, community partnerships, sound fiscal management, and creativity in every area of its operation.

Core Values

The Skokie Park District will fulfill its mission through:

- Commitment• Integrity• Innovation• Service •Openness•Environmental Stewardship •Inclusiveness

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
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*CONSENT AGENDA



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: April 22, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: William G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: Bond Issue Notification Act – Public Hearing

Summary: Law requires the district hold a public hearing on the proposed \$2,500,000 general alternate bond sale Series 2025 A. A notice was placed in the paper on Thursday April 3, 2025.

Procedure:

1. Call Public Hearing to Order.
2. Call for comments from the public regarding the General Obligation Alternate Bonds, Series 2025 A.
3. Close the Public Hearing.



**Skokie Park District
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday April 2, 2025**



The Finance Committee Meeting of Wednesday, April 2, 2025, was called to order by Finance Chairperson Ezra Jaffe at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Terihaj, and Vice-president Jaffe. Staff in attendance included Executive Director Michelle Tuft, Superintendent of Business Services William Schmidt, Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Breanne Labus, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities Corrie Guynn, Marketing and Communications Manager Jim Bottorff, and Business Manager Laura Le.

Budget Introduction

Director Tuft opened the meeting with an introduction and explained the highlights and challenges in preparing this year's budget. This year's budget includes the rearrangement of classes within the Recreation fund to reflect programming and management leadership. Funding capital projects continues to be a priority. Six playgrounds, Gleiss, Lauth, Lee-Wright, Lyons, Onondowa'ga and Terminal Parks will be replaced in fy 2025-2026. Staff have done a remarkable job putting this together.

Mr. Schmidt highlighted the general budget assumptions that include:

- A utilities increase.
- A health insurance increase.
- A 4% salary pool increase.
- A minimum wage increase, which has a district wide effect throughout all programs.

Each specific program area includes written assumptions.

Budget Presentation by Fund

Mr. Schmidt began with a summary of the funds, operating, auxiliary, and capital, showing the addition or deletion to fund balances. This budget shows a small decrease to the total fund balance at the end of fiscal year 2026. Mr. Schmidt provided the projected outstanding bond balance as of April 30, 2026, as requested by Vice-President Jaffe. Mr. Jaffe asked if the bond interest rates were fixed or floated. The bond interest rates are fixed.

Mr. Schmidt highlighted the Corporate Fund (fund 10) administration area. After answering questions, Mr. Schmidt introduced Jim Bottorff, Marketing and Communication Manager.

Mr. Bottorff presented a detailed explanation of the Marketing and Sponsorship activities. After all questions were answered, Mr. Bottorff introduced Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, and Planning.

Mr. Guynn went through revenues and expenses at Park Services. The highlights include increases in minimum wage and the introduction of touch-a-truck birthday parties

at the Park Services' facility. Mr. Guynn also mentioned that all full-time positions will be filled, and two new positions will be added in fiscal year 2025-2026.

Commissioner Jaffe asked about the fee increases at Pooch Park. Mr. Guynn explained that the capital improvements are complete, and the district is now raising fees. Commissioner Jaffe also asked about a memorial wall for dogs at Pooch Park. Executive Director Tuft said it is in the works. After answering questions, Mr. Guynn introduced Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Breanne Labus.

Mrs. Labus presented the Recreation Fund which includes Administration, Camps, Devonshire Cultural Center, Oakton Community Center, Childcare, Special Events, and Festivals. Administration is where property taxes are collected. Expenses include the cost of the administrative staff and allocations. Property taxes collected here help fund other areas within the Recreation Fund. Camps were presented next and are showing a nice return. Mrs. Labus discussed Devonshire, Oakton, and Childcare (Tot Learning Center and the SPACE program).

Mrs. Labus said that the toddler two room reopened at Tot Learning Center, which will help with revenue, especially after wage increases and the conversion of six part-time positions to full-time positions. Commissioner Jaffe asked about Devonshire Cultural Arts revenues increase for fiscal year 2025-2026. Two fewer shows were budgeted for fiscal year 2025-2026. At Devonshire Preschool a 2–3-year-old room was added. Mrs. Labus then covered Special Events and Festivals.

The Sports Park East budget was covered and includes field permits and program registrations. The revenues are lower than fiscal year 2024-2025 because of the rental revenue generated from the Bounce House City Special Permit.

Mr. Guynn covered the Dammrich Rowing Center, which is budgeted to make a profit. He also discussed golf operations at Sports Park and Weber Park Golf Course which are all budgeted to make a profit. Adult beverage sales should continue to be successful in 2025-2026. Expansion of the grass tee areas, the additional eight Trackman monitors, and the new concrete tee expansions predict an increase in revenues in fy 2025-2026. There will be 65 hitting stations up from 40 a few years ago. The number of rounds increased in fy 2025-2026 from fy 2024-2025.

Mr. Guynn also covered Aquatics at Devonshire Aquatic Center, swim lessons, and Skokie Water Playground. The 2024-2025 pool season was very successful. Swim Lessons finally returned to Niles North in March 2023 and are budgeted in fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mrs. Labus presented the Weber Leisure Center budget which includes Fitness First. Fitness First membership is rebounding, and staff are optimistic this trend will continue. Ms. Labus then presented the Skatium budget. Hockey is predicted to rebound in 2025-26 as registrations declined in 2024-25.

Mrs. Labus presented Athletics Camps and Athletics. Athletic camps registration continues to trend upwards and additional contractual camps will be offered. Revenues will increase in lessons and leagues due to the ever popular pickleball. A full-time athletic supervisor was added in fy 2024-2025 and is dedicated to racquet sports.

Mrs. Labus discussed Emily Oaks Nature Center. Birthday parties are growing. The salary and benefit increases are due to budgeting to be fully staffed with Program Naturalists and Land Management staff.

The Skokie Heritage Museum is increasing rentals and adding innovative programs. A substantial portion of the work at the museum, archiving and maintaining the catalog, does not generate revenue but takes up a tremendous amount of staff time.

Mr. Schmidt covered the auxiliary funds; Special Recreation, IMRF, Liability, Social Security, Audit, and Debt Service. The fund balances were highlighted.

Mr. Guynn then presented the Capital budget and the large list of projects in three funds, 11, 12 and 20.

Ms. Tuft thanked the staff and Board for their time and described the procedural next steps for approval.

It was the consensus of the Finance Committee to prepare a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for approval at the April 22, 2025, meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners so it can be on public display for the thirty-day period required to meet the legal requirements.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Jaffe, Chairperson Finance Committee, at 8:19 p.m.

Ezra Jaffe
Chairperson Finance Committee

Michelle Tuft
Executive Director, Secretary

April 22, 2025



SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 2, 2025
SIGN IN SHEET



NAME (Please Print)	SIGNATURE	EMAIL ADDRESS
<i>Laurel</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
<i>Jim Bottorff</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
MARCH 18, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman
Vice President Ezra Jaffe
Commissioner Elsa Fischer
Commissioner Antonia Kasalo-Terihaj
Commissioner Courtney Williams

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft
Superintendent of Business Services William G. Schmidt
Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn
Superintendent of Recreation Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Mary Amato
Marketing and Communications Director Jim Bottorff
Human Resources Director Stephenie Gualano
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

CALL TO ORDER

President Aberman called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m. President Aberman called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Williams was absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2025, bills payable for the month of February/March 2025, Treasurer's Report, and Staff Reports.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #25-003 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
APPROXIMATELY \$2,500,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION ALTERNATE PARK
BONDS OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT, SERIES 2025A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
FINANCING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR PARK PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT**

Treasurer Schmidt requested the approval of Ordinance #25-003. This request is made every two years for capital funding. The exact dollar amount will be determined when the interest rate is finalized. A bond hearing will take place at the April board meeting and the funds should be received in June.

Vice President Jaffe asked if there was a structured payback on the bond and Treasurer Schmidt explained the payback process.

Commissioner Williams entered the board meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Fischer moved to approve Ordinance #25-002 authorizing the issuance of approximately \$2,500,000 of General Obligation Alternated Park Bonds of Skokie Park District, Series 2025A, for the purpose of financing capital improvements for park purposes of the district. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WAGE SCALE

Ms. Stephenie Gualano, HR Director, said the district increases the wage scale every year. HR Source, the district's consultant, recommends a 2.4% increase.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve a 2.4% increase in the full-time salary range pay structure effective May 1, 2025. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE

Ms. Gualano requested two personnel policy updates.

The first request is an update to the parental leave policy from eight weeks to twelve weeks of paid leave.

The district's current policy allows for twelve weeks of FMLA leave but there is a gap of four weeks between the twelve weeks of FMLA (unpaid) and the eight weeks that is paid. To be paid for the final four weeks, an employee must use and sometimes exhaust their other paid leave such as vacation, and sick time. Offering twelve weeks of paid parental leave is a great benefit and will help retain and recruit staff.

The second request is to revise the part-time staff paid time off policy. The amount of paid leave for part-time employees enrolled in IMRF will increase. The proposed policy will also recognize employees that have more tenure as they can accrue more time. Currently employees earn between 9 - 42 hours of paid leave and the new policy will increase paid leave to between 40 - 80 hours of leave, depending on years of service.

Commissioner Fischer thinks it is important to include paid personal time off for part-time staff.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the policies as proposed, effective May 1, 2025. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2025 CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval of the 2025 Concrete Improvements bid. The work includes removal and replacement of concrete sidewalk squares, pads, and curbing at twelve sites throughout the park district. The major work will be at Oakton Park, Tot Learning Center, and Channelside Park.

There were six bidders with the lowest bid of \$165,723 from Advantage Paving. They have successfully completed concrete projects for the district in the past.

Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj moved to approve the bid from Advantage Paving of \$165,723 for the 2025 Concrete Improvements bid. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

ADA EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

Every year staff completes an update to the ADA transition plan. The initial audit was performed thirteen years ago and since then staff have completed most of the items on the list. A new audit will be performed in fiscal year 2025-26.

President Aberman said there are six items left on the parks list and asked if staff was addressing Lauth and Terminal Parks during the renovations currently underway. Mr. Guynn said the items should be taken care of except for a curb cut that will be done by the Village.

Vice President Jaffe asked if there were any changes to the ADA standards over the past thirteen years and Mr. Guynn said there probably were and that is why we are hiring a consultant to perform the next audit.

MWRD PROPERTY/CHANNELSIDE SOUTH

At the February board meeting the board reviewed concepts for the Skokie Sports Park East renovation and a referendum is being considered for the renovation.

Now, the MWRD property and Builders Asphalt donation property on the east side of McCormick, that staff are informally referring to as Channelside South, may be available in late spring or early summer. The district also wants to develop this property, so it makes sense to include it in the possible referendum. Director Tuft wants to see what the board thinks about including it.

Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj said it makes sense to do this, and it would be more cost effective.

Ms. Tuft said input needs to be collected from staff, the board, and the public to determine what might be developed. Some initial ideas include paths and an inclusive playground and/or a nature playground. Commissioner Fischer said there are grants for the inclusive playgrounds.

The board consensus was to include the Channelside South property in the possible referendum. Staff will bring a contract to the board at a future meeting so they can approve the development process.

No motions. The board will approve a contract at a future board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

President Aberman attended the Little Women's performance with her granddaughter at Devonshire Center and said it was phenomenal, and they did a fabulous job. Her granddaughter really enjoyed it.

Commissioner Williams asked about the grant funds from Jan Schakowsky and Mr. Guynn said the district received the signed grant agreement this week. The playground equipment will be here in a few weeks and the reimbursement process will be quick. President Aberman saw Ms. Schakowsky last night and thanked her personally for the grant.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Tuft was happy to report that the district received a check in the amount of \$125,000 from Evanston for the Pooch Park renovation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Williams moved to enter Executive Session to discuss executive session minutes for the purpose of the approval of the minutes, semi-annual review of the minutes and to authorize the destruction of executive session recordings pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) and the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the park district pursuant to Section 2(c)(1). Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 17, 2024, and January 21, 2025. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Following review of Executive Session meeting minutes dating from January 2004, Commissioner Fischer moved to release the minutes from September 17, 2024, and January 21, 2025, and to have those remaining minutes not previously released remain closed because the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of the minutes. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolution #25-002 authorizing the destruction of verbatim recordings for the closed session meeting of April 20, 2023. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Jaffe moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioner voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Susan Aberman
President

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary

April 22, 2025



SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2025
SIGN IN SHEET



NAME (Please Print)	SIGNATURE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Stephenie Gualano	<i>[Signature: Stephenie Gualano]</i>	sgualano@skokieparksonline.org
Jim Bottorff	<i>[Signature: Jim Bottorff]</i>	



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: April 22, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: William G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #25-004 Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Summary: Attached is the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (# 25-004) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. This ordinance allows the district to spend money. The Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance mirrors the operating budget presented to the board on Wednesday April 2, 2025.

After the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is approved, the ordinance needs to be on public display for thirty (30) days. It will be displayed at the Weber, Devonshire, and Oakton Centers, and on the website. A public notice will also be in the Skokie Review.

Before the ordinance is officially approved, a public hearing on the Ordinance will need to be held as part of the regular June 18, 2025, board meeting.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the adoption of the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (# 25-004).

Motion: Move to approve the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (# 25-004) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 so it can be on public display for at least thirty days.

Ordinance # 25-004
TENTATIVE
 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
 SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
 SKOKIE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2025
 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and the Secretary of the Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to the final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 22nd day of April 2025 and notice of said hearing was given at least one (1) week prior thereto as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of the Park District is hereby fixed and declared to begin May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

Section 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of expenditures from each Fund, is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations of the Skokie Park District for the said fiscal year, and the following sums of money:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>
Corporate.....	\$5,170,165
Building Improvement Fund.....	3,631,000
Vehicle/Machinery Replacement Fund.....	397,000
Recreation.....	17,771,623
Recreation for the Handicapped.....	1,020,940
Museum Fund.....	1,326,674
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.....	442,819
Insurance Protection.....	618,248
Social Security.....	1,081,775
Audit Fund.....	48,000
General Obligation Bond Retirement.....	<u>5,864,013</u>

APPROPRIATION GRAND TOTAL..... \$37,372,257

or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, are hereby appropriated for the purposes of the Skokie Park District, as hereinafter specified for said fiscal year.

PART I
ESTIMATED REVENUES AVAILABLE
BY SOURCES

Estimated Cash and Investments on hand May 1, 2025.	\$ 12,366,002
General Taxes.....	13,405,754
Personal Property Replacement Tax.....	400,000
Interest on Investments.....	302,268
Recreation Registration and other Receipts.....	15,745,344
Transfers\Grants\Bond Proceeds.....	6,995,825
Sale of Property	9,000
Miscellaneous/Other.....	<u>503,831</u>
Estimated Revenues Available.....	49,728,024
Less Estimated Expenditures.....	<u>37,372,257</u>
Estimated Ending Cash Balance on April 30, 2026....	<u>\$12,355,767</u>

PART II
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
GENERAL CORPORATE FUND

Salaries:

1. Supervisors.....	\$606,752
2. Maintenance.....	1,155,999
3. Office Staff.....	1,231,079
4. Administrative.....	404,061
5. Leaders	<u>8,400</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>3,406,291</u>

Services:

1. Facility and Equipment Repair & Operation.....	\$282,539
2. Printing, Postage and Advertising.....	42,056
3. Subscriptions and Dues.....	34,712

4. Professional and Contractual Services.....	784,720
5. Equipment Rental.....	3,800
6. Transfers/Allocations.....	<u>(1,586,260)</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$(438,433)</u>

Utilities:

1. Electricity.....	\$ 47,243
2. Water.....	37,614
3. Gas.....	16,893
4. Communications.....	86,304
5. Security Alarm Service.....	<u>1,400</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 189,454</u>

Supplies:

1. Office Supplies.....	\$ 38,000
2. Maintenance Supplies.....	59,517
3. Landscaping Supplies.....	142,475
4. Program Supplies.....	<u>3,800</u>
Total	<u>\$243,792</u>

General Government:

1. General Administrative.....	\$707,813
2. Employees Benefits Insurance.....	465,248
3. Interest Expense (ARS)	455,000
4. Transfers	<u>141,000</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 1,769,061</u>

CORPORATE FUND..... \$5,170,165

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

1. Capital Expenditures.....	\$3,023,000
2. Contractual Services	210,000
3. Transfers	<u>398,000</u>
TOTAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND	<u>\$3,631,000</u>

VEHICLE MACHINERY REPLACEMENT FUND

1. Capital Expenditures.....	<u>\$397,000</u>
TOTAL VEHICLE MACHINERY REPLACEMENT FUND.....	<u>\$397,000</u>

RECREATION FUND

Salaries:

1. Program Supervisors.....	\$2,400,514
2. Program Instructors.....	2,171,938
3. Program Leaders.....	1,838,177
4. Attendants & Guards.....	982,883
5. Maintenance.....	1,122,805
6. Office Staff.....	488,641
7. Administrative.....	<u>684,220</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$9,689,178</u>

Services:

1. Facility and Equipment Repair & Operation.....	\$395,836
2. Printing, Postage and Advertising.....	132,932
3. Subscriptions and Dues.....	41,852
4. Professional and Contractual Services.....	1,360,798
5. Facility & Equipment Rental.....	72,890
6. Allocations/Transfers.....	1,488,260
7. Transportation and Admissions.....	<u>344,518</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$3,837,086</u>

Utilities:

1. Electricity.....	\$487,873
2. Water.....	179,248
3. Gas.....	166,264
4. Communications.....	71,772

5. Security Alarm Service..... 26,392

TOTAL..... \$931,549

Supplies:

1. Program Supplies..... \$ 848,222

2. Maintenance Supplies..... 147,372

3. Landscaping Supplies..... 67,395

4. Program Awards..... 28,785

5. Office Supplies..... 12,363

6. Concession Supplies..... 95,459

TOTAL..... \$1,199,596

General Government:

1. General Administrative..... \$ 49,730

2. Employees Medical Insurance..... 632,492

3. Principal & Interest Skatium Bonds..... 292,992

4. Capital Expenditures..... 1,139,000

TOTAL..... \$2,114,214

TOTAL RECREATION FUND..... 17,771,623

RECREATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED FUND

1. Shared costs of Special Recreation Association... \$ 498,718

2. ADA Compliance Instructors..... 287,222

3. ADA Programs..... 235,000

TOTAL FOR THE RECREATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED FUND \$1,020,940

MUSEUM FUND

Salaries:

1. Program Supervisors..... \$304,767

2. Program Instructors..... 216,121

3. Program Leaders..... 155,978

4. Attendants and Guards.....	32,880
5. Maintenance.....	78,935
6. Office Staff.....	<u>147,647</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 936,328</u>

Services:

1. Facility and Equipment Repair & Operation.....	\$ 27,956
2. Printing, Postage and Advertising.....	450
3. Subscriptions and Dues.....	1,791
4. Professional and Contractual Services.....	26,202
5. Equipment Rental	9,108
6. Transportation and Admissions	36,834
7. Transfers and Allocations	<u>106,996</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$209,337</u>

Utilities:

1. Electricity.....	\$ 5,447
2. Water.....	1,976
3. Gas.....	9,910
4. Communications.....	6,732
5. Security Alarm Service.....	<u>5,299</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$29,364</u>

Supplies:

1. Program Supplies.....	\$ 36,316
2. Maintenance Supplies.....	6,917
3. Office Supplies.....	700
4. Landscaping.....	2,350
5. Concession Supplies.....	<u>1,260</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 47,543</u>

General Government:

1. General Administrative.....	\$ 5,310
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2. Employees Medical Insurance.....	<u>98,792</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>104,102</u>
TOTAL MUSEUM FUND.....	<u>\$1,326,674</u>

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

1. Contributions to Employee Pensions.....	<u>\$ 442,819</u>
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INSURANCE PROTECTION

1. Salary & Wages Supervisor.....	\$ 76,960
2. Salary & Wages Instructors.....	1,500
3. General Administrative.....	9,472
4. Safety Programs.....	124,796
3. Illinois Unemployment Compensation Insurance.....	8,500
4. Liability Insurance.....	<u>397,020</u>
TOTAL INSURANCE PROTECTION FUND.....	<u>\$ 618,248</u>

SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

1. Social Security.....	<u>1,081,775</u>
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AUDIT FUND

1. Annual Audit Services.....	<u>\$ 48,000</u>
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GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RETIREMENT FUND

1. Principal and Interest on Bonds Issues May 1, 2007 Series 2007B CABS.....	\$2,300,000
2. Principal and Interest on 2022A Limited Tax Bonds Issued April 2022 Series 2022A.....	\$ 596,836
3. Principal & Interest on Series 2024.....	\$2,730,777
4. Paying Agent Fees/Professional Fees.....	36,400
<u>5. Transfers Out.....</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>
TOTAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RETIREMENT FUND....	<u>\$5,864,013</u>

Section 3 That the several sums hereinbefore mentioned, the aggregate amount of which is \$37,372,257 are hereby appropriated as proportionate fractional

parts of said amount of \$37,372,257. That all of the unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation made in this Ordinance be expended in making up any insufficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance, in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4: That all unexpended balances from appropriations of previous years are hereby re-appropriated for the same or similar purposes.

Section 5: That the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance, or any of the items thereof, shall not render invalid any other portion or item thereof which can be given effect without the invalid part.

Section 6: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval according to law.

PASSED THIS 17th day of June 2025

Ayes: Commissioners _____

Nays: Commissioners _____

Absent: Commissioners _____

APPROVED on this 17th day.

Of June, A.D., 2025

Susan Aberman
President Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District
Cook County, Illinois

ATTESTED and filed in my office this.

17th day of June, A.D., 2025

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary, Skokie Park District

(District Seal)

CERTIFICATE OF TREASURER/CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

I, William G. Schmidt, do hereby certify that I am duly appointed and acting Treasurer of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois and that as such Treasurer I am the Chief Fiscal Officer of the corporate authority of said Park District.

I, do further certify that the annexed copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Skokie Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026 is a full, true, complete, correct, and compared copy of said ordinance as duly adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of said Park District on June 17, 2025. Within such ordinance, I do certify that the estimated revenues by source anticipated to be received is true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District at Skokie, Illinois on the 17th day of June 2025.

William G. Schmidt, Treasurer
Skokie Park District

ATTEST:

Michelle J. Tuft, Secretary

(District Seal)

CERTIFICATION

I, Michelle J. Tuft, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and that as such I am the keeper of the ordinances, resolutions and minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners of said Park District and the Park District seal.

I hereby further certify that attached hereto is a true and complete copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Skokie Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026 duly adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners at a regular meeting held on June 17, 2025.

Michelle J. Tuft, Secretary
Skokie Park District

(District Seal)

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
April 22, 2025**

The status of the cash balances and investments as of March 31, 2025, is in the board packet.

The summary of these funds is attached.

The first installment 2024 tax bills have been mailed out and were due March 3, 2025. This represents 55% of the 2023 tax bills. As of April 14, 2025, \$6,616,659 of levy year 2024 money has been collected.

The details of the accounts are available on request.

At the bottom of the Cash Balances and Investments is the listing of tax collections by year.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

William G. Schmidt
Treasurer, Skokie Park District

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
CASH BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS
APRIL 22, 2025
(As of 03/31/2025)**

GENERAL FUND

<u>CASH CHECKING ACCOUNTS CHASE/BANK ONE: 2.32%</u>	\$13,555,253.94
INVESTMENTS WITH JPMORGAN CHASE/BANK ONE	
Savings: 0.8%	207,846.29
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 11/14/25 - 4.7%	245,734.71
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 4/6/26 - 4.1%	245,047.29
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 5/26/26 - 4.25%	245,440.24
INVESTMENT WITH NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Due 1/23/26 – 3.75%	624,766.95
INVESTMENT WITH FIRST BANK CHICAGO	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/25 4.79%	271,443.29
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/25 4.79%	259,100.58
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$15,654,633.29

TAX COLLECTIONS BY TAX YEAR (AT 03/31/2025)

YEAR	\$ COLLECTED	% OF LEVY
2019	10,880,181.46	96.71%
2020	11,050,250.42	97.30%
2021	11,484,831.04	98.34%
2022	12,443,842.42	99.26%
2023	12,696,024.80	98.33%
2024	6,616,659.13	--



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: April 22, 2025
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director
Re: Community Survey

Summary: A copy of the community survey is attached. Staff have worked with aQity to develop the survey and want board input prior to it being implemented.

Jeff Andreasen from aQity will be at the board meeting to provide an overview of the survey and to solicit feedback from the board.

A statistically valid survey is a requirement of the Distinguished Agency certification and will provide feedback from the community on a variety of topics.

Recommendation: Informational only.

Motion: Informational only.



Help Shape the Future of the Skokie Park District!

You have been selected at random to participate in an important community survey for the Skokie Park District. Input from residents like you will help us plan the future of **our parks, facilities, and recreational activities**.

Even if you do not use the Park District your opinions are very important to us! Your feedback will help us better **understand your interests** and serve our community.

We ask that an adult from your household complete the brief 10-minute survey **in the next few days**. You can respond one of three ways:

BY MAIL

- Answer each question in the enclosed survey.
- Return the completed survey in the **enclosed pre-paid envelope** to:



ONLINE

- Scan the QR code or go to the secure website:



www.arisurvey.com/s3/SPD25

- Enter your password:

[PIN]



BY PHONE

- Call aQity Research toll-free at 866-900-8555.
- Set up an appointment for a phone interview during weekdays, 9AM-5PM Central.



Your answers are completely confidential and will be grouped with all other respondents.

We selected aQity Research & Insights (an independent research firm in Evanston) to conduct the survey. If you have questions or technical issues, please contact aQity at 866-900-8555 or at aQity@aQityresearch.com (and please include the password above in your email or phone message).

Thank you in advance for participating; your feedback is greatly appreciated!

Michelle Tuft
Executive Director

Please read each question carefully before answering and thank you for taking our survey!

1. How many years have you lived in the Skokie Park District? _____ year(s)

2. Please give your overall opinion of the Skokie Park District. If you are not familiar enough to offer an opinion, please mark "Unfamiliar".

<i>Completely Dislike</i>					<i>Neutral</i>					<i>Highest Regard</i>	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<u>Unfamiliar</u>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. What do you like most about the Skokie Park District, or what does it do particularly well? Please be specific, and feel free to include feedback from other household members.

4. What do you (or other household members) dislike most about the Skokie Park District, or what could it do better? Please be specific.

5. The Skokie Park District is committed to creating an environment that respects and celebrates the differences of all community members by providing access and opportunities to everyone, regardless of social/financial/ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, or physical ability.

Do you believe that your household is properly represented and included within the Park District and its offerings?

- Yes
- No → **5A.** Why not? Again, your responses are *completely* anonymous, so please help us by providing specific ideas or improvements.

6. Please indicate the Skokie Park District parks, trails, nature areas, or facilities you or household members have visited in the last **12 months**. *Select all that apply.*

PARKS, TRAILS, & NATURE AREAS

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carol Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Navajo (Dine) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Oakton Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Channelside Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Onondowaga (formerly Seneca) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewa (Ojibwe) Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Pawnee (Chiahiksichahiks) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Devonshire Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Peccia Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerson Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Playtime Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Plots (behind Madison School) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pohata (Powhatan) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> George Street Parkway | <input type="checkbox"/> Pooch Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gleiss Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Reid (formerly Lawler) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gross Point Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Schack Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kawaga Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Sequoyah Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Klehm Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Shabonee (Potawatomi Chief) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laramie Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Shawnee (Shawanwaki) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lauth Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Skokie Valley Trail/Exercise station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lee Wright Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Tecumseh (Shawnee Chief) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lockwood Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lorel Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber Ridge Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lyon Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mamaceqtaw (formerly Menominee) Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Weissburg Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McNally Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Winnebago (Ho-Chunk) Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mulford Park | |

BUILDINGS / SPORTS FACILITIES

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dammrich Rowing Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Services Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Devonshire Aquatic Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Skatium Ice Arena |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Devonshire Cultural Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Skokie Heritage Museum/Log Cabin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Devonshire Playhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Skokie Park Tennis Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Devonshire Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Skokie Sports Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emily Oaks Nature Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Skokie Water Playground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Exploritorium | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Park East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness First Health Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Tot Learning Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Hamlin Tennis Complex | <input type="checkbox"/> Weber Leisure Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oakton Community Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Weber Park Golf Course |

None of these parks/trails/nature areas/facilities—
skip to Question #10

7. Please **circle** the park, trail, nature area or building/facility that you use most often.

8. Please rate your **overall** satisfaction with the parks, trails, nature areas and buildings/facilities that you recently visited above.

	Completely Dissatisfied			Neutral				Completely Satisfied			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cleanliness, maintenance, and upkeep	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access (parking, paths, entrances, ADA, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of service provided by park district staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. [IF ANY ITEM IN Q8 < 7] If you are not satisfied with a specific Skokie Park District park, trail, nature area, or facility/building, please describe which one(s) and why.

<i>Location/Name:</i>	<i>Reason:</i>

10. If you haven't visited any park, trail, nature area, or facility recently, why not? **Please be specific.**

11. Below, indicate if you or a household member uses or has an interest in these amenities.

Then, select how well the demand is being met, **whether they are provided by the Skokie Park District or any other source.**

	A. Does your household have an interest?		If "Yes", your household has a need/interest: B. How well is the demand being met?					
	Yes	No	Not at All Being Met		Completely Met			
			1	2	3	4	5	
Spray ground/splash pad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Universal playground with elements for those with physical, sensory, or cognitive challenges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gym space for basketball, tennis/pickleball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor skate park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cricket fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking/biking paths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor tennis/pickleball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open space with amenities (benches, picnic areas, trash cans, exercise stations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Please **circle** the **one** amenity that Park District should prioritize providing, adding or improving. [ADD "Other: Please specify ____" AND "NONE"]

THE NEXT FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.

13. In the past **12 months**, have you or household members participated in Skokie Park District recreation programs or community events?

- Yes No (*Please skip to Question #16*)

14. Please rate your **overall** satisfaction with the Skokie Park District recreation programs and events you recently attended/participated in.

	<i>Completely Dissatisfied</i>				<i>Neutral</i>				<i>Completely Satisfied</i>			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Overall satisfaction with programs/events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Ease of registration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

15. **[IF Q14 < 7]** With which Park District program(s) or event(s) are you dissatisfied, and why?

<i>Program/Event name:</i>	<i>Reason:</i>
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PLEASE ANSWER THE REMAINING QUESTIONS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN A SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT PROGRAM OR EVENT.

16. Please indicate if you or any household member uses or has a need or interest in the following **programs**.

Then, on a 1 to 5 scale, please select how well each need or interest is being met, **whether it is provided by the Skokie Park District or any other source.**

	Does your household have an interest?		<i>If "Yes", your household has an interest:</i>				
			How well is it being met?				
	Yes	No	<i>Not at All Being Met</i>				<i>Completely Met</i>
			1	2	3	4	5
Preschool/Early childhood programs (under age 5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth sports/athletics (ages 5-12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth non-sports/non-athletics programs (ages 5-12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen sports/athletics (ages 13-17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen non-sports/non-athletics programs (ages 13-17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult sports/athletics (ages 18-59)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult non-sports/non-athletics programs (ages 18-59)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Programs for active older adults ages 60+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community events for all ages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. In the list above, **circle** the **one** program area for the Park District to prioritize providing, adding, or improving.

18. What specific program or event would you like the Park District to offer for **[PIPE IN Q17 RESPONSE]**?

19. The Skokie Park District has acquired the Sports Park East field on Oakton and McCormick (“A” in the map, next to Sports Park which includes the TrackMan golf range, miniature golf course, and batting cages).

Sports Park East currently has cricket and soccer fields but no other amenities.

Below is a list of possible amenities and improvements to this location. Knowing that these would mean higher user fees or property taxes (especially with larger projects or improvements), please rank order the three most important improvements to you and your household below.



Please select one #1 priority, one #2 priority, and one #3 priority. If none are important, skip to the next question.

	#1	#2	#3
Building a recreation center at the current Sports Park to add two indoor gyms, programming and rental space, a patio and landscaping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved/larger space for golf check-in and simulator at Sports Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved cricket fields with field lighting, practice pitches, and better irrigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve soccer fields including field lighting and better irrigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More/safer parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor fitness area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor challenge course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor shelter with restrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking/jogging/biking path around the perimeter of Sports Park East	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. Aside from those listed above, are there any other recreational improvements or amenities that you would like to see included at this location? Please be specific.

21. The Skokie Park District will also soon acquire the land between Oakton and Howard, just east of McCormick and along the east side of the North Shore Canal ("B" in the map). This will be added after the current Builders Asphalt facility closes, removes its structures, and cleans up that site.

Below is a list of possible amenities and improvements to this location. Knowing that these would mean higher user fees or property taxes (especially with larger projects or improvements), please rank order the three most important improvements to you and your household below.

Please select one #1 priority, one #2 priority, and one #3 priority. If none are important, skip to the next question.

	#1	#2	#3
A universal playground which would allow access/use for those with special physical needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A nature-based playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor fitness stations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking/jogging/biking path between Oakton and Howard Streets, along the canal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An outdoor picnic shelter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A skate park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



22. Aside from those listed above, are there any other recreational improvements or amenities that you would like to see included at this location? Please be specific.

23. As you may know, about 3.8% of your property taxes goes to the Skokie Park District. Thinking about the programs, parks, facilities, and services that the Park District provides, please rate the overall value that the Park District represents given its share of property taxes.

<i>Poor value</i>			<i>Average</i>					<i>Excellent value</i>		
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. In general, when you seek information about the Skokie Park District and its programs, parks, facilities, or services, from what sources do you get that information? *Select all that apply.*

- Skokie Park District main website
- Specific Park District facility and event websites (exploritorium.org, skokiespringgreening.info, skokieculturefest.org, backlotbash.com, screamscape.org, etc.)
- Printed** seasonal Park District “Spotlight Programs” guide
- Online** seasonal Park District Program guides
- Printed Skatium Ice Arena Seasonal Guide
- Printed Summer Camp Guide
- Printed Summer and School Year “Fun Guides”
- Printed “Prime Times for Adults 60+” program guides
- Weekly Park District e-newsletter
- Signage at District facilities (indoor monitors, banners, outdoor lighted signs)
- Call the Skokie Park District or one of its facilities/offices
- Park District’s** social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, X, Bluesky, TikTok, YouTube)
- Other (**non-Park District**) social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, X, Reddit, Bluesky, etc.)
- Word of mouth from friends, neighbors, family, etc.
- Local print or digital news sources: Which one(s)? _____
- Other source – please specify: _____

25. In the list above, **circle** your most preferred source when seeking information about the Park District.

THE FINAL QUESTIONS ARE FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES; YOUR RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

26. In what year were you born? _ _ _ _

27. Please note your gender: Male Female Prefer to self-describe: _____

28. Including yourself, how many people in your household...
... live there (total)? _____
... are under age 18? _____
... are age 55 or older? _____

29. Which of the following identifies your ethnicity? Please select all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian – please specify: _____
- Black/African American
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other – please specify: _____

30. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish ethnicity? Yes No

Thank you very much for completing our survey!



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: April 22, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

RE: Accessibility Audit Informational Summary

Summary: At the March 202 board meeting, staff presented the latest ADA audit updates made over the past year. During that discussion staff also mentioned the need for an updated accessibility audit due to the age of the existing one as well as the need to comply with Distinguished Agency guidelines.

After contacting a number of park districts to determine what consultants are available to complete this type of work, only two contractor names were mentioned. Each was contacted and after receiving quotes from both, the decision has been made to proceed with Accessibility Consultation and Training Services. The other contractor was considerably more expensive, and the feedback received for both was positive.

The quote from ACT Services to complete the audit is for \$33,350. While the bid limit is set at \$30,000, professional services such as this are exempt from that statute. Due to the elevated cost, though, staff wanted to make sure the board was aware of the expense. There is \$38,000 budgeted for this service in fund 50. The work is expected to begin late this spring and continue through the summer before receiving a full report in late summer or early fall.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approving the contract for an updated ADA audit.

Motion: Move to approve the contract with Accessibility Consultation and Training Services for \$33,350.

January 31, 2025

Michelle Tuft
Executive Director
Skokie Park District
9300 Weber Park Place
Skokie, IL. 60077

Re: Accessibility Consulting Services for the Skokie Park District

Accessibility Consultation and Training Services, Inc. (ACTServices Inc.) is pleased to offer this proposal to provide accessibility consultation services to the Skokie Park District. We thank you for your consideration in using us for your project.

The following letter outlines our understanding of the project, proposed scope of services and the estimated fee.

Project Understanding

We understand this project to involve a review of the list of the Skokie Park District parks and facilities sent by email on January 3, 2025, to determine their level of accessibility and to develop a Transition Plan. Parks and facilities will be reviewed for their compliance with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), and the revised Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) that includes Outdoor Developed Areas standards. The exterior and interior facilities will be reviewed as it relates to their program accessibility compliance (See Title II 35.150(b)). In addition, all elements will be evaluated using Equivalent Facilitation standards (ADAAG 103) and Dimensional Tolerances (ADAAG 104.1.1).

Scope of Services	Hours
Site review of the parks, facilities, and their elements to identify physical barriers that limit the publics' ability to participate in programs and services.	65.0
Provide a written report of noncompliant accessibility barriers including detailed note on accessibility barrier, code references, and recommended corrective actions.	75.0
If require, a meeting/conference calls to review findings and answer any questions. Also to assist with public meeting as required under the ADA.	5.0
Total Hours for Transition Plan	145.0

Compensation

We estimate our fee for the above basic scope of serves would not exceed \$33,350.00 (145.0 Hours X \$230 per hour).

Additional Services

In addition to the basic evaluation, additional enhancements and evaluation services can be offered. These services could be helpful for planning purposes and budgeting for the removal of an accessibility barrier but are not required under the ADA. For any of the additional services that are to be added, please circle and initial. These services and their costs are as follows:

Additional Services	Costs
Prioritization of the access barrier related to its importance for removal as noted by the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) preamble.	\$1,700.00
Imbed pictures of the noted access issue within the report.	\$2,350.00
An estimated cost for the removal of the accessibility barrier would be provided within the accessibility barrier report using the Means ADA Compliance Pricing Guide.	\$3,300.00
Development of a Data Matrix to allow for sorting of assessment data by elements such as type of element, location, accessibility barrier, etc. as a planning tool.	\$4,500.00
Total Additional Service	00.00

We hope this proposal meets with your approval. Please let me know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to the possibility of working with the Skokie Park District on this project. If the provision set forth in this proposal meet with your approval, please sign, and return a copy to us for our files.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Trieglaff
 President
 Accessibility Consultation and Training Service

 Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

 Date



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: April 22, 2025
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning, and Facilities
Re: Approval of Skokie Water Playground Solar Panel Installation Bid

Summary: On April 3, 2025, sealed bids were received for the Skokie Water Playground Solar Panel Installation project. The scope of work includes the installation of a 111 panel 59.94 kW solar array on the pool's bathhouse (61 panels) and concessions building (50 panels) that will offset approximately 16% of the facility's annual consumption.

There is \$190,000 budgeted for this project. Only one bid was received and is attached. The bidder, Windfree Solar, submitted a bid of \$188,800. As a note, there are several rebates and incentives which will significantly reduce the overall cost of the project.

The first is a Smart Inverter Rebate through ComEd which provides \$250 per kW installed and should net the district approximately \$14,985. The next rebate through the State of Illinois is paid out over several years based on the energy produced. The production estimates of the system should net the district approximately \$73,320 over the seven years. There is also a federal incentive available that could potentially lower the cost of the project by an additional \$53,046-\$59,837.

The roof replacement at the Skokie Water Playground has been completed and if the panels can be installed on the bathhouse prior to the pool opening on June 5, then the concessions building will follow shortly thereafter. The sooner the system can be brought online the sooner the district realizes the energy cost savings. If that timeline does not work, the panels will be installed once the pool closes after Labor Day in September.

Windfree has successfully completed installations at the Emily Oaks Nature Center, the Devonshire Cultural Center, and just last

year the Devonshire Aquatic Center. Staff is comfortable recommending them for this project.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the bid by Windfree Solar for \$188,800 for the Skokie Water Playground Solar Panel Installation bid.

Motion: Move to approve the bid of Windfree Solar for \$188,800 for the Skokie Water Playground Solar Panel Installation bid.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Project Name: Skokie Water Playground Solar Panel Installation

Notice is hereby given to potential Bidders that the Skokie Park District (the “District,” “Park District” or “Owner”) will receive sealed bids for the above referenced Project until 10:00 AM Thursday, April 3rd, at the Park Services office, 7500 Frontage Rd., Skokie, Illinois 60077 at which time the bid proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Each bid must be placed in a sealed opaque envelope and shall be clearly marked "**Sealed Bid –Skokie Water Playground Solar Panel Installation**" and addressed and delivered to the Skokie Park District, Attention: Corrie Guynn, 7500 Frontage Rd., Skokie, Illinois 60077.

Bid Documents may be obtained by contacting Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities by email at cguynn@skokieparks.org or calling 847 929-7802.

The District reserves the right to waive all technicalities, to accept or reject any or all bids, or to accept only portions of a bid and reject the remainder without disclosure for any reason. Failure to make such a disclosure will not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any Bidder against the District. Owner will award the Contract to the lowest most responsible and responsive Bidder, as determined by Owner. In considering the Bidder’s responsibility, the Owner may evaluate, among other factors, the ability of the Bidder to provide experienced labor sufficient in numbers to timely and properly complete the Work, the financial capability of the Bidder, and the performance of the Bidder on other projects.

Bids shall not include federal excise tax or state sales tax for materials to be incorporated in, or totally consumed in the prosecution of the Work. A tax exemption certificate will be furnished by the Park District at the request of the Bidder. The Park District’s tax exemption number shall only be used by the successful Bidder for the Work of this Project only.

After the bid opening, no bid may be withdrawn or canceled for a period of (60) calendar days.

The Work of this Project is subject to the Illinois *Prevailing Wage Act*, 820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.* A prevailing wage determination has been made by the Illinois Department of Labor for public works projects in Cook County. The Contract entered into for the Work will be drawn in compliance with said law and proposals should be prepared accordingly and provide for payment of all laborers, workmen, and mechanics needed to perform the Work at no less than the prevailing rate of wages (including the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work as applicable) for each craft, type of worker, or mechanic.

All bids must be accompanied by cashier’s check, certified check, or bid bond payable to the order of the Skokie Park District for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by such bond or check.

Skokie Water Playground

Skokie Park District

PV Solar Design and Specifications

Address: 4715 Oakton St., Skokie, IL 60077

Prepared by Windfree Solar, Adam Perri





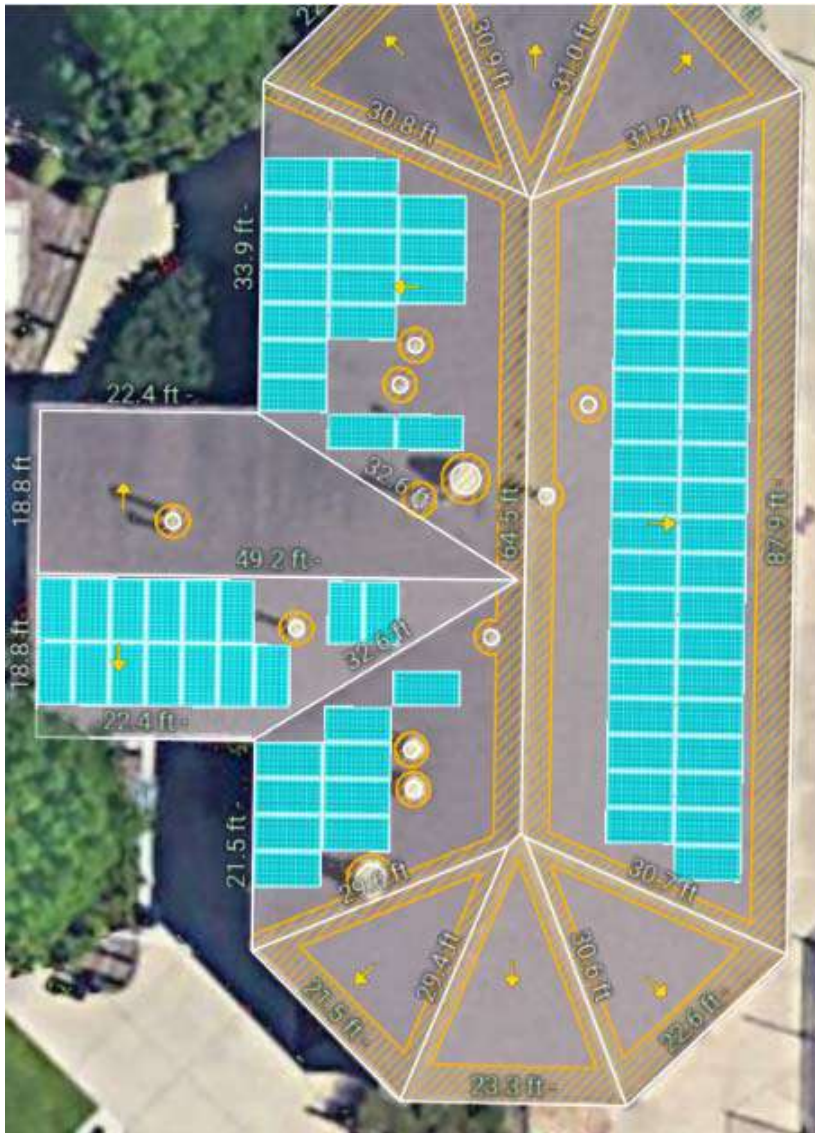
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(630) 219-1997
www.structuralenginuityinc.com

Project Name: SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT-OAKTON POOL
Project No.: 241276.00
Client Name: Windfree Solar
Date: 2/24/2025

Building Information

Building Section 1: Hip Roof : Asphalt shingle over plywood sheathing over wood trusses spaced 2'-0" o.c. Modules are to be mounted on a Sunmodo rail system and attached to the deck with a NanoMount attachments.

Building Section Length = 133 ft
Building Section Width = 44.33 ft
Building Section Height = 12 ft
Roof Slope= 18 deg





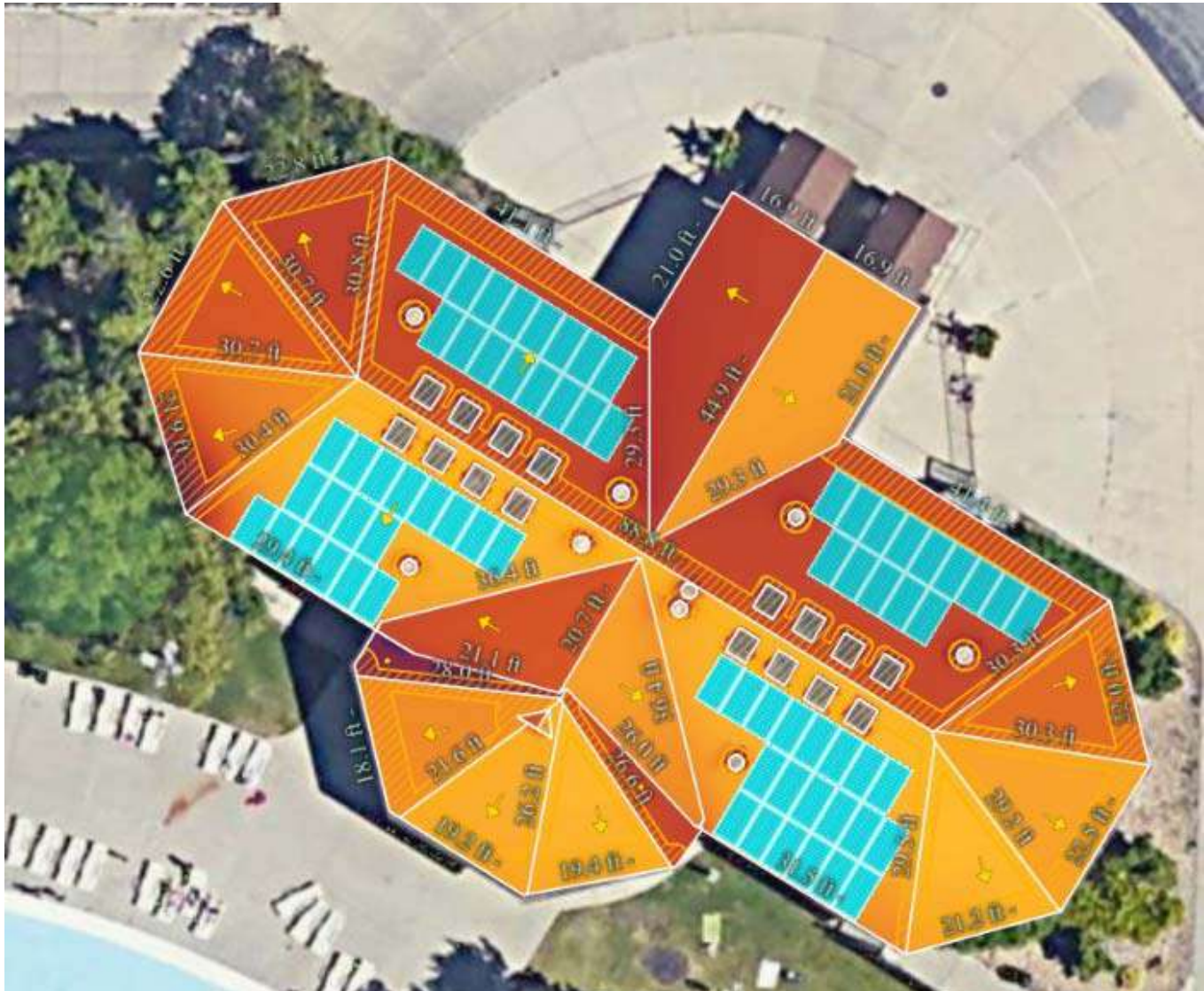
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Project Name: SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT-OAKTON POOL
Project No.: 241276.00
Client Name: Windfree Solar
Date: 2/24/2025

Building Information

Building Section 2: Hip Roof : Asphalt shingles over Tongue and Groove panels. Wood panels span over wood trusses spaced at 4'-3" to 6'-0"o.c. Modules are to be mounted on a Sunmodo rail system and attached to the deck with a NanoMount attachments.

Building Section Length = 133 ft
Building Section Width = 64.83 ft
Building Section Height = 12 ft
Roof Slope= 18 deg





BID TAB

Skokie Water Playground Solar Panel Installation
April 3, 2025

Bidders	Total Bid Price
Windfree Solar	\$188,800.00



Skokie Park District Parks Board Report APRIL 2025



PARK SERVICES

Corrie Guynn

Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

- The park renovations at Onondowa'ga, Lauth, Lee Wright and Terminal are ongoing.
 - **Onondowa'ga:** The playground equipment installation is almost complete. A custom panel was delayed and when received will be installed along with a couple of additional small items. The concrete contractor has framed and prepped the site and after the water fountain is installed will pour the walks and pads. In-house staff has begun work on the drainage at the site.
 - **Lauth:** Staff has almost completed removal of all play surfacing, the large concrete swing pad, benches, and garbage cans. Several of the new garbage cans have been installed near the courts and ballfield. The concrete contractor has begun removal of the sidewalk squares being replaced.
 - **Lee Wright:** Staff have completed removal of the play surfacing in both the playground and swings area. Staff has also removed and replaced approximately 200 timbers used to border the playground, swings area, basketball court planter and east seating area.
 - **Terminal:** Staff have completed removal of the play surfacing, large concrete swing pad, most benches, garbage cans, and tables throughout the park.
- The Sports Park shelter and concrete pad installation has begun and the contractor has excavated the space and is prepping for framing and stone.
- The Devonshire Aquatic Center partition replacement project has begun with staff removing and disposing of the existing partitions. The contractor is expected to begin installation of the new partitions over the coming weeks.
- The roof replacement project at Skokie Water Playground began in mid-March and is complete.
- The first floor west and second floor public bathroom renovations have been completed at the Weber Leisure Center. The tile walling was removed and replaced with drywall. The countertops, mirrors, and sinks were replaced, and new porcelain tile flooring was installed. Staff was very involved, removing and replacing the partitions and fixtures, painting, repairing the ceiling grid, and replacing the electrical fixtures.
- Operations staff have begun working at the Oakton pickleball room running wire for the new electronics that will control the doors and framing out the new closet. The plumber has begun stubbing out pipe for the sink and the HVAC replacements for the entire building are complete.
- The horticulture staff have begun spring cleanups at numerous sites throughout the district.
- The operations staff ran new electrical at the Devonshire Aquatic Center and Skokie Water Playground for the new, large digital clocks.
- Landscape staff have begun laying out and lining soccer and baseball/softball fields as practices and some games have begun.

- The horticulture staff performed a prescribed burn at Channelside Park. These burns help to control invasive species and promote healthy native growth and soil mediums.
- The landscape staff tilled, laid out and staked the public gardens.
- The first Touch a Truck birthday party was held at Park Services in mid-March. There were three parties in March with another six scheduled in April.

Skokie Park District Recreation Board Report April 2025

Superintendent of Recreation – Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation - Mary Amato

March Highlights

- Devonshire Cultural Center hosted events all month long. Superhero Dance, held March 8, had 78 participants. Audiences for Little Women totaled 170 and the Devonshire Dance Ensemble show played to a house of 80. The Earth Day art exhibit, *Birds, Bees and Botanicals* opened. The Passover Matzah Bake and Storytelling welcomed 34 participants. The Renaissance Faire was held Sunday, March 30, inside due to inclement weather, but still attracted 120 attendees.
- On March 3, and for the first time since 2013, Emily Oaks staff conducted a prescribed burn on a portion of the savanna/woodland at Emily Oaks. Emily Oaks is permitted by the county and state E.P.A. Prescribed burns are a part of the management plan for the nature center grounds and are a natural process essential for the continued health of the site. The trails and grounds were closed to the public during the burn. We look forward to seeing the response of the native vegetation as spring progresses!
- The new Zamboni, ordered a year ago, arrived at the Skatium in March. The new machine is powered by lithium batteries, which have double the lifespan of lead batteries and require minimal maintenance. Skatium and Marketing are holding a naming contest for the Zamboni.
- The Flyers Hockey program exceeded its Fall 2024 registration numbers. In Fall 2024 there were 97 players registered and for spring 2025 there are 129 players registered.
- The Weber Center renovation of the east hallway restrooms on the first and second floors are complete.
- In honor of Women’s History Month, the Skokie Heritage Museum hosted a pop-up exhibit at the Skokie Public Library, introducing the museum, important local women’s history, and the Women’s History Walk to new audiences.

Facility Rentals and Birthday Parties (March)

Devonshire

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	9	9
Birthday Parties	8	4

Emily Oaks Nature Center

Type	2023	2024
Room Rental	4	7
Birthday Parties	5	4

Oakton/Exploritorium

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	19	18
Exploritorium Birthday Parties	44	60
Exploritorium Group Visits	2	5

Skatium

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	2	1
Birthday Parties	30	35

Skokie Heritage Museum

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	0	0

Weber

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	3	7
Birthday Parties	9	6

Admissions and Visits (March)

Exploritorium

Type	2024	2025
Admissions	4,510	4,091

Skokie Heritage Museum

Type	2024	2025
Visits	129	161

Weber/Athletics

Type	2024	2025
Open Gym	252	134
Late Night	N/A	187
Table Tennis	121	91
Open Pickleball	179	190
Men's 40 and Over Basketball	81	121
Private Tennis/Pickleball	4	2

Childcare Enrollment (as of April 1)

Devonshire Preschool

School Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
2's	12	15	15
3's	25	30	33
4's	33	35	30
Enrichment	19	56	36
Total	89	136	114

Emily Oak's Growing Sprouts

School Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Half and Full + Lunch Bunch	34 Half-days only	26	26 + 2

SPACE

School Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
AM	223	222	181
PM	445	524	569
Total	668	746	750

Athletics- Bob DeLeonardis

Type	2024	2025
NBL (Basketball)	8 Teams	9 Teams
Romanian Ministry (Basketball)	12 Teams	10 Teams
Men's 12" Softball	10 Teams	10 teams
Women's Volleyball Rental	2 Teams	6 Teams

Athletic Fields-Permits (April)

Type	2024	2025
Soccer-AYSO practices/games	75	95
Baseball/Softball Rentals	30	40
Cricket	4	4

Devonshire Cultural Center – Robin Horwitz

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Cultural Arts Spring Break Camp and Minis camp hosted 31 campers.
- Preschool staff attended a professional development conference and hosted the Early Childhood Alliance meeting.
- Partner shows with Old Orchard PTA and OROT Producers were attended by 510 audience members with revenue of \$2,691.

Emily Oaks Nature Center – Lee Hansen

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The 17th annual Skokie Art Guild show, *Nature's Palette*, is on display in the Woodland Wander Inn and includes 22 nature-themed paintings and other framed artwork by seven artists. The reception was held on the evening of March 7.
- The Emily Oaks Advocate Recognition Event was held on March 11 with a snack and dessert table and a puzzle-themed slide show highlighting volunteers in action over the past 12 months. The slogan for the evening was “Emily Oaks volunteers complete our puzzle!” and volunteers were gifted a jigsaw puzzle featuring a spring scene at Emily Oaks. Attendance: 29.

Drop-in Programming	Classes/Groups
School Group Activities	8
Scout/Youth Group Activities	2
Total	10

Volunteer Program (March)

Volunteer Workdays	Hours
Weekday Crafters	57.5
Land Management	51.5
Greenhouse Projects	8
Wildflower Gardens	6
Kawaga Garden	2
Total Hours	125

Oakton Community Center – Aryn Fletcher

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The Exploritorium hosted Tot Learning Center for a private Family playdate on Sunday, March 30.
- Paint & Play at the Exploritorium: 30 participants
- Storybook Corner: 41 participants
- Playdough Playtime at the Exploritorium: 15 participants
- Kids Night Out: 16 participants

- Spring Break Schools Out Program: 128 participants

Skatium Ice Arena – Kurt von Helms

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The Skatium hosted a crew that filmed footage about the Zamboni, with plans for the spots to air during the National Hockey League playoffs.
- March and April are the months that ice show comes together. Over 300 costumes have been ordered and passed out to registered skaters. All of the ice show music has been edited and distributed for choreography. Tickets and parking passes go on sale on April 27. This year’s ice show is titled, “Fantasia” and will take place over four performances May 16-18.

Skokie Heritage Museum– Emily England

Facility Updates and Highlights

- A History STEAM workshop ran teaching students about the history and science of fiber arts technology through the ages.
- The newest walking tour was rolled out, the Women’s History Walk, on March 30, sponsored by the Skokie Human Relations Commission. There were 16 participants (out of 28 sign-ups, due to the weather). It was a resounding success and about a third of the group signed up for our newsletter, volunteer opportunities, and the forthcoming oral history project.
- Non-Skokie Historical Society volunteers contributed over 25 hours of volunteer service digitizing historical photographs and more.

Weber Center/Fitness First – Ethan Bontly

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Spring Break Camps: 52 participants

Fitness First

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Fitness First Member appreciation week ran March 17-21 with members enjoying giveaways and treats
 - Member Showcase on March 18: 3 members highlighted, pictures and bios posted in Fitness First
 - Annual Membership renewal/purchase special on March 20: 5 memberships purchased

Memberships (March)

Type	2024	2025
Active Members	3,919	4,223



Skokie Park District Facilities Board Report APRIL 2025



GOLF FACILITIES

Tom Hejnowski
Golf Operations Manager

Skokie Sports Park

- Driving Range attendance remained steady even with temperatures being much colder than last year on average.
- Spring group lessons are open for registration with most already at capacity. Extra Adult Beginner and Intermediate sessions have been added.

Revenues	March 2025	March 2024	March 2023
Range	\$77,515	\$75,986	\$41,543.22
The Bunker Indoor Simulator	\$7,332	\$5,845	N/A
Grass Tees	Closed	Closed	N/A
Mini Golf	\$8,647	\$11,240	\$1,361
Batting Cages	Closed	Closed	Closed
Concessions	\$770	\$735	N/A
Alcohol	\$2,097	\$1,142	N/A
Total	\$96,361	\$94,948	\$40,369

Weber Golf Course

- The golf course opened early for the season on Friday March 14.
- Night Foot Golf is scheduled for Thursday May 8 and the Spring Night Golf Scramble is scheduled for Friday May 9.
- Gold Pass - unlimited play at Weber Park Golf Course and \$250 in range balls
 - 40 sold: \$17,750
- Silver Pass - unlimited play at Weber Park Golf Course
 - 53 sold: \$13,450

Revenues	March 2025	March 2024	March 2023
Greens Fees	\$ 5,897	\$4,436	N/A
Rentals	\$ 211	\$156	N/A
Concessions	\$ 130	\$188	N/A
Alcohol	\$ 165	\$96	N/A
Total	\$ 6,403	\$4,876	N/A

AQUATICS AND ROWING

Scott Runkle
Aquatics and Safety Manager

Staff have been busy re-hiring and interviewing prospective applicants for the upcoming summer season. To date staffing is up about 15% compared to this time last year.

Season passes, birthday parties, and private rentals went on sale April 1. Season passes are slightly behind last year after the first week of sales. Once the weather warms up the expectation is that pass sales will pick up. Private rentals are once again very popular. Every Saturday was booked after two days at Skokie Water Playground. Of all the private rental dates available, Devonshire Aquatic Center is 33% booked and Skokie Water Playground is 58% booked.

The spring session of swim lessons began March 15. With increased demand, District 219 agreed to extend access to the Niles North pool to help with the waitlist registrations.

	March 2025	March 2024
Group Lessons	153	108
Private Lessons	8	N/A
Semi-Private Lessons	2	N/A
Open Swim	29	N/A

Spring session began March 15. No program 3/29 and 3/30



Skokie Park District COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP BOARD REPORT April 2025



Jim Bottorff
Director of Communications & Marketing

Status of Publications

- Fall '25 Online Program Guide (in production)
- Fall '25 Skatium Guide (in pre-production)
- Fall '25 Printed Program Spotlight Guide (in pre-production)
- Fall '25 Prime Times *for Active Adults 60+* (in pre-production)
- Summer Fun Guide (in production)
- Summer '25 Online Program Guide (now online)
- Summer '25 Printed Program Spotlight Guide (delivers to all Skokie homes by May 1)
- Summer '25 Prime Times *for Active Adults 60+* (delivers to age 60+ mail list this month)
- April Happenings (online)
- May Happenings (in production)
- Skokie Festival of Cultures Passport/program (in production)

Projects

- New DEI facility “Welcome” signs are in production.
- New TLC logo signs are on TLC walls.
- Dozens of C&M collaterals for spring and summer special events and programs are in production.
- Developed a Legislator Grant marketing packet.
- Developed Emergency Response Flip Chart for facilities.
- Developed a new Birthday Party web page.
- With IT, developing an SPD app

Social Media and Photos

This month’s social media posts and ads include Skokie’s Spring Greening, Into the Woods, Jr., EID, Passover Events, Breakfast with the Bunny and Egg Hunt, Earth Day, and many more. Developing a welcome video utilizing staff who speak multiple languages.

Sponsorship

Diane Hardy is currently working on sponsorships for spring and summer 2025, with a primary focus on the Skokie Festival of Cultures.



Skokie Park District INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOARD REPORT APRIL 2025



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Milestone Upgrade

Phase 1 of the Milestone Camera environment project has been successfully completed. Phase 2 and 3 will be completed over the course of the next 45-90 days.

RAS

IT has started centralizing the RAS database for Sports Park for redundancy.

Mobile Device Management

IT has implemented a centralized mobile device management system to better manage district owned iPhones and iPads. This will make management of the devices more seamless and secure.

Internal Payment Processing

IT and Business Services have completed this project to streamline internal payment processing. Using Microsoft 365, this process is more efficient and has increased visibility to end users.



**Skokie Park District
STAFF AND COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE REPORTS
APRIL 2025**



<p>Backlot Bash Committee Breanne Labus</p> <p>The kickoff meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 at 3 p.m.</p>
<p>Community Schools Steering Committee Breanne Labus</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29.</p>
<p>DEI Committee Mary Amato</p> <p>The DEI committee members will be attending the 5th annual Diversity Education Institute, hosted by IPRA's Diversity (DIV) Section at Homewood Flossmoor Park District on April 25. The next committee meeting will be held May 21 where they will be evaluating staff feedback from the surveys and establishing measurable goals for the 25/26 fiscal year.</p>
<p>Environmental Action Team Lee Hansen</p> <p>No report.</p>
<p>4th of July Parade Committee Jim Hallm</p> <p>Weekly planning meetings began March 31.</p>
<p>Festival of Cultures Committee Aryn Fletcher</p> <p>2025 Participating Information Cultural Booths: 29 Food Vendors: 10 vendors, 2 food trucks Merchandise Vendors: 5</p>
<p>Friends of Fitness First Jennie Bever</p> <p>No participants, meeting cancelled.</p>
<p>Juneteenth Mary Amato</p>

<p>The next meeting is May 8, where all event details will be finalized for the June 14, 1-5 p.m. event.</p>
<p>Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Michelle Tuft</p>
<p>The next board meeting is Tuesday, April 22.</p>
<p>Niles Township Youth Coalition Serena Tyler/Mary Amato</p>
<p>No update. The next meeting is in June.</p>
<p>Safety Committee Amanda Green</p>
<p>Currently rolling out an update to the building Emergency Action Plans and working with camp supervisors on updating the Camp Emergency Action Plans prior to camp training. A training guide for supervisors and managers was created. Camp safety meetings, along with risk mitigation planning and training courses, are underway across the district for summer.</p> <p>The next meeting is May 7.</p>
<p>Skokie Chamber of Commerce Michelle Tuft</p>
<p>The Chamber board met on Monday, April 14. The Chamber's finances are not good, and the board has a lot of decisions to make moving forward.</p>
<p>Skokie Pride Cassie Schaeffer</p>
<p>The Skokie Pride Committee met in March and early April. The event will have 15 community organizations, three outside performing groups, many sponsors, and a puppy pride parade. The next meeting is May 6.</p>
<p>Skokie's Spring Greening Lee Hansen</p>
<p>Skokie's Spring Greening saw the highest participation to date, with 1,489 vehicles dropping off documents for shredding and electronic waste in the south lot and 722 vehicles dropping off 18 other categories of reusables and recyclables in the north lot. Despite road construction on Old Orchard Road, the event went smoothly, and the weather was mild and sunny. Over 120 volunteers and staff worked at this large community event that is now in its 14th year. Clean-up tasks continue, and the planning committee will meet at the end of April to review the event and make recommendations for 2026.</p>
<p>Staff Appreciation Committee Stephenie Gualano</p>
<p>The Committee continues to prepare for the employee recognition party on April 26. As of April 14, 127 employees have RSVP'd "yes" and 27 will bring guests.</p>