

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2026
6:30 P.M.**



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





**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026 - 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. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - *A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 2026
 - *B. Minutes of the Referendum Meeting of June 7, 2026
 - *C. Minutes of the Referendum Meeting of June 6, 2026
- *VIII. BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE/JULY 2026
- IX. TREASURER'S ACTION ITEMS
- *X. TREASURER'S REPORT
- XI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NO REPORT
- XII. STAFF ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Public Opinion Survey Results - Possible Referendum
 - B. Approval of resolution #26-002 providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$53,000,000 general obligation park bonds to the voters of the District at the November 3, 2026 general election.
 - C. Approval of Ordinance 26-004 amending certain sections of the ordinance regulating the use of the parks and property owned or controlled by the Skokie Park District regarding bicycles, E-bikes, E-scooters and other E-Powered devices, weapons and firearms, and disorderly conduct.
 - D. Laramie Park Synthetic Turf Repairs
- *XIII. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Parks Division Report

- B. Recreation and Facility Divisions Report
- C. Marketing and Sponsorship Report
- D. Information Technology Report
- E. Community Committee Report

XIV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
- B. Commissioner Comments
- C. Director Comments

XV. OLD BUSINESS

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hamlin Park Discussion
- B. Board Retreat Discussion

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation.

XVIII. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIX. 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

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
JUNE 16, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Board Members Present: President Elsa Fischer
Vice President Ezra Jaffe
Commissioner Courtney Williams

Absent: Commissioner Susan Aberman
Commissioner Antonia Kasalo-Terihaj

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 & Facilities Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Mary Amato
Marketing and Communications Director Jim Bottorff
Human Resource Director Keli Stonitsch
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. David Dalka addressed a safety concern involving the parking lot at Jane Stenson School. He urged the Park District to work with the school to install a stop sign or shift student loading from the east side of the building to the west side and discontinue use of the parking lot for that purpose. Ms. Tuft reminded Mr. Dalka that he has been redirected to School District 68 as drop-off and pick-up is a school-related issue.

Mr. Nate Lichtenstein thanked the Board for its service to the community. He said more than 530 people had signed a petition asking the Park District to purchase the Bessie Rhodes property and that he would provide a copy to the Board. He noted that the school, located near Timber Ridge Park, is an existing community asset and said the property could support senior and youth activities, arts and cultural events, educational programs, community meetings, and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. He added that parks and recreation were the most frequently suggested uses for the property and urged the Board to keep the option of purchasing it open.

Mr. David Silverman stated he has been a Skokie resident for more than 35 years and raised four children near the Bessie Rhodes property. He urged the Park District Board

and School Board to negotiate with School District 65 rather than have them sell the property to the highest bidder.

Ms. Melanie O'Callahan raised concerns about e-bikes and e-scooters in the parks, noting that statewide restrictions take effect July 1. She asked that signage be posted to reflect the new ordinance. Ms. Tuft responded that she expects to present the Park District ordinance at the July board meeting.

Mr. George Haus thanked the Board and urged them to remember their role as stewards of public open space and to consider acquiring the Bessie Rhodes property if the opportunity arises. He said adding the property to Timber Ridge Park would enhance the area, protect public land, and benefit future generations. He encouraged the Park District to submit a reasonable purchase offer to District 65.

Rabbi Svengle, a Skokie rabbi, said his congregation gathers informally at Timber Ridge Park and on the grounds of Bessie Rhodes School. He described the area as a community crossroads where people of different faiths and backgrounds come together on weekends in a beautiful natural setting, including Shabbat on Saturdays and gatherings by other faith communities on Sundays. He said future generations would benefit from the Park District's decision and thanked the Board for its time and service to the community.

Ms. Rachel Amrani said she values the Park District and believes purchasing the Bessie Rhodes property from the school district would be a worthwhile opportunity.

Mr. Steve Greenberg who lives across from Bessie Rhodes School and Timber Ridge Park and has coached baseball at several Park District fields, said he hopes the plans being considered for Skokie Sports Park East and Channelside Park could help shape future use of the Bessie Rhodes property. He suggested an indoor pickleball facility as a use for the site, noting it would appeal to both adults and children. He also said Skokie Sports Park East could benefit from a baseball diamond, as the community currently has only one such field and it is heavily used.

President Fischer thanked everyone for attending and sharing their comments. She said the Park District would welcome the opportunity to acquire Bessie Rhodes but noted the process is not simple. She said staff has been in contact with District 65. She added that District 65 has not yet decided whether to sell the property and is expected to consider the matter at its June 22 board meeting.

President Fischer encouraged those in attendance to share the same comments at the District 65 meeting.

Vice President Jaffe said District 65 must first decide to sell the property and has not yet done so. He hopes the school board makes a decision at the June 22 meeting and that, if the property is offered for sale, the Park District wants to be part of the process.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Commissioners Aberman and Kasalo-Terihaj were absent. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2026, minutes of the Annual Board Meeting of May 12, 2026, bills payable for the month of May/June 2026, Treasurer's Report, and Staff Reports.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2026-2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #26-003

Treasurer Schmidt stated that the law requires a public hearing on the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance presented in April. He explained that the ordinance must be available for public review for 30 days and published in the newspaper. He noted that it had been posted at District facilities and on the website in accordance with legal requirements. President Fischer then opened the public hearing, asked whether there were any questions, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

APPROVAL OF THE FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ORDINANCE #26-003

Treasurer Schmidt requested approval of the Final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026–2027, Ordinance #26-003. If approved, the ordinance will be filed with the county and will authorize the District to spend funds during the fiscal year.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #26-003 for fiscal year 2026-2027 in the total amount of \$36,213,262, including the five-year Capital Development Plan totaling \$9,975,932. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. Commissioners Aberman and Kasalo-Terihaj were absent. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRICITY PURCHASE CONTRACT

Treasurer Schmidt said the contract with CPV Retail to supply electricity to the District's 29 facilities will expire on December 1, 2026. He explained that EnerNova Partners obtained bids from suppliers and identified an 18-month contract at a lower rate than the District's current agreement. He asked the Board to approve an 18-month contract with NRG Business Marketing LLC, to be billed through ComEd.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve an eighteen-month purchase contract for electricity supply with NRG Business Marketing LLC beginning December 1, 2026, for all twenty-nine facilities of the Skokie Park District at a fixed rate cost of \$0.0449/KWh. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Commissioners Aberman and Kasalo-Terihaj were absent. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY REVISIONS

Ms. Stonitsch, Human Resource Director asked to approve three updates to the Personnel Policy Manual.

The first proposed revision would require an employee to pay a \$30 fee if a payroll check must be reissued because the original was lost or the employee failed to provide updated direct deposit information to the Human Resources Department. The Park District is charged \$30 for each reissued check, and the employee would be responsible for that cost if the revision is approved.

The second revision formalizes the District's current practice of paying part-time and full-time employees time and a half for work performed on a holiday.

The third change formalizes the State of Illinois requirement that new hires be reported within 20 calendar days of their first day of work, reflecting a practice already in place.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the changes to the Park District's Personnel Policy Manual. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. Commissioners Aberman and Kasalo-Terihaj were absent. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT LEASE

Ms. Tuft said the District has been working to finalize a lease for all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) properties, including the newly added Channelside South site. She explained that when the new property became available, MWRD asked that all properties be combined into a single 50-year lease, and the Park District agreed. The properties include Channelside Park, Channelside South Park, Sports Park and Sports Park East, and Hamlin Park. The lease has been reviewed by MWRD's attorneys and the Park District's attorney and has already been approved by MWRD. If approved by the Board, the lease will be signed and extended for another 50 years at a cost of \$10.

Ms. Tuft noted that the lease includes a clause allowing MWRD to reclaim a property with one year's notice. She said MWRD has not exercised that right in the past and currently has no planned use for this property.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the 50-year lease agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. Commissioners Aberman and Kasalo-Terihaj were absent. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF FINAL STATUS OF 2025-2026 DISTRICT GOALS

Ms. Tuft provided a recap of the District's 2025–2026 goals and noted that staff had done an excellent job completing them. Vice President Jaffe asked about swimming at District 219, and Ms. Tuft said the District must request use each year and that availability depends on the school's schedule and activities.

Commissioner Williams want to commend the staff on completing a substantial amount of the goals.

No motion required, for informational purposes only.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 DISTRICT GOALS

Ms. Tuft explained that board approval of the goals is required for IPRA/IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation.

Vice President Jaffe asked if additional camera installations in the parks were included. Ms. Tuft said the District is installing a camera at Gross Point Park and will use its effectiveness to determine future installations. Thus, plans are not included in the goals for 2026-27.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the 2026-27 Park District Goals. Vice President Jave seconded the motion. Commissioners Aberman and Kasalo-Terihaj were absent. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next regular and annual board meetings will be held Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Vice President Jaffe said he attended the Juneteenth event and noted that attendance seemed somewhat light, though the program was meaningful. Ms. Amato said attendance grew as the event progressed and that the committee is considering a smaller area to create a fuller atmosphere. She added that Skokie United organizes the event, selects the date, and has scheduled next year's event for June 16.

President Fischer also thought the event was great.

President Fischer is going to defer the conversation about the Board Retreat for the July board meeting.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Tuft noted that the Fourth of July parade was approaching and asked which Commissioners planned to participate. President Fischer, Vice President Jaffe, and Commissioner Williams said they would ride in the parade.

Ms. Tuft said that, at National Night Out, Rabbi Posner of Lubavitch Chabad will oversee preparation of the kosher hot dogs to ensure they are prepared properly. Halal hot dogs will also be served.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fischer thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. Commissioners Aberman and Kasalo-Terihaj were absent. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Elsa Fischer
President

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary

July 21, 2026



SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 2026
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Nate Lichtens		
DAVID SILVERMAN		
Melanie O'Callahan		
Steven Greenberg		
Anne Lichtenstein		
Regina Wolge		
DAVID WARSO		
JAY ROBINSON		
JUDY HOLSTEIN		
Roni Cohen		
Rachel Amrani		
Cal Finkel		
Barry Lennor		
JEFFREY SCHWARTZ		
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Edy Kupich		
George Havis		
Cindy Poorman		
Zvi Engel		
Alan Zahl		

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Noam Stellan

Marianne Kovak

David Schechter

Barry & Denise Spiegel

Ira Perlman

Manu Feiger

FELICE FISHER

Brina Feiger

GEORGE HANUS

Paul Quintas

MARC BALBAN

**MINUTES OF THE
REFERENDUM PROSOSAL MEETING
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
JUNE 7, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Board Members Present: President Elsa Fischer
Vice President Ezra Jaffe
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 & Facilities Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Mary Amato
Marketing and Communications Director Jim Bottorff
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

CALL TO ORDER

President Fischer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Tuft asked staff and board members to introduce themselves.

PROPOSED REFERENDUM & CONCEPTUAL PLAN PRESENTATION

President Fischer and Executive Director Tuft presented information on the proposed bond referendum. Slides included Park District boundaries, property tax information, comparisons and tax impact analysis, recap of grant funds received since 2020, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) lease information and cost, community survey results, comprehensive plan analysis, conceptual renderings of the proposed projects at Sports Park East and Channelside South, project costs, information on Bessie Rhodes property, and a timeline of next steps.

Summary of Community Questions and Discussion

Fees and Affordability

- Community members asked what amenities at Sports Park East would be free. Staff explained that outdoor fields when not scheduled for programs, walking path, playground, and fitness equipment would generally be available for free, while open gym use would require a daily fee, and registered programs would continue to require fees.
- Questions were raised about resident discounts. Staff noted that Skokie residents typically pay 25% less than non-residents, although MWRD lease

requirements do not allow resident/non-resident fee differences for activities on MWRD property.

- Several attendees expressed concern about the cost of youth sports and recreation. Suggestions included expanding free or low-cost soccer opportunities, partnering with organizations such as AYSO, and exploring additional scholarship opportunities to help children participate.

Sports Park East Amenities and Operations

- Questions focused on field availability, facility hours, and programming. One resident requested extended walking track hours at Weber Leisure Center, while another noted difficulty finding soccer field time. Staff said they would look at providing more open time for youth use.
- Community members asked about field conditions, including artificial turf versus grass, drainage, irrigation, and lighting. Staff explained the project would include drainage, irrigation, and field lighting, and noted that the site is well suited for lighting because there are no nearby homes. Artificial turf is not allowed by MWRD.
- Additional questions addressed the environmental history of the property and existing Sports Park operations. Staff explained that MWRD remediated the former contaminated site. Weather conditions limit batting cage operations during wet periods.

Channelside South Park

- Questions were asked about parking, construction, and future programming. Staff highlighted existing parking, a possible shared parking agreement with a neighboring church, the anticipated 12–18 month construction timeline, and potential future uses such as relocating Summer on Broadway camp.
- Residents also suggested preserving views of the channel with picnic areas and expressed appreciation that the park would be dog-friendly and include solar panels.

Project Costs and Referendum

- Questions were raised about staffing costs, with staff explaining that only limited part-time staffing is anticipated and no significant increases in full-time staffing or benefit costs are expected.
- Staff also discussed why the projects are being considered now, explaining that the availability of the MWRD property created the opportunity and that voters will ultimately decide whether to move forward with development at both sites.

Future Planning

- Attendees were informed that community survey results would help guide revisions to the plans before the Board decides whether to place a referendum on the ballot. Several residents expressed support for the projects while encouraging the Park District to continue expanding affordable and accessible recreation opportunities.

Closing Comments

Ms. Tuft said the Park District subsidized camp scholarships over \$50,000 in 2025. She encouraged attendees that if they know of anyone who needs financial assistance, to direct them to the Park District. She also explained that the Park District works with Niles Township to subsidize camp fees for kids in the community.

Commissioner Jaffe commented that several residents complimented the Park District's approach to public engagement, saying the presentation demonstrated transparency by sharing the full scope of the projects, explaining the survey process, and showing how community feedback has informed the plans. Some commented that it served as a model for how municipalities should involve residents in major projects.

President Fischer encouraged residents to visit the project website, review the information, and submit additional questions. She noted that staff will compile the questions received at both community meetings into a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document with responses to provide additional information and address common concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Elsa Fischer
President

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary

June 16, 2026



SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
REFERENDUM PROPOSAL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2026
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Hilda Ayala		
Ubaldo Moreno		
Suzanne Churchill		
John Roiser		
CHRIS WONG		
David Raabe		
Catherine Iuenos		
Kathrine Galbraith		
Kim Hamilton		
Mike Maddinsli		
Elisa Kohr		
Eddie Olivieri		
Christine Quinn		
Nadia Dikyanos		
DAN MANOGG		
Amber Bond		
Jeff Hacker		

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**MINUTES OF THE
REFERENDUM PROSOSAL MEETING
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
JUNE 6, 2026
9:30 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Board Members Present: President Elsa Fischer

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 & Facilities Breanne Labus
Marketing and Communications Director Jim Bottorff
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

CALL TO ORDER

President Fischer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Tuft had the board president and staff introduce themselves.

PROPOSED REFERENDUM AND CONCEPTUAL PLAN PRESENTATION

President Fischer and Executive Director Tuft presented information on the proposed bond referendum. Slides included Park District boundaries, property tax information, comparisons and tax impact analysis, recap of grant funds received since 2020, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) lease information and cost, community survey results, comprehensive plan analysis, conceptual renderings of the proposed projects at Sports Park East and Channelside South, project costs, information on Bessie Rhodes property and a timeline of next steps.

Community members asked a wide range of questions about the proposed Sports Park East and Channelside South projects. Key topics included:

- **Sports Park East amenities:** The indoor gymnasium could accommodate up to six pickleball courts, and additional outdoor soccer fields could be added if demand increases. No indoor walking track is planned.
- **Existing facilities:** The miniature golf course and driving range will remain, with only the building being replaced.
- **Staffing and fees:** The projects would primarily require additional part-time staff. There are no membership fees to use the facilities, though program registration fees would apply.
- **Soccer facilities:** The Park District currently has approximately 5 soccer fields (depending on layout). New lighted soccer fields are planned for Sports Park East, but not for Channelside South.

- **Sustainability:** Solar panels are being considered, building on the district's existing solar installations. The Park District will also evaluate geo-thermal for the new building.
- **Parking:** Approximately 300 shared church parking spaces and 150 additional spaces near Oakton Street are planned at Channelside South
- **Playgrounds:** Questions were asked about equipment for older children and the location of the all-inclusive playground. Staff noted that these considerations are being evaluated.
- **Safety and security:** Security lighting, staff presence, park monitors, and increased police patrols will help provide a safe environment, though dedicated park security is not planned.
- **Pedestrian connections:** A pedestrian bridge over McCormick and improved lighting would require coordination with the Village of Skokie and could be pursued through future grants.
- **Tax impact:** The estimated annual cost for a home valued at \$400,000 would be approximately **\$137 per year**, or about **\$11.43 per month**.
- **Bessie Rhodes property:** The Park District is interested in purchasing the property to expand Timber Ridge Park if it becomes available, though several other organizations are also interested. An acquisition could be included in the referendum.
- **Public process:** Residents will receive a survey seeking feedback before the Board decides in July whether to place the referendum on the November ballot.
- **MWRD lease:** The Park District expects to finalize new 50-year leases for its MWRD properties this year.
- **Future programming:** Staff will evaluate whether programs such as camp could use the new facility and emphasized the need for additional gym space due to high demand.
- **Funding:** The capital cost of the projects would be fully funded through the referendum, while the Park District would continue pursuing grant opportunities to offset the cost when available.
- **Indoor pool:** An indoor pool is not being considered because of its high operating costs.
- **Environmental considerations:** The projects will incorporate native plantings where possible. Odors from the nearby MWRD facility are weather-dependent and cannot be controlled.
- **Other topics:** Additional questions addressed corporate sponsorship opportunities, traffic impacts, and the anticipated project timeline. If a referendum is pursued and the measure passes, construction is expected to begin in spring 2027 and conclude in 2028.

With no further questions the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Elsa Fischer
President
June 16, 2026

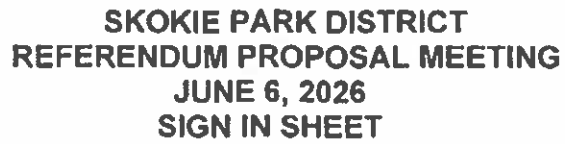
Michelle J. Tuft
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**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
July 21, 2026**

The status of the cash balances and investments as of June 30, 2026, are in the board packet.

As of June 30, 2026, \$7,008,049.65 of the 2025 first installment tax levy has been received; \$556,873.33 was received in June 2026.

The two CDs from First Bank and Trust came due in June 2026 and were renewed for one year, both at an interest rate of 3.93%.

Second installment tax bills are expected to be delayed, with a due date anticipated by December 2026.

The tax collections by year are listed at the bottom of the Cash Balances and Investments report.

Account details are available on request. 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**

**July 21, 2026
(As of 06/30/2026)**

GENERAL FUND

CASH CHECKING ACCOUNTS CHASE/BANK ONE: 2.20% **\$13,835,804.59**

Savings:0.5% 209,522.19

INVESTMENT WITH NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Due 1/23/27 – 3.45% 653,480.22

INVESTMENT WITH FIRST BANK CHICAGO

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/15/27 3.93% 285,998.05

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/15/27 3.93% 272,993.53

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS: **\$15,257,798.58**

TAX COLLECTIONS BY TAX YEAR (AT 06/30/2026)

YEAR	\$ COLLECTED	% OF LEVY
2019	10,876,000.39	96.67%
2020	11,041,668.75	97.23%
2021	11,465,631.66	98.19%
2022	12,413,775.40	99.02%
2023	12,674,871.62	98.16%
2024	13,457,421.10	98.32
2025	7,008,049.65	----



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: July 21, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

RE: Public Opinion Survey Results and resolution for issuing general obligation bonds

Summary: The results of the public opinion survey are attached. Paul Hanley from Beyond Your Base (BYB) will be present at the board meeting to discuss the survey results and provide a recommendation regarding the referendum.

The board will need to decide whether to proceed with placing the referendum on the ballot. The resolution to proceed is attached.

Recommendation: To be determined.

Motion: To be determined.



Possible Bond Referendum Public Opinion Survey Results

July 2026

Q9. If approved by voters, the proposed 20-year, \$63 million bond referendum would have an estimated annual tax impact of \$137, or about \$11 per month, for a home with a tax market value of \$400,000. How concerned, if at all, are you about the potential impact on your household budget?

☐ Very concerned
☐ Somewhat concerned
☐ Not very concerned
☐ Not at all concerned
☐ Don't know

Q10. Potential Bond Referendum Question: If a local election were held today, would you vote "yes" in favor of, or "no" to support the following ballot question:

Shall the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, fund, improve, renovate, and equip park sites and facilities, including at Sports Park East, funding and equipping a new recreation center, adding or improving a walking/jogging trail, park shelter, playground, golf course and putting area, child and senior multipurpose facility, sports lighting, and related site improvements, developing and improving a former industrial site along the North Shore Channel for conversion into a new park with green space, an ADA-compliant playground, walking/biking path, bandshell, park shelter, multipurpose facility, and related improvements, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$63,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

☐ Definitely yes
☐ Probably yes
☐ Probably no
☐ Definitely no
☐ Don't know

The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

Q11. What is your gender? (If multiple responses, responding check all that apply.)

☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Prefer to self describe
☐ Prefer not to say

Q12. What is your gender? (If multiple people are responding, check all that apply.)

☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Prefer to self describe
☐ Prefer not to say

Q13. Do you have children in your household, and if so, what are their ages? (Please check all that apply.)

☐ No children under 18
☐ Children under 5
☐ Children 6-12
☐ Children 13-17

Q14. Do you own or rent your home?

☐ Own
☐ Rent
☐ Other

Public Opinion Survey

Your Input is Critical

The Skokie Park District is considering placing a bond referendum on the November 3, 2026 ballot to fund capital projects at two potential sites. The proposal would develop Channelside Park South and improve Sports Park East, enhancing indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities while strengthening connections between both parks and the North Shore Channel Trail. Community input will help guide next steps.

✓ Review the enclosed fact sheet.

✓ Discuss it with others in your household (if applicable).

✓ Complete the survey.

• One response per question, unless otherwise specified.

• Return the printed survey using the enclosed prepaid envelope or drop it off at the Park District Office, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie, IL 60077.

• If you prefer, take the identical survey online using the QR code provided.

✓ Deadline: June 26, 2025.

✓ All responses are anonymous.

State feedback matters. Thank you for participating!



Online Survey Option
To complete the survey online, scan the QR code.

Questions/Comments
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Executive Director
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Q1. Prior to receiving this survey, how much had you read, seen, or heard about the Skokie Park District's proposed bond referendum to improve Sports Park East and develop a new Channelside Park South?

☐ A lot
☐ Some
☐ Hardly anything
☐ Nothing at all

Q2. How well do you think the Skokie Park District meets the community's parks and recreation needs?

☐ Very well
☐ Somewhat well
☐ Not very well
☐ Not at all well
☐ Don't know

Q3. When considering the overall condition of the District's parks and facilities, what letter grade would you give them?

☐ A
☐ B
☐ C
☐ D
☐ E
☐ F
☐ G
☐ Don't know

Q4. How confident are you that the Skokie Park District would manage funds from a voter-approved bond referendum responsibly?

☐ Very confident
☐ Somewhat confident
☐ Not very confident
☐ Not at all confident
☐ Don't know

Thank you for participating! Please return this survey or complete online by June 26, 2025.

Survey continued on inside >

a) Skokie Sports Park and the North Shore Channel Trail	1	2	3	4	5
b) Renovated multipurpose facility with park and pergola	1	2	3	4	5
c) Bandshell, stage, and event lawn	1	2	3	4	5
d) ADA-compliant, fully-accessible playground and zipline	1	2	3	4	5
e) Outdoor fitness equipment	1	2	3	4	5
f) Children's maze and splash pad	1	2	3	4	5
g) Bandshell and shelter with picnic table	1	2	3	4	5
h) Native prairie plantings and shade trees	1	2	3	4	5

g) The proposal would improve District's parks and recreation facilities, strengthening property values while supporting our quality of life.

Q8. How convincing do you find each of the following statements opposing the possible bond referendum? (Use a scale from 1 (Not At All Convincing) to 5 (Very Convincing).)

a) Given current economic conditions and rising household expenses, it may not be the right time for the Park District to undertake new capital projects	1	2	3	4	5
b) The Park District is trying to do too much at once. Scaling back the number of projects would reduce the tax impact for residents	1	2	3	4	5
c) Even though new amenities for project plans, modest amenities issues are	1	2	3	4	5

position oppose the Skokie Park District's proposed bond referendum to improve Sports Park East and develop a new Channelside Park South.

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Conceptual rendering of proposed new recreation center lobby.

Sports Park East

Why Future Improvements Are Being Considered

- Expands indoor and outdoor recreation to meet community demand
- Enhances a walkable, scenic community park
- Adds an indoor recreation center for year-round sports, programs, and activities
- Upgrades athletic fields for games, leagues, and tournaments
- Creates a sports plaza for gathering, viewing, and access to amenities
- Adds a practice green and simulators for enhanced golf operations

Parks that Inspire



Sports Park East

Expanding Recreation Opportunities at an Already Popular Park

Existing conditions at Sports Park East

JUST THE FACTS



Conceptual rendering of proposed new bandshell, event lawn, and walking paths along the channel.

Channelside Park South

Why Future Development is Being Considered

- Expands green space, paths, and outdoor gathering opportunities
- Transforms an underused paved site into a vibrant destination park
- Adds a bandshell and open space for community events and concerts
- Includes a multipurpose facility for programs, classes, and community use
- Provides ADA-compliant, fully accessible play areas for all ages
- Expands connected paths for walking, biking, and neighborhood access
- Adds shaded seating areas to support gathering and family use
- Enhances landscaping and stormwater management
- Increases park space in a landlocked community

POSSIBLE BOND REFERENDUM



Channelside Park South

Transforming Asphalt and Concrete into Much-Needed Green Space

Existing conditions at the proposed Channelside Park South location

Learn more inside >

What's Possible: Channelside Park South

A Vibrant New Community Destination



Conceptual site plan of proposed Channelside Park South



Conceptual rendering of proposed future-inspired playground



Conceptual rendering of proposed new bandshell and event lawn

Proposed Amenities at a New Waterfront Gathering Place

The possibilities for a new Channelside Park South include a bandshell and event lawn, a future-inspired, accessible playground, outdoor fitness equipment, and connected walking paths along the North Shore Channel—creating a vibrant setting where nature, recreation, and community come together.

Parks that Inspire



BEYOND YOUR BASE
A CONSULTING GROUP OF
WEIGHT & COMPANY

Introduction. Purpose. Approach.

Introduction: Beyond Your Base conducted a public opinion survey *on behalf of* the Skokie Park District

Purpose: Gather community feedback on a possible bond referendum

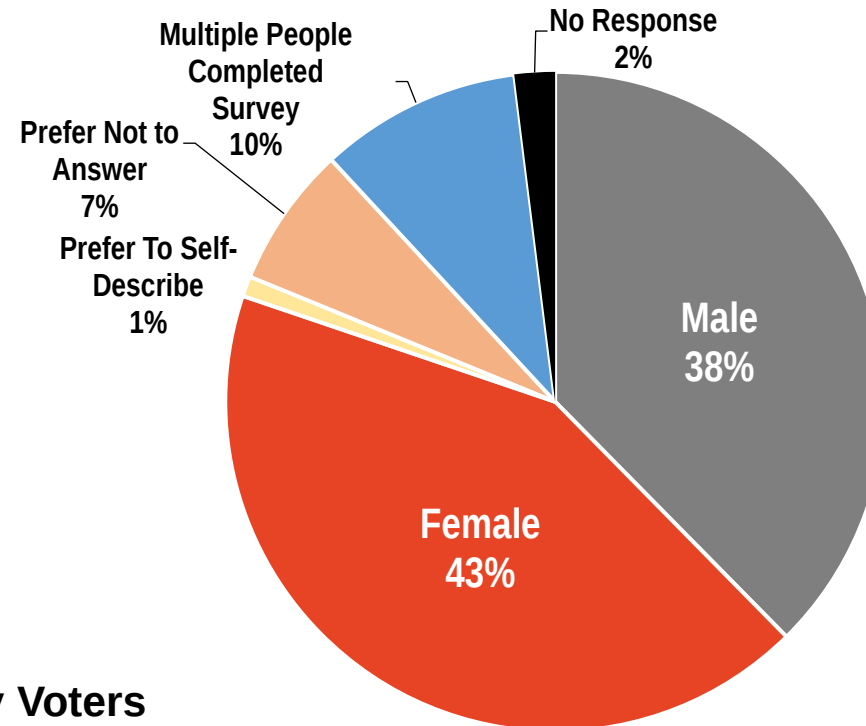
Approach:

- 14-question survey and associated fact sheet
- Printed survey and fact sheet mailed to all 21,860 registered voter households in the Skokie Park District on June 8
- Online survey accessible via QR code on printed surveys
- Follow-up text message sent to 28,826 voter cell phones on June 24

Response:

- 1,925 surveys
- 9% household response rate
- Mail (55%), QR Code (24%), Text (21%)

Gender of Survey Respondents



November 2026 Likely Voters

Male 45%

Female 55%

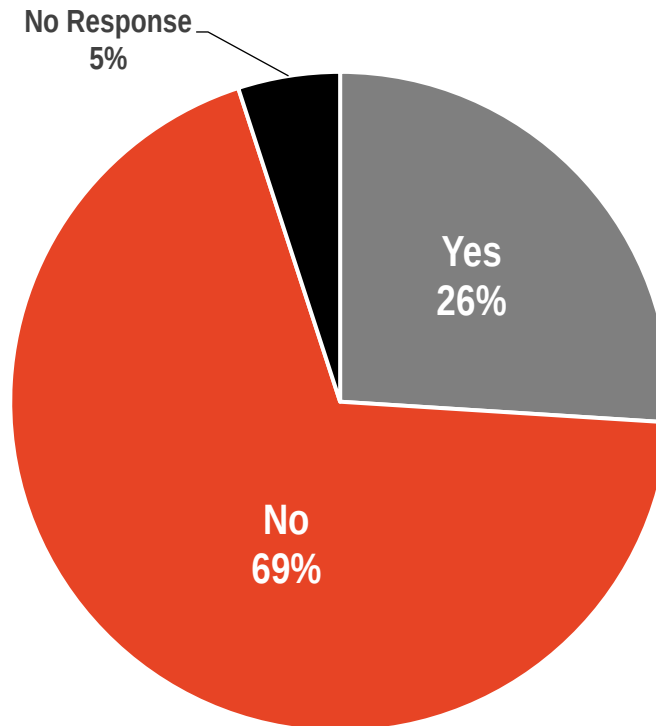
Age of Survey Respondents

Age	Likely Voters (Nov 2026)	Survey Respondents
18-34	11%	6%
35-44	16%	12%
45-54	16%	16%
55-64	18%	19%
65-74	19%	26%
75+	20%	19%
Prefer not to say		6%
No response		2%

5 Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding and in some instances multiple voters responding to an individual survey.



Children Under 18 in Household

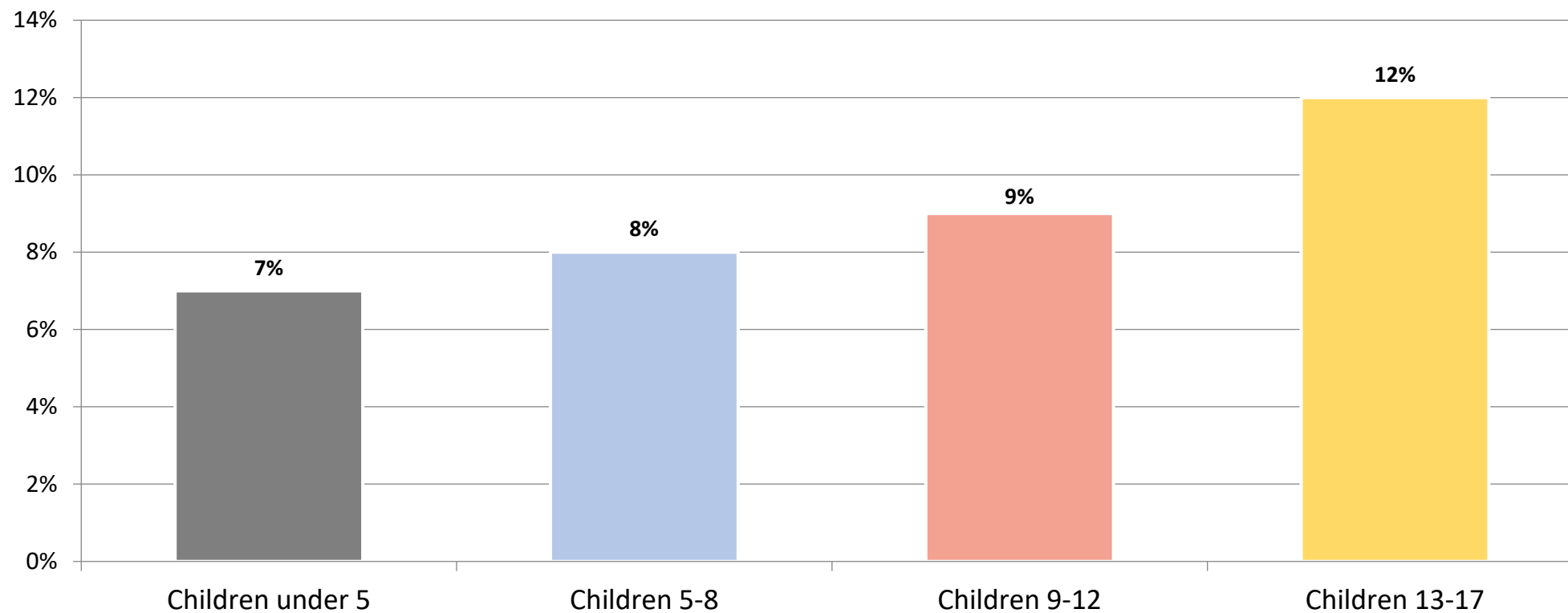


November 2026 Likely Voters

Child Under 18 in Household 38%
No Child Under 18 in Household 50%
Unknown 12%

Children in Household

If yes, what are their ages? (Check all that apply.)



Home Ownership

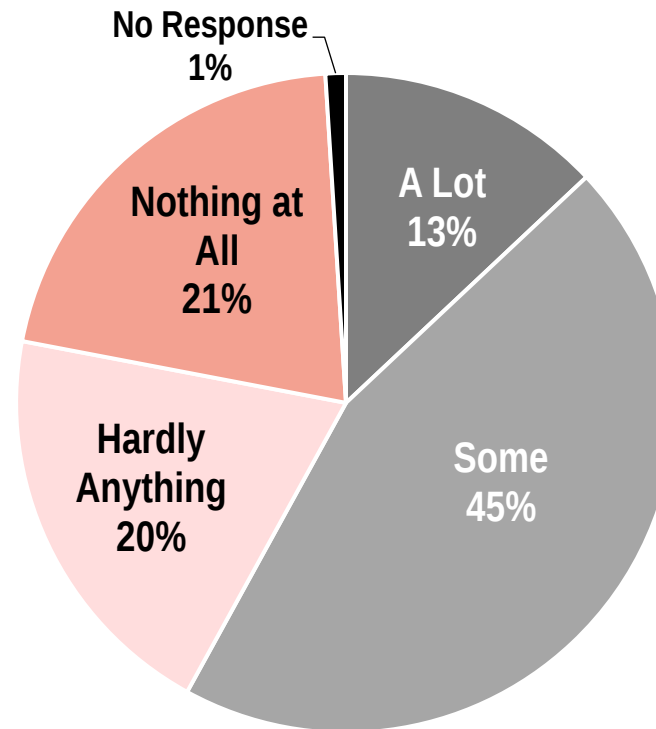
Age	Likely Voters (Nov 2026)	Survey Respondents
Own	66%	92%
Rent	22%	5%
Unknown/Other	12%	3%

8 Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.



Awareness of Proposal

Prior to receiving this survey, how much had you read, seen, or heard about the Skokie Park District's proposed bond referendum to improve Sports Park East and develop a new Channelside Park South?

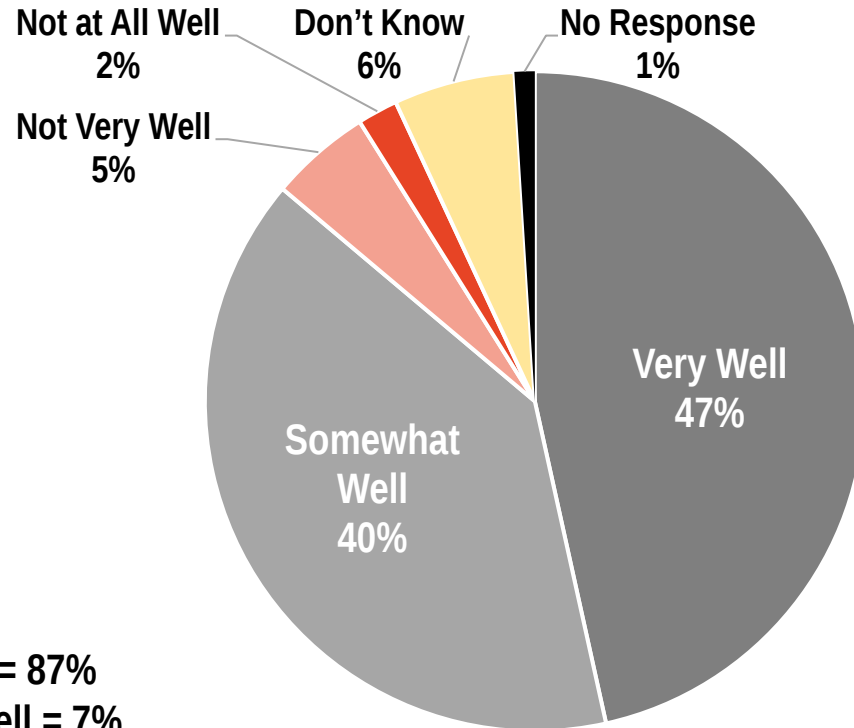


Some + A Lot = 58%

Hardly Anything + Nothing at All = 41%

Meeting Recreation Needs

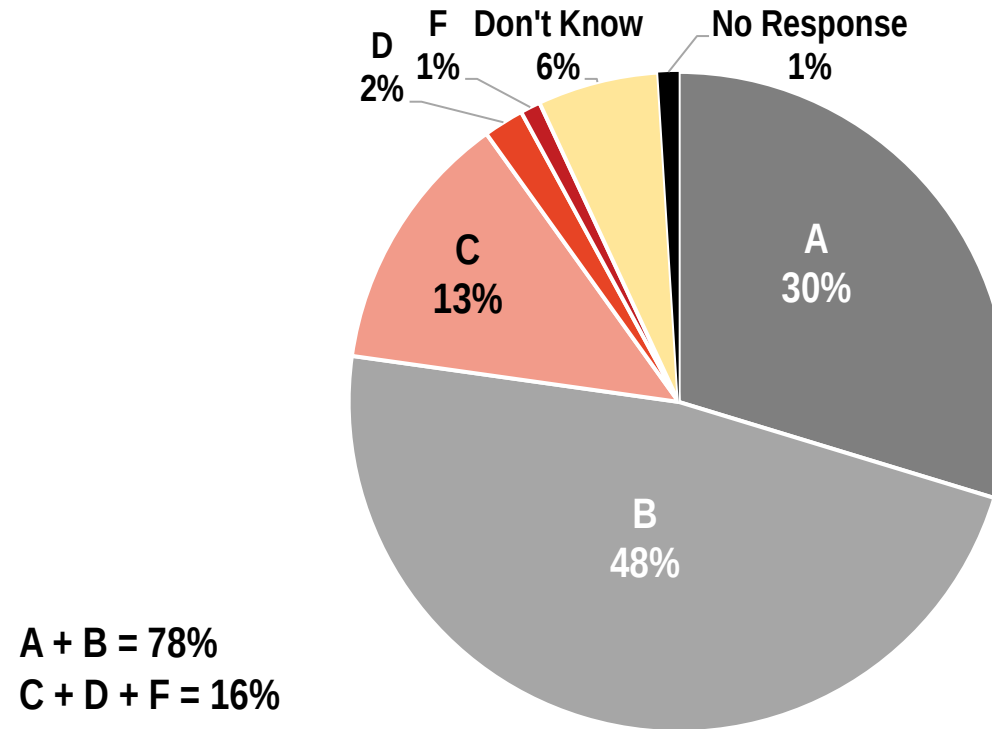
How well do you think the Skokie Park District meets the community's parks and recreation needs?



Very + Somewhat Well = 87%
Not Very + Not at All Well = 7%

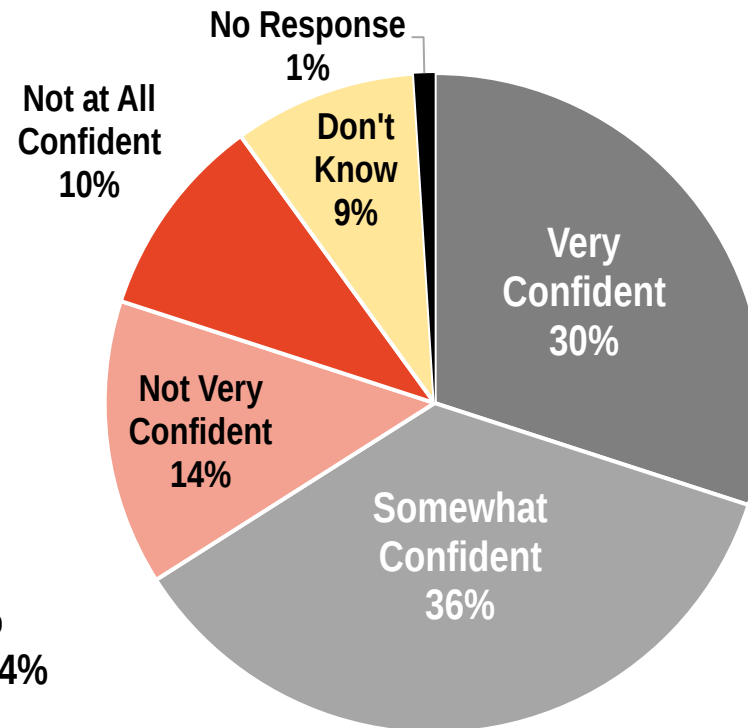
Grade the District's Parks and Facilities

When considering the overall condition of the District's parks and facilities, what letter grade would you give them?



Trust in Fiscal Management

How confident are you that the Skokie Park District would manage funds from a voter-approved bond referendum responsibly?



Somewhat + Very Confident = 66%
Not Very + Not at All Confident = 24%

What priority should be given to funding each of the following proposed amenities at Sports Park East?

Please rate each project using a scale from 1 (Low Priority) to 5 (High Priority).

	Low Priority (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	High Priority (5)	Net Favorability (4+5) – (1+2)
New walking/jogging path .	14%	9%	17%	24%	33%	34%
Additional native perennial plantings .	18%	11%	21%	19%	29%	19%
New recreation center with multi-sport courts, flexible program/rental rooms, golf simulators, shaded patio, rain garden, and expanded parking lot.	22%	8%	18%	22%	27%	19%
New playground, challenge course, and outdoor fitness equipment .	18%	11%	19%	23%	25%	19%
Improved cricket and soccer/multipurpose fields with better drainage and new lighting, practice pitches, seating, shelter, and restrooms.	22%	12%	24%	22%	18%	6%
New golf practice green for chipping and putting .	38%	19%	21%	11%	9%	-37%
Relocated batting cages .	36%	19%	24%	11%	7%	-37%

What priority should be given to funding each of the following proposed amenities at the possible new Channelside Park South?

Please rate each project using a scale from 1 (Low Priority) to 5 (High Priority).

	Low Priority (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	High Priority (5)	Net Favorability (4+5) – (1+2)
Paved walking/biking path with a bridge connecting to both Skokie Sports Park and the North Shore Channel Trail.	16%	6%	14%	21%	41%	40%
Native prairie plantings and shade trees .	15%	10%	19%	20%	34%	29%
Benches and shelter with picnic table.	15%	9%	21%	26%	26%	28%
ADA-compliant, fully-accessible playground and zipline .	21%	9%	18%	20%	29%	19%
Bandshell, stage, and event lawn .	23%	11%	19%	22%	23%	11%
Renovated multipurpose facility with patio and pergola.	23%	11%	22%	23%	19%	8%
Children's maze and splash pad .	22%	12%	21%	21%	21%	8%
Outdoor fitness equipment .	25%	15%	24%	18%	15%	-7%

How convincing do you find each statement supporting the possible bond referendum?

Please rate each statement on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is Not at All Convincing and 5 is Very Convincing.

	Not at all Convincing (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Very Convincing (5)	Net (4 + 5) – (1 + 2)
Expanded and connected walking, jogging, and biking paths would better link neighborhoods, parks, and the North Shore Channel Trail.	15%	9%	15%	23%	36%	35%
Transforming a former industrial site along the North Shore Channel into Channelside Park South would turn underutilized land into meaningful green space for the community.	17%	8%	14%	21%	37%	33%
New indoor and outdoor spaces would allow the Park District to offer more programs, camps, rentals, and community events for residents of all ages.	16%	9%	18%	23%	32%	30%
The proposal would improve Skokie's parks and recreation facilities, strengthening property values while supporting our quality of life.	17%	10%	17%	22%	32%	27%
Improving Sports Park East with a new indoor recreation center and upgraded sports fields would better support games, practices, leagues, tournaments, and community programs.	17%	10%	19%	25%	26%	24%
The Skokie Park District currently has only two indoor courts for more than 60,000 residents. Adding more indoor courts at Sports Park East is a fair and reasonable request.	18%	12%	20%	23%	26%	19%
The proposed projects reflect priorities identified through multiple years of community engagement, including surveys and citizen task force recommendations.	22%	13%	25%	19%	19%	3%

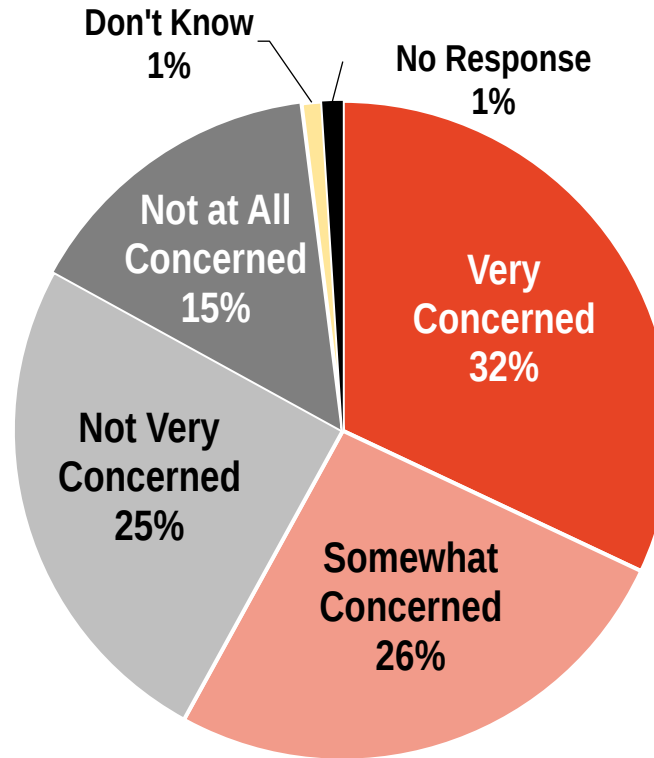
How convincing do you find each statement opposing the possible bond referendum?

Please rate each statement on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is Not at All Convincing and 5 is Very Convincing.

	Not at all Convincing (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Very Convincing (5)	Net (4 + 5) – (1 + 2)
Even though the estimated tax impact seems modest, property taxes are already high.	9%	9%	17%	18%	45%	45%
Given current economic conditions and rising household expenses, it may not be the right time for the Park District to undertake new capital projects.	12%	13%	24%	16%	34%	25%
The Park District is trying to do too much at once. Scaling back the number of projects would reduce the tax impact for residents.	13%	14%	20%	16%	34%	23%
Because these projects are located near each other, residents in other parts of the District may have limited access to the benefits.	17%	14%	26%	17%	25%	11%
Some homeowners would not use either of the proposed parks or facilities, and question whether they should help pay for the improvements.	22%	14%	17%	12%	33%	9%
Demand for more indoor recreation space should be met by private health clubs, not through additional Park District investments.	33%	17%	19%	9%	20%	-21%

Tax Sensitivity

If approved by voters, the proposed 20-year, \$53 million bond referendum would have an estimated annual tax impact of \$137, or about \$11 per month, for a home with a fair market value of \$400,000. How concerned, if at all, are you about the potential impact on your household budget?



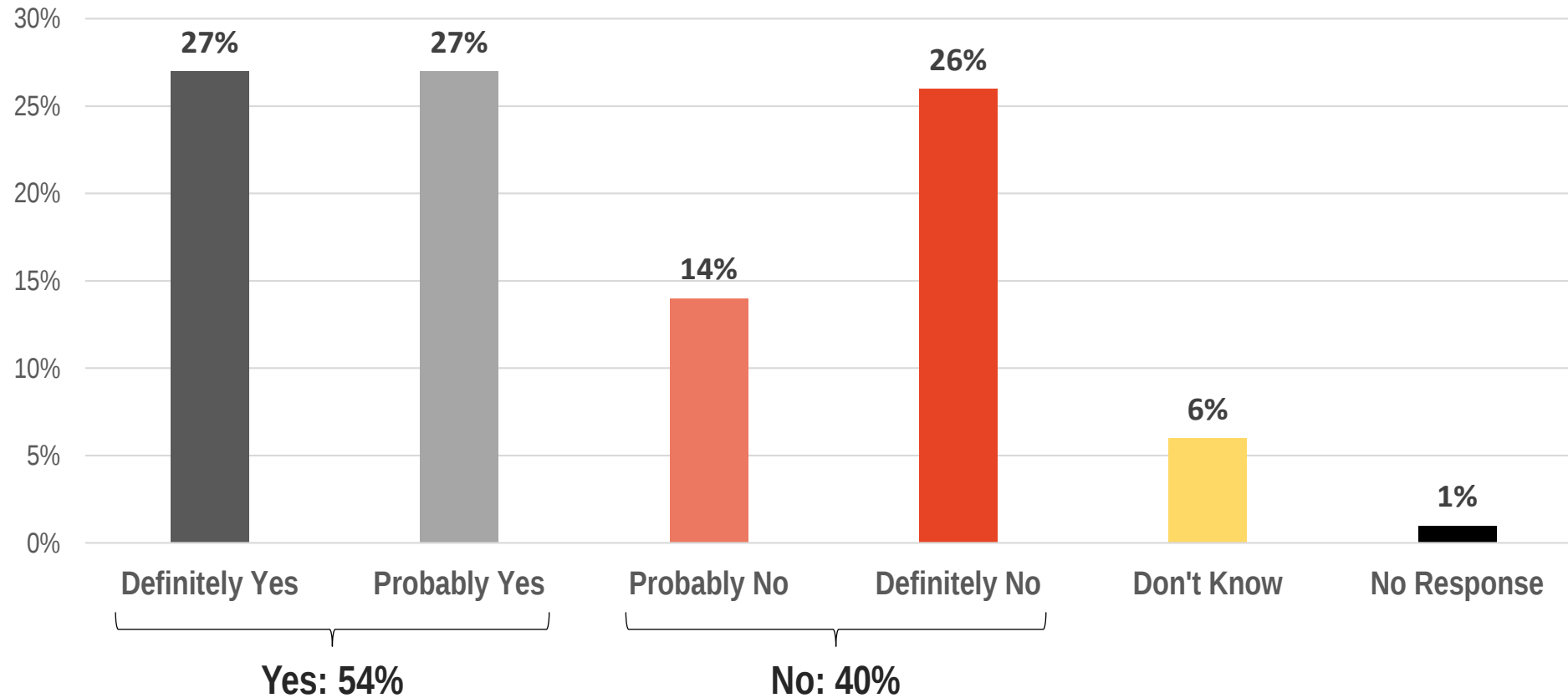
Somewhat + Very Concerned = 58%
Not Very + Not At All Concerned = 40%

Ballot Question

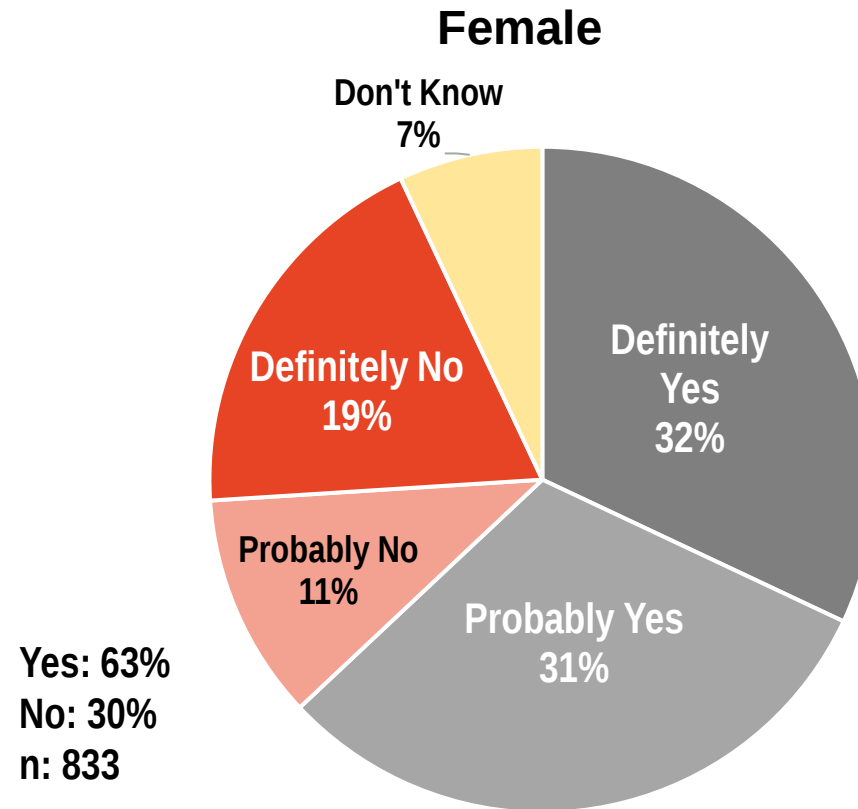
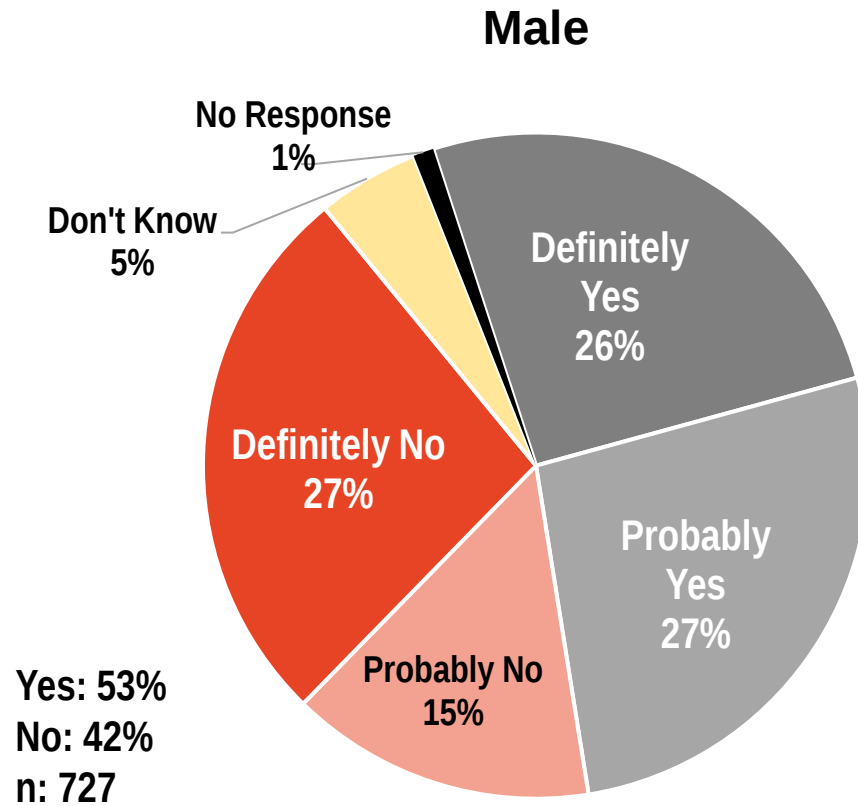
If a local election were held today, would you vote “yes” in favor of, or “no” to oppose, the following funding proposal:

Shall the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, address facility and site improvements at Sports Park East, including building and equipping a new recreation center, constructing a walking/jogging path, park shelter, playground, and golf chipping and putting area, improving cricket and soccer/multipurpose fields, and adding sports lighting, and converting a former industrial site along the North Shore Channel into a new park that includes green space, an ADA-compliant playground, walking/biking path, bandshell, park shelter, and multipurpose facility, and other park improvements, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$53,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

Ballot Question Results



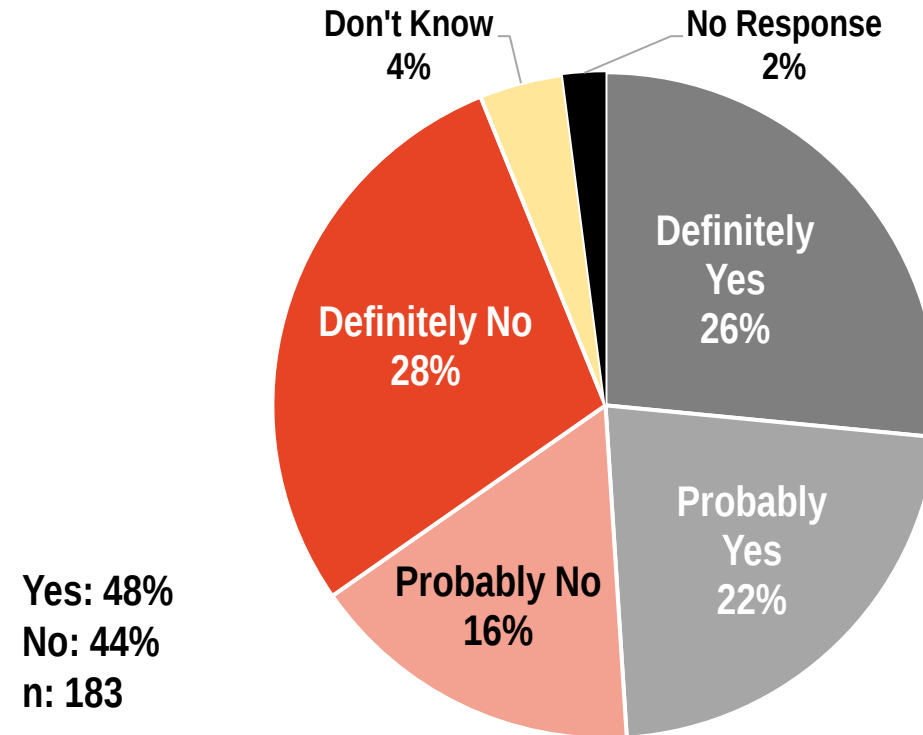
Support for Bond Referendum: Gender



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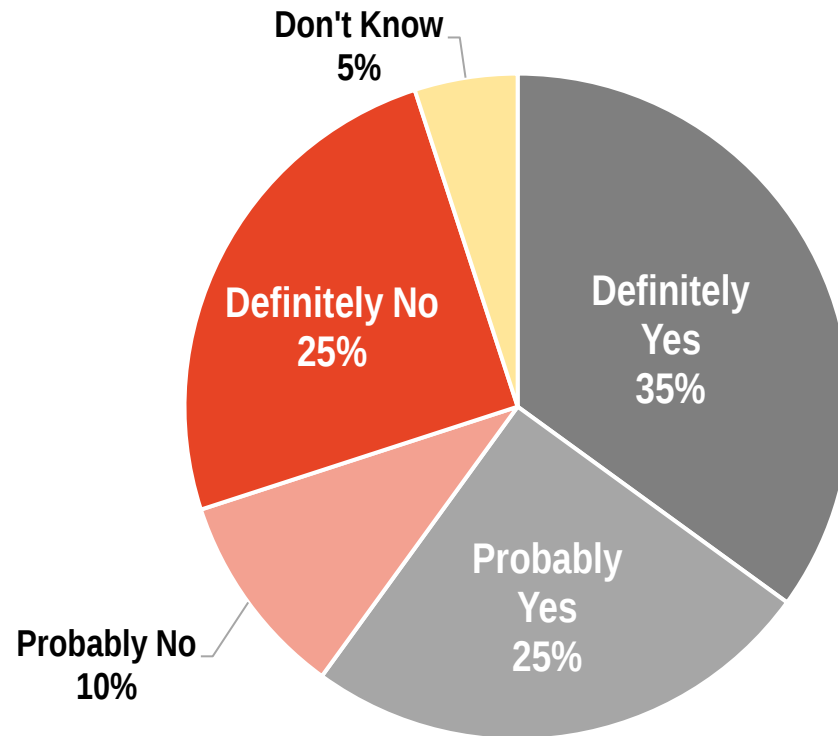
Support for Bond Referendum: Gender

More Than One Person Participated in Survey

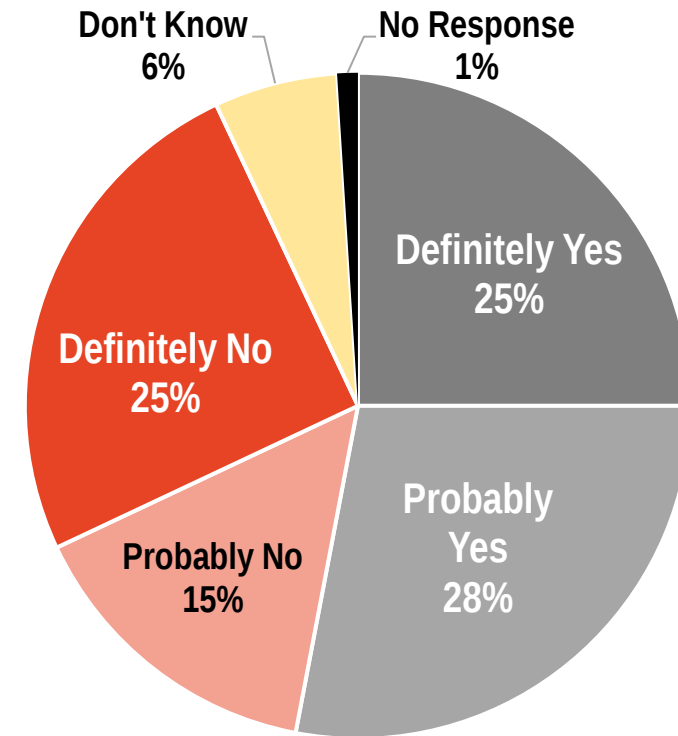


Support for Bond Referendum: Child(ren) in Household

School-Age Child(ren) in Household

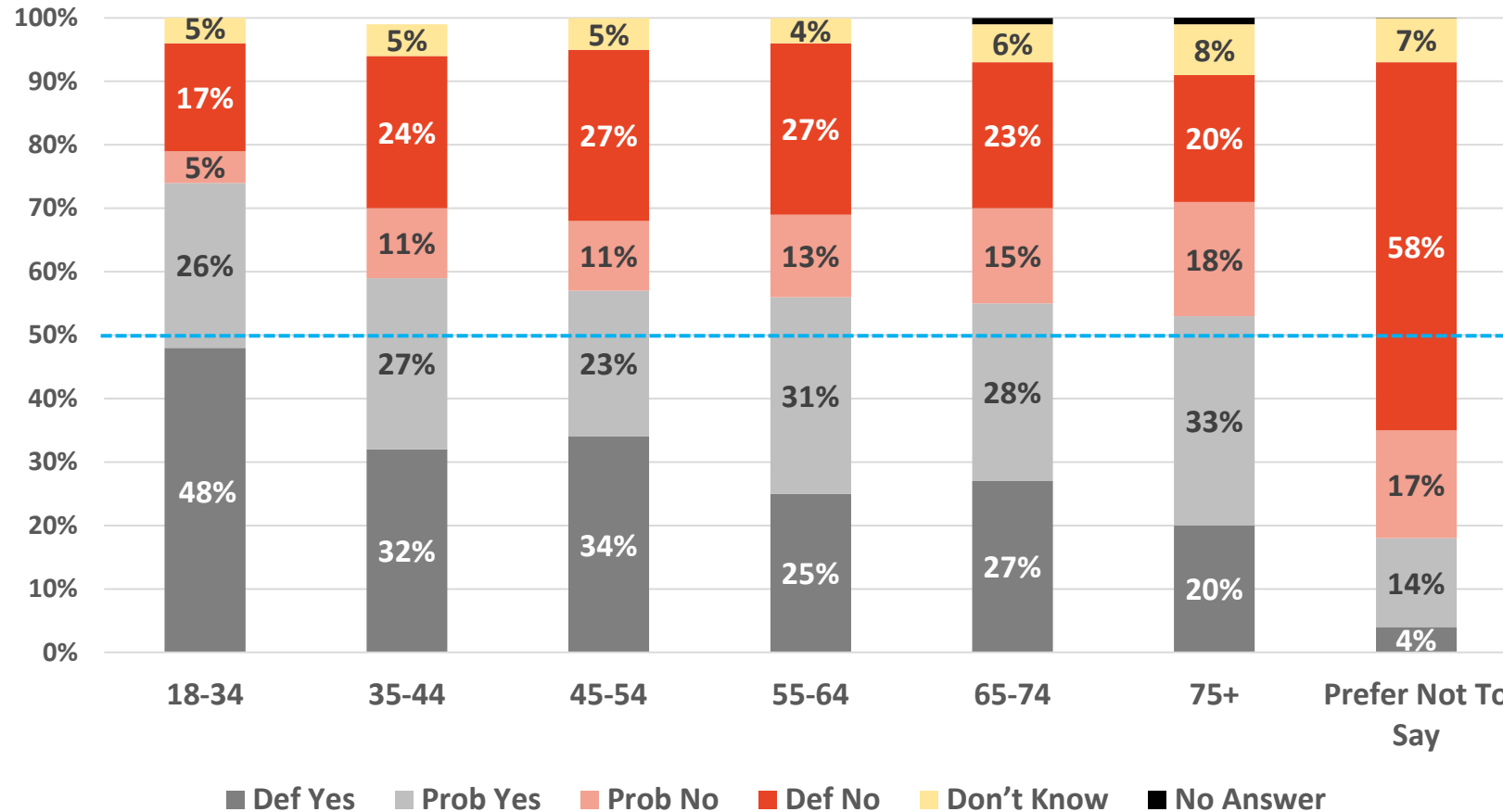


Yes: 60%
No: 35%
n: 498



Yes: 53%
No: 40%
n: 1,334

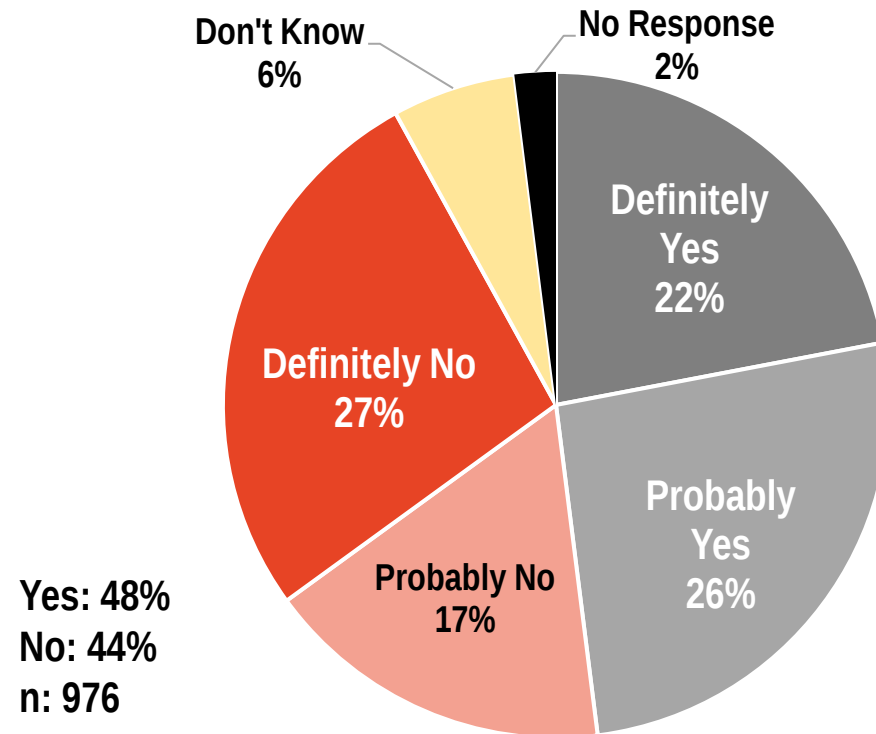
Support for Bond Referendum: Age



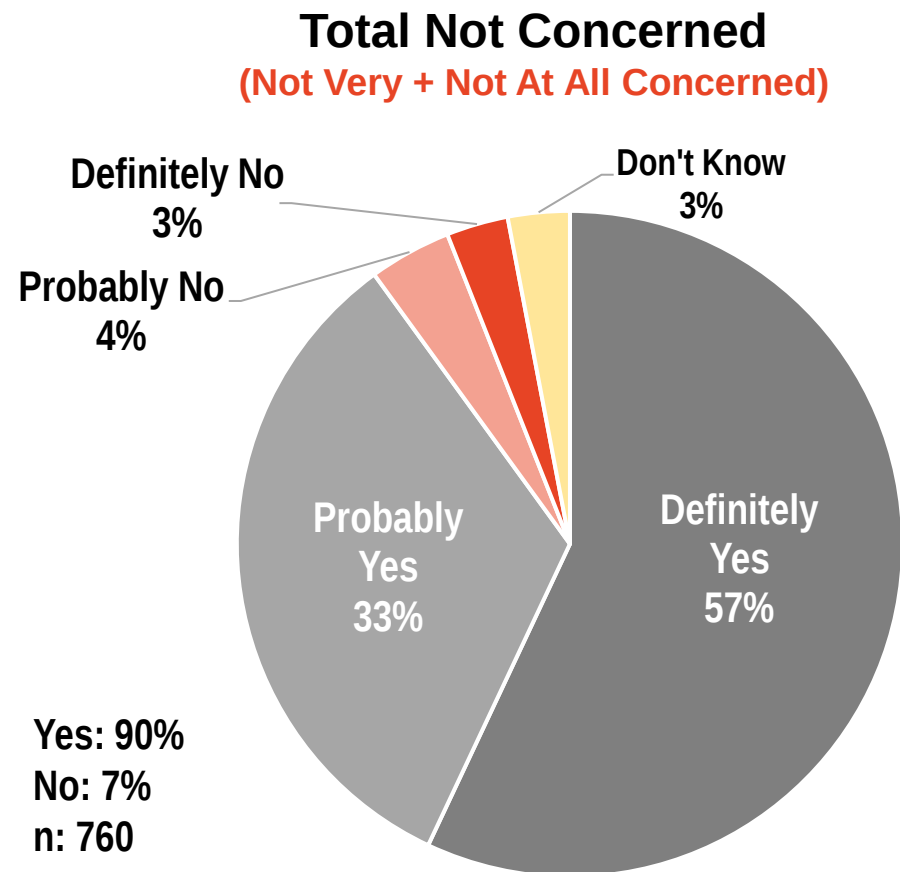
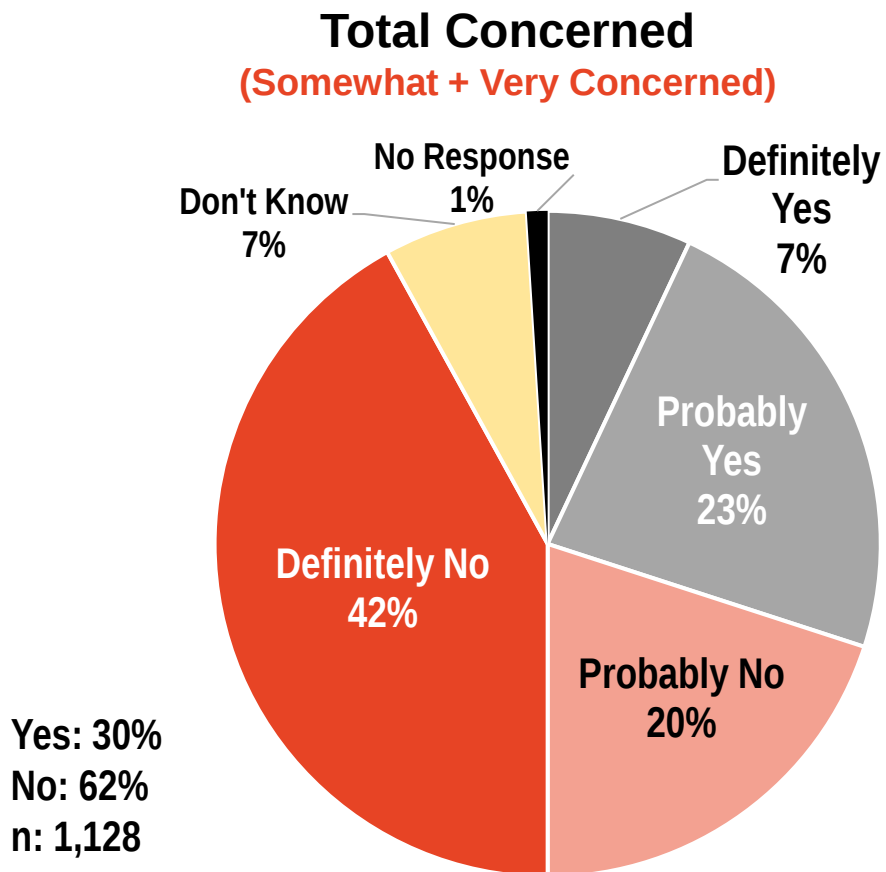
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Support for Bond Referendum: Known Likely Voter

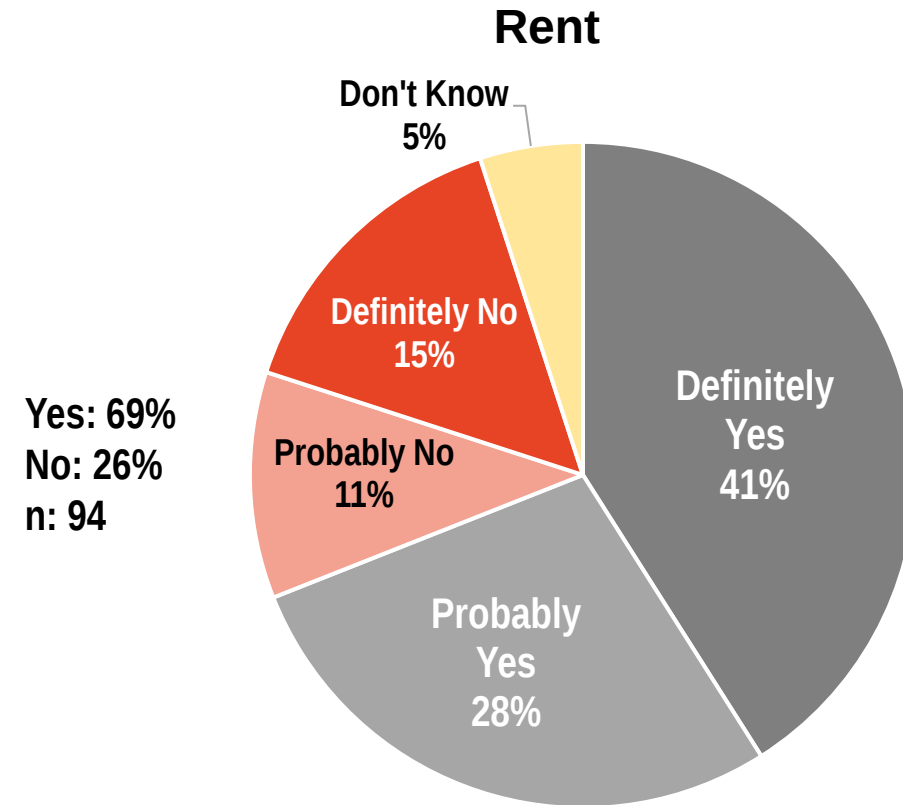
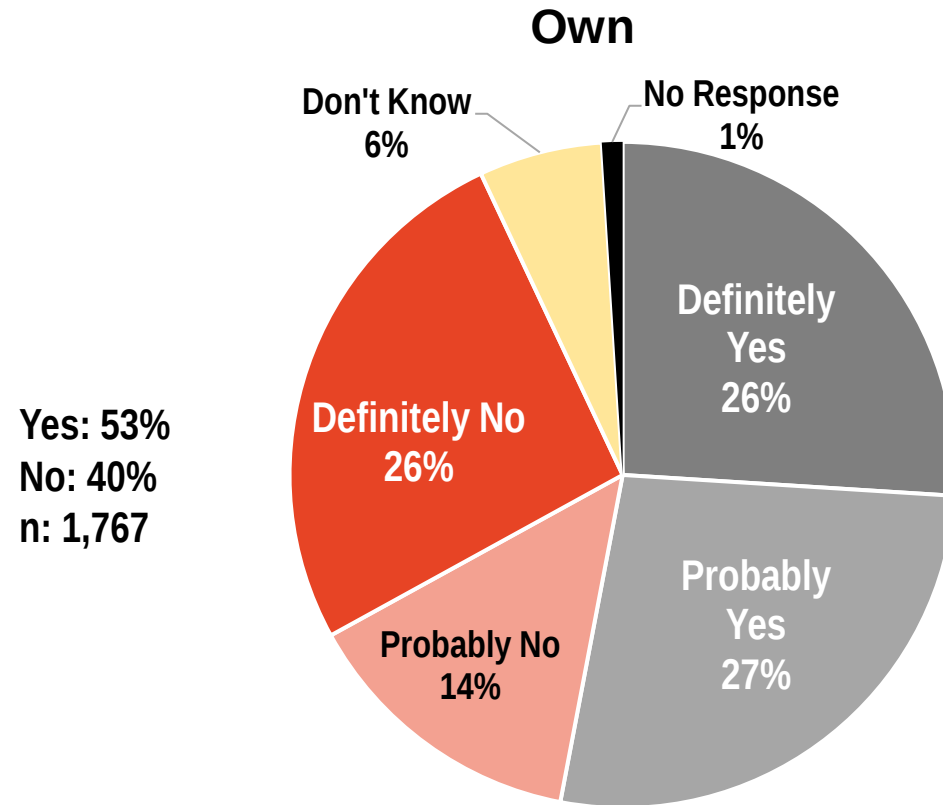
(Completed Survey Via Snail Mail)



Support for Bond Referendum: Tax Sensitivity



Support for Bond Referendum: Home Ownership



Summary of Results

Support for the Proposal:

- 54% Yes
- 40% No
- 6% Undecided

Support Across Demographics:

- Females are more supportive than males (63% vs. 53%)
- Those with children are more supportive than those without (60% vs. 53%)
- 75 and older voters are the least supportive age group, but still show majority support (53%)
- Renters support at higher rates than homeowners (69% vs. 53%)
- Known likely voters are less supportive (48%), however, there are unknown likely voters in QR code and text respondents

Weighted Support if Survey Respondents Matched 2026 Likely Voter Demographics:

- 55.8% Yes
- Margin of Error = +/- 3.5% at 95% confidence
- Underrepresentation among parents, renters, and ages 18-44

Summary of Results (cont.)

Moderate Awareness: 58% had heard a lot or some about the proposed bond referendum

Park District Gets Excellent Marks: 86% very + somewhat well in meeting community's needs

Facilities Get Strong Marks: 78% A or B grades vs. 16% C, D, or F grades

Trust in Fiscal Management: 66% very + somewhat confident vs. 24% not very + not at all confident

Summary of Results (cont.)

Sports Park East Proposed Amenities

New walking/jogging path **(34%)**

Additional native perennial plantings **(19%)**

New recreation center **(19%)**

New playground, challenge course, and outdoor fitness equipment. **(19%)**

Improved cricket and soccer/multipurpose fields **(6%)**

New golf practice green for chipping and putting **(-37%)**

Relocated batting cages **(-37%)**

Channelside Park South Proposed Amenities

Paved walking/biking path with a bridge connecting to both Skokie Sports Park and the North Shore Channel Trail **(40%)**

Native prairie plantings and shade trees **(29%)**

Benches and shelter with picnic table **(28%)**

ADA-compliant, fully-accessible playground and zipline **(19%)**

Bandshell, stage, and event lawn **(11%)**

Renovated multipurpose facility with patio and pergola **(8%)**

Children's maze and splash pad **(8%)**

Outdoor fitness equipment **(-7%)**

Summary of Results (cont.)

The **strongest arguments in favor** of the bond referendum were tied to:

- Expanded and connected walking, jogging, and biking paths would better link neighborhoods, parks, and the North Shore Channel Trail.
- Transforming a former industrial site along the North Shore Channel into Channelside Park South would turn underutilized land into meaningful green space for the community.
- New indoor and outdoor spaces would allow the Park District to offer more programs, camps, rentals, and community events for residents of all ages.

The **strongest arguments against** the bond referendum were tied to:

- Even though the estimated tax impact seems modest, property taxes are already high.
- Given current economic conditions and rising household expenses, it may not be the right time for the Park District to undertake new capital projects.
- The Park District is trying to do too much at once. Scaling back the number of projects would reduce the tax impact for residents.



The Bottom Line

- At 55.8%, the weighted level of support for the \$53 million proposal is within the desired 56-58% range.
- Margin of Error = +/- 3.5% with 95% confidence.
- Solid support for most of the proposed improvements.
- Tax sensitivity is high with 58% very or somewhat concerned about the impact of the new taxes on their budget.

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, held at the Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie, Illinois, in said Park District at 6:30 P.M., on the 21st day of July, 2026.

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The meeting was called to order by Elsa Fischer, the President, and upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners were physically present at said location:

The following Park Commissioners were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners, in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners, to attend the meeting by video or audio conference:

The following Park Commissioners were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever:

The President announced that the next item of business before the Board of Park Commissioners was the consideration of a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition to issue general obligation park bonds to the voters of the District at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

Whereupon Park Commissioner _____ presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each Park Commissioner prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-002

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$53,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS TO THE VOTERS OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

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WHEREAS, the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois (the “**District**”), is a duly organized and operating park district and is now operating under the provisions of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the “**Park Code**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the District (the “**Park Board**”) has heretofore determined, and does hereby find and determine, that the needs of the District require the expenditure of the sum of \$53,000,000 to (i) build, improve, renovate, and equip park sites and facilities, including, at Sports Park East, building and equipping a new recreation center, adding or improving a walking/jogging path, park shelter, playground, golf chipping and putting area, sports lighting, and related site improvements, and improving cricket and soccer/multipurpose fields; and (ii) develop and improve a former industrial site along the North Shore Channel for conversion into a new park with green space, an ADA-compliant playground, walking/biking path, bandshell, park shelter, multipurpose facility, and related improvements (collectively, the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes one or more purposes authorized under Section 6-2 of the Park Code; and

WHEREAS, there are not sufficient funds on hand and available for the purpose aforesaid, and it will be necessary to borrow money and in evidence thereof to issue bonds of the District for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Park Code, before such bonds of the District may be issued it is necessary that the proposition (the “**Proposition**”) to issue bonds for such purpose be submitted to the electors of the District at an election held in and for the District and be approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Proposition be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Park Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Need for Project. It is necessary and in the best interests of the District, in order to provide for the Project, that the District issue general obligation park bonds in the amount of \$53,000,000.

Section 3. Submission to Voters. The Proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the District in accordance with the general election law at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day (the "**Election**").

Section 4. Election Authorities; Voting Precincts and Polling Places. The Election shall be administered by the Cook County Clerk and the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago, each with respect to the territory of the District within its jurisdiction (collectively, the "**Election Authorities**"). The Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the applicable Election Authority for voters of the District at the Election.

Section 5. Election Notice. Each Election Authority shall give notice of the Election, including translations thereof as required by law or determined by such Election Authority (the "**Notice**"), in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at the principal office of such Election Authority.

Section 6. Local Notice. The Secretary of the Park Board (the "**Secretary**") shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the District at least 10 days before the date of the Election.

Section 7. Newspaper of General Circulation. It is hereby found and determined that the Pioneer Press–Skokie Review is a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "**Election Code**"); provided, however, that each Election Authority may use another newspaper that it determines satisfies the requirements of the Election Code.

Section 8. Form of Notice. The Notice shall appear over the name or title of the applicable Election Authority and shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois:

Shall the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, address facility and site improvements at Sports Park East, including building and equipping a new recreation center, constructing a walking/jogging path, park shelter, playground, and golf chipping and putting area, improving cricket and soccer/multipurpose fields, and adding sports lighting, and converting a former industrial site along the North Shore Channel into a new park that includes green space, an ADA-compliant playground, walking/biking path, bandshell, park shelter, and

multipurpose facility, and other park improvements, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$53,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

The polls at said election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Authorized Election Official
Applicable Election Authority

Section 9. Form of Ballot. The ballot to be used at the Election, including translations thereof as required by law or determined by the applicable Election Authority, shall be in substantially the following form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by the Election Code or by the voting system used at the Election:

(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT
PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$53,000,000 PARK BONDS

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Follow the instructions provided by the applicable Election Authority to indicate the way you desire to vote.)

Shall the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, address facility and site improvements at Sports Park East, including building and equipping a new recreation center, constructing a walking/jogging path, park shelter, playground, and golf chipping and putting area, improving cricket and soccer/multipurpose fields, and adding sports lighting, and converting a former industrial site along the North Shore Channel into a new park that includes green space, an ADA-compliant playground, walking/biking path, bandshell, park shelter, and multipurpose facility, and other park improvements, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$53,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?	YES
	NO

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to issue Park Bonds of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, at the general election held on November 3, 2026.

Precinct Number: _____

Polling Place: _____

(Facsimile Signature)

Authorized Election Official
Applicable Election Authority

Section 10. Election Judges. The Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the applicable Election Authority to act in the precincts at which the Proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District.

Section 11. Certification of Resolution and Proposition. After the adoption hereof and not less than 68 days prior to the date of the Election (and in all events no later than August 27, 2026), the Secretary, as the local election official of the District, shall certify to each Election Authority having jurisdiction over any territory of the District: (i) the form of the Proposition to be placed on the ballot, (ii) the date on which the Proposition was initiated by adoption of this Resolution, and (iii) a certified copy of this Resolution, so that the Proposition may be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

Section 12. Canvass of Election. The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time provided by the general election law.

Section 13. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 14. Repealer and Effective Date. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted July 21, 2026.

Elsa Fischer
President, Board of Park Commissioners

Attest:

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

After a full and complete discussion thereof, Park Commissioner _____ moved and Park Commissioner _____ seconded the motion that said Resolution as presented be adopted.

The President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said Resolution.

Upon roll call, the following Park Commissioners voted AYE:

The following Park Commissioners voted NAY:

The following Park Commissioners abstained:

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, and in open meeting did approve and sign said Resolution and did direct the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said Resolution was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION AND MINUTES

I, Michelle J. Tuft, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners (the “**Park Board**”) of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois (the “**District**”), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Park Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete transcript of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the Park Board held on the 21st day of July, 2026, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of Resolution No. 26-_____ entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$53,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS TO THE VOTERS OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said Resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Park Board at said meeting were conducted openly; that all votes taken at said meeting were taken openly; that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public; that notice of said meeting was duly given to all news media requesting such notice; that an agenda for said meeting, setting forth the general subject matter of said Resolution, was posted at the principal office of the District, at the location where said meeting was held, and on the District’s website at least 48 hours before said meeting; that at least one copy of said notice and agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding said meeting; that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as Exhibit A; that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the Park Code; and that the Park Board has complied with all provisions of said Act and said Code and with all procedural rules of the Park Board in the conduct of said meeting.

There is hereby certified to the Cook County Clerk and the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago, for submission to the voters of the District at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, the Proposition set forth in said Resolution, which Resolution was duly adopted by the Park Board on the 21st day of July, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the District this 21st day of July, 2026.

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

AGENDA FOR JULY 21, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

FILING CERTIFICATE - COOK COUNTY CLERK

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Cook, Illinois (the “**County**”), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the ____ day of _____, 2026, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of Resolution No. 26-____ entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$53,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS TO THE VOTERS OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

duly adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois (the “**District**”), on the 21st day of July, 2026, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That included in the certification of said Resolution were the form of the public question (the “**Question**”) to be placed on the ballot, the date on which the Question was initiated by adoption of said Resolution, and a certified copy of said Resolution.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the portion of the District within my jurisdiction at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026 (the “**Election**”).

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election, including translations thereof as required by law or determined by me (the “**Notice**”), will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth in Section 8 of said Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County this ____ day of _____, 2026.

County Clerk
The County of Cook, Illinois

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

**FILING CERTIFICATE - BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY
OF CHICAGO**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am a duly authorized officer of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago (the “**Board of Election Commissioners**”), and as such officer I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the ____ day of _____, 2026, there was filed with the Board of Election Commissioners a duly certified copy of Resolution No. 26-____ entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$53,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS TO THE VOTERS OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

duly adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois (the “**District**”), on the 21st day of July, 2026, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of the Board of Election Commissioners.

2. That included in the certification of said Resolution were the form of the public question (the “**Question**”) to be placed on the ballot, the date on which the Question was initiated by adoption of said Resolution, and a certified copy of said Resolution.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the portion of the District within the jurisdiction of the Board of Election Commissioners at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026 (the “**Election**”).

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election, including translations thereof as required by law or determined by the Board of Election Commissioners (the “**Notice**”), will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the Board of Election Commissioners at least 10 days before the date of the Election, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth in Section 8 of said Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Authorized Officer
Board of Election Commissioners for the City of
Chicago

(SEAL)



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: July 21, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

RE: Amendments to Skokie Park District Conduct Ordinance

Summary: There are three proposed changes to the conduct ordinance:

- Section 2.12(a)(3) regarding disorderly conduct. The change includes new language regarding abusive language or gestures.
- Section 2.40(b) regarding weapons and firearms. The changes further define a weapon.
- Section 3.02 regarding bicycles. This is a new section that prohibits any electric/motorized device from Skokie Park District parks.

The new language is included in the attached ordinance, and the old language (highlighted) is also attached.

Recommendation: Staff recommend approving the amendments to the Conduct Ordinance.

Motion: Move to approve ordinance # 26-004 amending sections 2.12(a)(3), 2.40(b), and 3.02.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-004

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF AN
ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF THE
PARKS AND PROPERTY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY
THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
("CONDUCT ORDINANCE")**

* * * *

Adopted July 21, 2026

**(Published by Authority of the Board of Park Commissioners
of the Skokie Park District on July 21, 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF AN
ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PARKS AND PROPERTY
OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2015, the Board of Park Commissioners ("Park Board") of the Skokie Park District ("Park District") adopted an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Parks and Property Owned or Controlled by the Golf Maine Park District," as amended from time to time ("Conduct Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Park Board has determined that it will serve and be in the best interests of its residents and the general public to amend Sections 2.12, 2.40, and 3.02 of the Conduct Ordinance in order to clarify the Park District's policies, serve and protect the public interest, and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GOLF MAINE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance as the findings of the Park Board.

SECTION TWO: DISORDERLY CONDUCT. Section 2.12(a)(3) of the Conduct Ordinance is hereby stricken in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(3) Uses obscene or abusive language or gestures, or language directed at a person or group based on an actual or perceived protected characteristic, including race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, age, or disability, or threatens violence or injury to the person or property of others, in a manner intended and likely to incite or produce an immediate breach of the peace or violent or disorderly response; or,

SECTION TWO: WEAPONS AND FIREARMS. Section 2.40(b) of the Conduct Ordinance is hereby revised by adding the following language at the end of subsection (b):

For purposes of this Section 2.40(b), the term "weapon" means any object, device, or instrument, other than a Firearm as separately defined in this Ordinance, that is designed, intended, or used to inflict death or bodily injury or to threaten or intimidate another person. The term includes, without limitation, knives, clubs, batons, martial arts weapons, bows, crossbows, slingshots, air guns, BB guns, pellet guns, conducted electrical weapons, explosives, ammunition, and any replica, imitation, or toy weapon that reasonably appears to be a real weapon. The term also includes any object that, although not designed as a weapon, is used or possessed in a manner capable of causing bodily injury or creating a reasonable apprehension of imminent harm.

SECTION THREE: BICYCLES. Section 3.02 of the Conduct Ordinance, entitled "Bicycles" is hereby stricken in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 3.02. Bicycles, E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and Other E-Powered Devices

(a) Definitions:

1. For purposes of this Conduct Ordinance, "bicycle" is defined as every human-powered device with 2 or more wheels not less than 12 inches in diameter, operable pedals, and designated seats for the transportation of one or more persons.
 2. For purposes of this Conduct Ordinance, "low-speed electric bicycle" (also referred to as "e-bike") is defined as a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following classes:
 - i. "Class 1 low-speed electric bicycle" means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - ii. "Class 2 low-speed electric bicycle" means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - iii. "Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle" means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.
 3. For purposes of this Conduct Ordinance, "low speed electric scooters" means those devices defined by Section 11-140.11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-140.11).
 4. For purposes of this Conduct Ordinance, "other electric or power-driven devices" shall mean any device designed for human transport and powered by an electric or battery powered motor, including but not limited to hoverboards, skateboards, scooters, Segways, Onewheels, and unicycles.
- (b) No Person shall ride a low-speed electric bicycle, e-bike, low speed electric scooter, or other electric or power driven device on District Property at any time. The prohibition set forth herein shall not apply where necessary to make a reasonable accommodation

for access to or use of District Property under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- (c) When two or more Persons in a group are operating bicycles, they shall not ride abreast or side-by-side, but shall ride in single file.
- (d) No Person shall cling or attach themselves or their bicycle to any other moving vehicle.
- (e) The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.
- (f) No Person operating a bicycle shall carry another person on the same bicycle. This restriction does not apply to tandem bicycles.
- (g) No Person shall operate a bicycle on District Property between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise, without a clear, white, properly lighted headlight, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from the front thereof for not less than 500 feet and firmly attached to the bicycle, and without a red reflector firmly attached to the bicycle which is clearly visible in the headlight beam of an automobile for a distance of 500 feet to the rear of the bicycle.
- (h) No Person may operate a bicycle on playgrounds, ballfields, tennis courts or sidewalks except that small children riding three (or more)-wheeled cycles may operate such cycles on sidewalks while under the supervision and control of an adult.
- (i) No Person shall ride a bicycle on any District street or path where signs are posted prohibiting riding bicycles on those streets or paths.
- (j) Bicycles shall not, at any time, in any place, be indiscriminately parked by anyone in such manner as to actually or possibly interfere with pedestrians or traffic, or with Persons getting into or out of automobiles. No Person shall leave a bicycle lying on the ground or pavement or set against trees or otherwise in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is space available. No Person shall move or in any manner interfere with, any bicycle which is properly parked, nor shall any Person interfere with or in any manner hinder any Person from properly parking a bicycle.
- (k) All bicycles, when operated on roadways or sidewalks, shall be kept to the right and shall be operated as near as practicable at the right-hand edge of the roadway or sidewalk.

- (l) No Person shall operate a bicycle within or upon District Property which is not equipped with a signaling device (bell, horn) in good working order and audible at a distance of 100 feet when sounded.
- (m) No Person shall operate a bicycle faster than is reasonable and proper, and every bicycle shall be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the rider and of other Persons and property.
- (n) Every Person operating a bicycle within or upon District Property shall observe all traffic rules and regulations applicable to motor vehicles under this chapter, except those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application except as otherwise provided by this section.

SECTION FIVE: PUBLICATION. The Park District Secretary is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form pursuant to the Statutes of the State of Illinois.

SECTION SIX: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Approved this 21st day of July, 2026 by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Published in Pamphlet Form: July 21, 2026.

President, Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District

State of Illinois)
) ss.
County of Cook)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and as such official, I am keeper of the records, ordinances, files and seal of said Park District.

I further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 26-004 titled,

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF AN
ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PARKS AND PROPERTY
OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT**

adopted at a duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, held in Skokie, Illinois, in said District at 6:30 p.m. on the 21st day of July, 2026.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said ordinance were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location at which said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

In witness whereof, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of said Skokie Park District, Illinois, this 21st day of July, 2026.

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District

smoking and carburetion masks; miniature cocaine spoons and cocaine vials; carburetor pipes; electric pipes; air-driven pipes; chillums; bongs; ice pipes or chillers; and

(6) Any item whose purpose, as announced or described by a seller or user is for use in violation of this section.

Section 2.11. Cooperation with Authorities.

(a) No Person shall physically hinder, threaten, resist, intimidate, disobey, bribe, or otherwise intentionally interfere with any member of the District Police Force or any District employee, board member or agent in the performance of his duties.

(b) No Person shall falsely represent that he is, or otherwise pretend to be, a District officer or employee, a member of the District Police Force, or an agent or other representative of the District.

(c) No Person shall knowingly display a false, expired, or revoked permit, pass or membership card, or give a false report or false information (including, without limitation, information requested in a Permit application) for the purpose of misleading a District employee, board member or agent, or a member of the District Police Force in the conduct of his official duties.

Section 2.12. Disorderly Conduct.

(a) A Person commits the offense of disorderly conduct when he knowingly:

(1) Does any act in such unreasonable manner as to alarm or disturb another and
to provoke a breach of the peace; or

(2) Makes or causes to be made any excessively loud or unreasonable noise which
disturbs the peace in accordance with Section 2.43(b) of this Ordinance; or

(3) Uses obscene or abusive language or gestures, or threatens violence or injury
to the person or property of others, in a manner intended and likely to incite or produce an immediate breach of the peace or violent or disorderly response; or,

(4) Congregates with other Persons on District Property with the intent to restrict
vehicular or pedestrian traffic or with the intent to restrict the free ingress to or egress from District Property and fails to comply with a lawful order of the District Police Force to disperse.

Section 2.13. Display of Permit or Pass. Every Person shall produce or display a Permit or pass when requested to do so by any authorized Person for the purpose of enforcing compliance

Section 2.37. Sleeping on District Property. No Person shall sleep on benches, sidewalks, parking lots, picnic grounds or tables, playgrounds or playground equipment, stairways or doorways of District buildings or other District Property so as to unreasonably obstruct or hinder the movement of other Persons or the use of Facilities.

Section 2.38. Smoking and Smoking Products.

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, Smoking or any use of a tobacco product is prohibited in all District, parks, buildings, Facilities and Vehicles. Smoking is also prohibited: (a) fifteen (15) feet from any District building entrance, exit, window that opens, or ventilation intake that serves an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited; and (b) in all wooded areas on District Property. Smoking or any use of a tobacco product shall only be allowed in those places on District Property designated as a Smoking Area as determined by the Director.

(b) In compliance with the Skokie Village Code, no Person under the age of 18 shall purchase, or accept a gift of cigarette, e-liquid, electronic cigarette, or tobacco product or have cigarette, e-liquid, electronic cigarette, or tobacco product in such Person's Possession on District Property. For purposes of this Section, "e-liquid" shall mean any liquid product composed either in whole in part of nicotine, propylene, glycol, polyethylene, glycol, glycerin and/or other similar substances and manufactured for use with an electronic cigarette to be converted into gas for inhaling.

Section 2.39. Swimming. No Person shall bathe, swim, wade, float, splash, or otherwise enter or remain in District Waters except at such times and places and in compliance with all policies, rules and regulations as the District may designate for such activities.

Section 2.40. Weapons and Firearms.

(a) No Person shall use, fire, set-off or otherwise cause to explode, discharge, burn, or throw onto District Property any weapon or Firearm, as defined in Section 2.40(c), any weapon capable of discharging a projectile by air, gas or explosive, any explosive substance, rocket, firecracker or other firework, missile, bomb, grenade, or other explosive device, liquid or gaseous substance, or any other weapon or Firearm described in 720 ILCS 5/24-1 *et seq.*

(b) No Person shall bring onto, carry, or have in his Possession any weapon or Firearm, any gas or explosive, any explosive substance, rocket, firecracker or other firework, missile, bomb, grenade, or other explosive device, liquid or gaseous substance, any object whose intended use is as a weapon, or any other weapon or Firearm described in 720 ILCS 5/24-1 *et seq.* on District Property, except as otherwise preempted by the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65/13.1) and the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/1 *et seq.*) as set forth in Section 2.40(c) of this Ordinance.

(c) For the purposes of this Section 2.40(c), the following terms shall apply in accordance with the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65/13.1) and the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/1 *et seq.*):

instrument, public speaking, or the amplification thereof, in conjunction with activities conducted, sponsored, licensed or otherwise permitted by the District. Any Person that knowingly violates this Section 2.43(b) shall have committed the offense of disorderly conduct in accordance with Section 2.12(b) of this Ordinance.

Section 2.44. Bribing Employees. No Person shall give or offer any money, gift, privilege, or article of value to any District employee, officer, or agent in order to violate the provisions of the Ordinance or any other District ordinance, contract, permit or statute of the State of Illinois and the United States or in order to gain or receive special consideration in applying for any use or privilege, or treatment in the use of District Property. This section shall apply both on and off District Property.

CHAPTER III - MOTORIZED VEHICLES, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

Section 3.01. All-Terrain Vehicles. No Person shall drive, ride, or otherwise operate an all-terrain Vehicle on District Property. For purposes of this section, an all-terrain Vehicle shall be defined as any motorized off-highway device 50 inches or less in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of 600 pounds or less, travelling on three (3) or more low-pressure tires, designed with a seat or saddle for operator use, and handlebars or steering wheel for steering control.

Section 3.02. Bicycles.

(a) When two (2) or more Persons in a group are operating bicycles on District Property, they shall not ride abreast, but shall ride in single file.

(b) No Person operating a bicycle on District Property shall cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving Vehicle.

(c) The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building on District Property shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley or driveway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all Vehicles approaching on said roadway.

(d) No Person operating a bicycle on District Property shall carry another Person on the same bicycle. This restriction does not apply to tandem bicycles equipped with two or more seats or saddles or an ordinary bicycle equipped with a seat or saddle for an infant or small child if used properly. In that event, there shall be only the number of Persons on the bicycle as there are seats or saddles.

(e) No Person shall operate a bicycle on District Property between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise, without a clear, white, properly lighted headlight, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from the front thereof for not less than 500 feet and firmly attached to the bicycle, and without a red reflector firmly attached to the bicycle, which is clearly visible in the headlight beam of an automobile for a distance of 500 feet to the rear of the bicycle.

(f) No Person shall operate a bicycle on District playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts, basketball, other sports courts, or sidewalks except that children under the age of 4 years old riding

three- or more-wheeled cycles may operate such cycles on sidewalks while under the supervision and control of an adult.

(g) No Person shall ride a bicycle on any District street or path where signs are posted prohibiting riding bicycles.

(h) Bicycles shall not, at any time, in any place, be indiscriminately parked on District Property in such manner as to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or with Persons getting into or out of Vehicles. No Person shall leave a bicycle on District Property lying on the ground or paving or set against trees or otherwise in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is space available. No Person shall move or in any manner interfere with, any bicycle which is properly parked on District Property, nor shall any Person interfere with, or, in any manner, hinder any Person from properly parking a bicycle.

(i) All bicycles, when operated on District roadways, shall be kept to the right, and shall be operated as nearly as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway.

(j) No Person shall operate a bicycle on District Property unless the bicycle is equipped with a signaling device (e.g., bell or horn), in good working order and audible at a distance of 100 feet when sounded.

(k) No Person shall operate a bicycle on District Property at a speed faster than is reasonable and proper under the circumstances, and every bicycle shall be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the rider and of other Persons and property.

(l) Every Person operating a bicycle on District Property shall obey all federal, state, local, and District traffic laws, rules, and regulations applicable to motor Vehicles, except those provisions which by their nature can have no application to the operation of a bicycle and except as otherwise provided by this section.

Section 3.03. Change of Oil/Cleaning. No Person shall change the oil or grease of, make repairs to, or wash, clean or polish Vehicles on District Property, unless a Permit therefor has first been obtained from the District in accordance with Chapter V of this Ordinance.

Section 3.04. Commercial Vehicles.

(a) The term "commercial vehicles" as used in this section shall include, but not be limited to trucks, station wagons, vans, pickups, passenger cars, or other Vehicles when used in transporting Persons or movable property for a fee or profit, either as a direct charge to another Person (except when transporting passengers or movable property to or from the District), or otherwise, or used as incident to providing services to another Person, or used in connection with any business, except during the course of doing business with the District.

(b) All roadways on District Property shall be used for pleasure driving only. No Person, other than District employees, shall drive any truck, tractor, or other commercial vehicle of any kind on District Property without first obtaining a contract or permit therefor from the District.



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: July 21, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

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

RE: Laramie Park Synthetic Turf Repairs

Summary: This informational summary notifies the Board of an unbudgeted expense that will be charged to the capital improvement fund. The work includes replacing 3,165 square feet of synthetic turf on the Laramie baseball field, including the batter's box and areas around all three bases, as well as re-nailing several turf sections at the dugout entrances. Repairs are necessary due to worsening field conditions this year. Because play begins annually in late February and continues through late fall, this site receives more use than any other district field.

The total cost for the repairs is \$26,300. The capital improvement fund has sufficient funds available which means that no approved projects will need to be delayed or moved to another fiscal year to accommodate the work. The project is scheduled to take place in August and should take 5-6 days.

Recommendation: No approval needed, informational only.

Motion: No approval needed, informational only.



SALES INVOICE

Perfect Turf LLC

5540 Meadowbrook Court
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
888-SYN-TURF

JOB NO: TBD
DATE: 6/18/2026

TO: Skokie Park District
7523 Long Ave
Skokie, IL 60077
Phone: 847.929.7802

DELIVER TO: Laramie Baseball Field
5251 Sherwin Ave
Skokie, IL 60077

SALESPERSON	JOB	SHIPPING METHOD	P.O. NUMBER	PICK UP DATE	PAYMENT TERMS
Penny	Laramie Field Repair				

QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
1.00	Each	Laramie Baseball Field Repair	26,300.00	\$ 26,300.00
		Includes:		
		Center green turf replace panel 15'x90',		
		First base replace 15'x45' red clay turf		
		Second base replace 15'x37' red clay turf		
		Third base replace 15'x39' red clay turf		
		Home base replace red clay circle and white tee		
		boxes replace		
		Field entrance gates fix turf detached from boards		

The proposal price above represents a 3% cash discount (cash or check). If paying by credit card, for all or part of the project, 3% will be added to the payment amount for the portion paid by credit card.

SUBTOTAL	\$ 26,300.00
SALES TAX	0.00%
CUT FEES	
DELIVERY FEES	
3% CC FEE	
BALANCE DUE	\$ 26,300.00

Signature: _____

DISCLAIMER: Turf does in fact get hot in direct sunlight, although it does not retain or radiate much heat. Perfect Turf LLC does not guarantee that natural grass/weeds will not grow through the drainage holes. Reflection from windows, highly reflective or shiny surfaces (such as a white PVC fence), or glass top tables can create a magnifying affect and melt the turf. Compression, laying down of fibers, matting and traffic patterns are all considered normal wear and tear. Please call our customer support line with any questions prior to cutting or installing the turf.

Make all checks payable to **PERFECT TURF LLC**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!



Skokie Park District Parks Board Report July 2026



PARK SERVICES

Corrie Guynn

Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

- The playground installation at Emerson is complete. The contractor removed the old play equipment and installed the new. The operations staff completed the installation of the play surfacing, and the horticultural staff has begun the surrounding turf restoration. The playground opened on the day of the Village's funding deadline.
- The painting project at Sports Park is complete. The entire hitting structure has been repainted. Fortunately, the contractor worked on the project overnight, so operations were not affected. Additionally, the protective fencing on the second floor was removed, the posts were repainted, and new fencing was installed.
- The roof panel replacement project on the hitting structure at Sports Park was also completed.
- The asphalt project at the Dammrich Rowing Center is complete. The path repaving and the newly paved section along the Channelside soccer fields are also complete. The inside of the oar storage was converted from stone to pavement, giving the facility a much cleaner look on the outside. Additional restoration of the front of the building will be finished in the late summer/early fall.
- The Tot Learning Center exterior painting project has begun. The coping, gutters, and downspouts are done, and work has begun on the walls.
- All staff assisted with the 4th of July setup and operations for both the parade and fireworks.
- Staff assisted with the Juneteenth, Pride, and Terminal Park hot dog events.
- The athletics staff continue to maintain the ballfields and soccer fields.
- The horticultural crews continue to weed and maintain the district beds.

Skokie Park District Recreation and Facilities Board Report July 2026

Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities – Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation - Mary Amato
Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities – Corrie Guynn

Facility Rentals and Birthday Parties

Aquatics

	2025	2026
Pool Passes	\$335,609	\$362,080
Birthday Parties	\$13,390	\$14,225
Private Rentals	\$8,910	\$7,260
Daily Fees -DAC	\$25,165	\$27,895
Concessions - DAC	\$10,219	\$10,681
Daily Fees - SWP	\$161,200	\$101,312
Concessions - SWP	\$37,730	\$27,556

Devonshire

	2025	2026
Room Rental	11	9
Birthday Parties	0	1

Emily Oaks Nature Center

	2025	2026
Room Rental	2	2
Birthday Parties	4	7
Shelter Rental Non-profit	0	1

Oakton/Exploritorium

	2025	2026
Room Rental	14	16
Exploritorium Birthday Parties	47	42
Exploritorium Group Visits	7	7

Park Services

	2025	2026
Birthday Parties	3	6

Rally Room

	2025	2026
Room Rental	n/a	5
Court Rental (with Room)	n/a	2

Skatium

	2025	2026
Birthday Party Rentals	16	5
Studio Rink Rentals	N/A ice removed for summer	N/A ice removed for summer
Main Rink Rentals	7	0

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2025	2026
Room Rental	0	0

Weber Center

	2025	2026
Room Rental	6	6
Birthday Parties	4	5

Admissions and Visits

Exploritorium

	2025	2026
Admissions	2,428	2,723

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2025	2026
Visits	833	743

Skokie Sports Park

	2025	2026
Range	\$163,897	\$165,954
Simulator	\$3,008	\$2,400
Grass Tees	\$1,840	\$4,565
Mini Golf	\$46,336	\$45,996
Batting Cages	\$10,563	\$10,077
Concessions	\$5,125	\$5,508
Alcohol	\$4,347	\$5,505
Total	\$235,116	\$240,005

Weber/Athletics

	2025	2026
Open Gym	64	179
Late Night	593	313
Table Tennis	59	98
Open Pickleball	59	5*
Private Tennis/Pickleball	7	6

*only offered for three Saturdays in June

Weber Golf Course

	2025	2026
Greens Fees	\$39,491	\$36,267
Rentals	\$1,648	\$1,746
Concessions	\$1,506	\$1,239
Alcohol	\$1,374	\$1,423
Total	\$44,019	\$40,675

Childcare Enrollment

Devonshire Preschool

	2025	2026
2's	11	9
3's	25	17
4's	22	13
Enrichment	26	11
Total	84	50

Emily Oak's Growing Sprouts

	2025/26 Registrations to Date	2026/27 Registrations to Date
Half and Full + Lunch Bunch	n/a	18 + 8

SPACE

	2025	2026
AM	181	208
PM	569	579
Total	751	787

Tot Learning Center

	2025	2026
Infants	7	13
Toddler 1	14	15
Toddler 2	15	16
2/3's	14	16
Preschool	18	19

Pre-K	17	17
Total	85	96

Athletics- Curt Evans

Athletic Fields

	2025	2026
NBL Basketball	9 Teams	8 Teams
Torah Softball	10 Teams	10 Teams

Devonshire Aquatics Center – Claudia Bidstrup

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Locker room upgrades have been well received.
- Attendance is steady despite the wild temperature swings.

Devonshire Cultural Center – Robin Horwitz

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Sara Segneri was hired as the new Early Childhood Supervisor and began on June 22. Sara has been working in a seasonal and regular part-time role with the Park District as the Camp Director for Summer On Broadway Rising and as a Playhouse stage manager and instructor. Sara holds a degree in theatre with a minor in early childhood education and has been working in local schools with young children as well as in area theatres since receiving her degree in the spring of 2025.
- The Skokie Concert Choir Summer performance had 177 in attendance bringing in revenue of \$2,220 with \$946 going to the Playhouse.
- Auditions were held for the Summer Historic Show, 22 auditioned and 16 were cast. The show is set to be performed August 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Emily Oaks Nature Center – Lee Hansen

Facility Updates and Highlights

- A range of tot classes were offered this summer for the first time in many years, and all are running!

Drop-in Programming (Classes/Groups)	2025	2026
School Group Activities + Self-guided	2	0 + 4
Scout/Youth Group Activities + Self-guided	3 + 3	3 + 1
Public GPS Treasure Hunt	0	1
Total	8	9

Volunteer Program (June)

Volunteer Workdays	Hours
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Weekday Crafters	44.75
Land Management	7
Kawaga Garden Workday	12
Wildflower Workday	19
At-home Projects	2
Total Hours	84.75

Oakton Community Center – Aryn Fletcher

Facility Updates and Highlights

- NEW! Active Adult Trip: Lou Malnati's Pizza Making Experience sold out with 28 participants
- NEW! Tinker Swiss Cottage Trip sold out with 28 participants
- NEW! Lake Geneva Lunch Cruise sold out with 28 participants
- Storybook Corner- 30 participants
- Sensory Play & Create- 53 participants
- Parent/Tot Yoga- 82 participants
- Paint & Play- 27 participants

Skatium Ice Arena – Brandi Luecke

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Symmetry Ice Theatre took five teams to sunny California to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Theatre on Ice Nationals at the end of June. The Novice team won the Pewter Medal (4th place). The Preliminary team came in 12th of 19 teams. The Intermediate came in 7th of seven teams. The Open team came in 10th of 17 teams. The Senior team came in 5th of six teams. The event hosted around 1,800 athletes from across the country. Theatre on Ice is one of the fastest growing skating disciplines combining artistic skating ability and on-ice storytelling.
- The issue with the Skatium's ammonia compressor and subfloor heating unit has been addressed, and both are running normally. While working on the compressor, PremiStar added new fittings into the piping to allow for more efficient bleeding of the system.
- One of the Skatium's roof top unit compressors failed due to a short in the wiring and had to be replaced. The compressor was replaced on June 30, and the roof top unit is running normally.
- The new hockey director has hit the ground running and has been instrumental in camp training, day-to-day camp activities, and fall hockey preparation. He is also scheduled for several Skokie Farmers Market dates to lead children's activities and attract new patrons to the rink.

Skokie Heritage Museum– Emily England

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The 2025-2050 Skokie time capsule sealing event was held at the library on June 7 with 165 attendees. Remarks were given by Mayor Ann Tennes, Richard Witry (President, Skokie Historical Society), Dr. Margaret Clauson and Dr. Megan Aseltine (School District 69 Superintendents), Kristina Perez Thomas (Owner, Soul Good Coffee), Joshua Amado Bicoy (President, ZAMNAI), Jennifer Engel (Manager, Skokie Farmer's Market), Stephanie Guthrie (Coordinator, Skokie Heritage Museum), and Skokie Public Library staff.
- Work began to restore the c. 1847 log cabin's daubing with a more historically appropriate material to better preserve the original timbers. Work will continue in July.
- Eight museum volunteers contributed 72.25 hours of service, and Museum staff supported two research site visits in June.

Skokie Sports Park – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- A new synthetic putting green was installed, the hitting structure was painted, and the roof installation was completed.
- 860,000 strokes were recorded on the Trackman driving range bays.
- 18,280 strokes were recorded on the grass tee driving range bays.

Skokie Water Playground – Scott Runkle

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Season pass sales are up from 2025.
- Staff have received many compliments on the brightness of the locker room floors, new paint, and the addition of suit spinners.
- The newly refurbished blue slide and new bucket have been enjoyed by all.
- Several private rentals and birthday parties were cancelled due to low temperatures and rain but are trending well for the season overall.

Tot Learning Center – Fouzia Khan

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Students enrolled in the 2/3s, Preschool and Pre-K Classrooms are going on off-site field trips.
- As in past years, Tot Learning Center is participating in the Skokie Library's summer reading program.
- Usually, there is a drop in summer enrollment, but that is not the case this year. After the Pre-K graduation, four students moved to Skokie camps. Otherwise, enrollment has been consistent in almost all classrooms.

Weber Golf Course – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- There have been several delayed openings and early and complete closures due to rain and storm damage clean up.
- There are 37 Gold Season Pass Holders. (Unlimited Golf plus \$250 driving range card)
- There are 05 Silver Season Pass Holder. (Unlimited Golf)

Weber Center/Fitness First – Ethan Bontly

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Four new Group Fitness instructors were hired in June adding seven new classes and four new formats to the group fitness offerings.

Memberships

	2025	2026
Active Members	3,897	4,517
Visits	17,455	16,678*
Personal Training Tickets	212	214
Massage Tickets	61	69
Pilates Tickets	75	23**

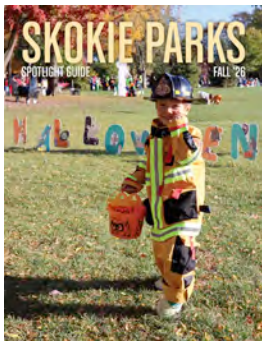
*Fitness First gate was down again during June resulting in fewer swipes for visits

**We are still seeking a second Pilates instructor and the drop in Pilates is due to Kathy Corigan's retirement.

July Publications Profile

The C&M department creates more than 210 publications annually, including the current guides below and: 52 SPD weekly e-newsletters, 50 weekly email editions of both *TLC Today* and *Active Adult 60+ Weekly Happenings*, monthly e-newsletters for Fitness First, seasonal e-editions of Hockey, Figure Skating, Skokie Heritage Museum, Summer Camp and Devonshire Theatre e-newsletters, as well as Summer Fun and School Year Fun Guides, and an Annual Report.

Two Fall Program Guides



The 100-page online Fall Guide will be posted in late July. An abbreviated 24-page new-look printed Spotlight Guide will arrive in homes by August 1.

School Year Fun Guide



The 8-page folded mini School Year Fun Guide hits 25,000 Skokie homes in mid-August highlighting events September through May 2027.

Fall Prime Times



The 8-page activity guide was mailed this month to more than 4,000 Skokie homes with residents age 60 and over. The Winter Guide will go into production in October.

Summer Camp Guide



The now 40-page Summer Camp Guide was mailed to and viewable online to all 25,000 Skokie homes for customer review for camp registration.

Monthly Happenings



The C&M department produces a digital monthly happenings guide, featuring new and unique ways to have fun, including special events, one day classes, workshops, outings and pop-up events.

District News Highlight



New stories are posted on the website and sent to local news organizations.

July 3 — Skokie's Backlot Bash is back this summer, and we have the lowdown on every band! Independent rockers Lucky Boys Confusion will headline the three-day downtown street festival on Saturday, August 29.

District E-News



The district e-news is sent every Friday to more than 18,000 mostly Skokie emails.

National average open rate – 33%
SPD May open rate – 53%

Weekly e-news includes special events, and district news. Past month: New SPD app, Skokie Fireworks Festival, Pancake Breakfast, etc.



The district sends news releases to, and is covered by, the *Skokie Review*, *The Record North Shore*, *Patch* and the *Chicago Tribune*.

Photos

The social media coordinator is tasked with taking district photos, with help from the entire C&M staff, and with the occasional assistance of SPD staff and a freelance photographer. A few photos from the past month:



Tulip bulbs & Skokie Fireworks Festival



Pool Safety Day & Devonshire playground

Sponsorship

The sponsorship coordinator is currently working on sponsorships for summer and fall 2026. This past year she secured \$137,303 in sponsorships and \$37,247 in in-kind, budget-relieving donations, for a total of \$174,550.

Social Media — See the following pages for a full social media report.

The C&M department executes the bulk of its advertising now through Facebook boosts, targeting unique demographics with each post, depending on the program, event or facility/park. The social media coordinator takes photos, creates posts and advertising boosts on Facebook, as well as posts on Instagram, X, TikTok and Bluesky. The coordinator also shoots and produces videos for the website, social media and staff use.

Projects

- SPD App Campaign
- Proposed referendum communication
- Redevelopment of backlotbash.com
- Stand Up Skokie Summer Campaign
- Oakton Park interpretive sign coming in July
- TLC Signage



Websites

Staff designed, built and maintain five websites, including five major special event sites. Skokieparks.org continues to evolve. The site is translatable in 250 languages.

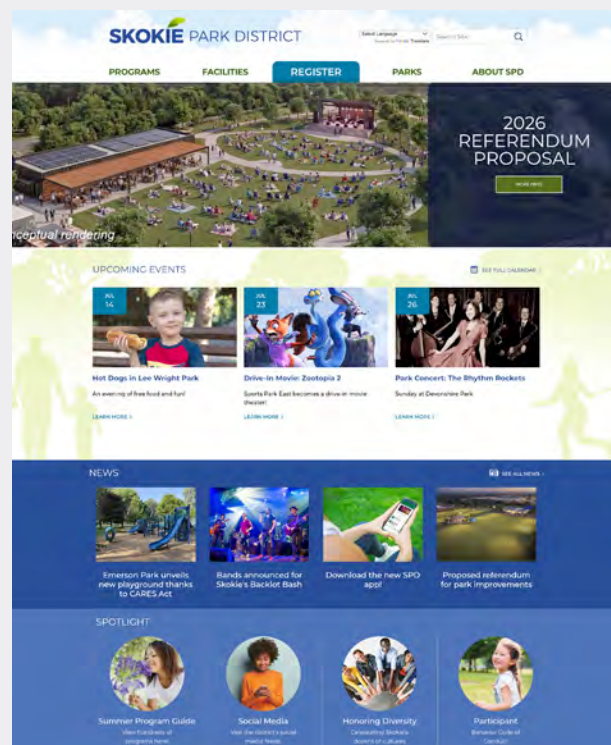
June '26 skokieparks.org analytics

- Active Users – 48,321 (May – 48,743)
- Total Page Views – 128,850 (May – 124,292)
- User Interactions – 252,457 (May – 245,568)

June Top 10 web pages by visits

(May ranking)

1. Skokie Water Playground (2)
2. Homepage (1)
3. Skokie Sports Park (3)
4. Devonshire Aquatic Center (5)
5. Proposal (referendum) (10)
6. The Exploritorium (–)
7. Summer Camps (6)
8. Weber Leisure Center (8)
9. Fitness First (7)
10. Weber Park Golf Course (9)



Facility Digital Advertising

In addition to a select few special event ads run in the Pioneer Press and dozens of Facebook ads, the district runs advertising on three outdoor lighted signs, including two double-sided signs, one at Weber and one at Oakton, and a sign facing the Edens Expressway at Park Services. (This one features major events and revenue facility promo only, as Skokie resident traffic is less than 15% of drive-by viewership.)

The district also places ads on indoor TV lobby monitors at the Skatium, Weber (2), Devonshire, Oakton, and TLC.



Weber and Oakton outdoor lighted sign message



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

June 2026





NOTES & INSIGHTS

Social Media Follow Totals:

- Facebook: 273 new follows, 27 unfollows, 10380 total
- Instagram: 329 new follows, 48 unfollows, 5336 total
- X is down 1 followers. 2146 total followers.
- Bluesky has no change. 173 total followers.
- TikTok is up 144 followers. 1036 total followers.

Higher Frequency Posts (FB): The Bunker Promo (9.86), Parent & Me Dodgeball (4.27), Mini-Golf Tournament (3.54)

Frequency is how often one unique person saw a post.

High Engagement Posts (FB): July 4 Parade and Fireworks Fest Boost (651), Skokie Pride Schedule (317), SWP Opening Day (247).

These are the sum of comments, reactions and shares.

FACEBOOK OVERVIEW

Facebook Reach & Viewers is the number of people who saw any Facebook content from your organic or paid distribution, including posts, stories and ads. It also includes reach from other sources, such as tags, check-ins and Page or profile visits. This number also includes reach from posts and stories that were boosted. Reach is only counted once if it occurs from both organic and paid distribution. This metric is estimated.

Instagram Reach is the number of people who saw any Instagram content from your organic or paid distribution, including posts and stories that were boosted. Reach is only counted once if it occurs from both organic and paid distribution. This metric is estimated.

Page visits are the number of times our page or profile was visited. Follows are the number of times accounts followed us in the selected time period.



- We hit a little over 600 new followers between FB & IG! This is our biggest single month total since June '25 (491 follows!)
 - We also hit another milestone: 1.4M views in June! Views are the number of times our content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.
- This is attributed to a mix of many things including our referendum proposal campaign and a lot of help from our new intern, Lizzy Moreno! Seasonally, summer is our big engagement for the year.
- Posts featuring our pools did well this month.
- Our top five posts tend to be identical between platforms. **Not this month.**
 - Over on Instagram, posts featuring our younger staff do well. Our post reach increases with these posts because of the number of shares outside of our following audience.



Top 5

FACEBOOK POSTS

Impressions are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”. Facebook now uses the terms “Viewers” & “Reach”, with similar definitions and totals.

Interactions are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

Link clicks are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

Reactions are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.



Viewers: 19,384

Views: 31,408

Interactions: 160

Link Clicks: 358

Reactions: 58

Comments: 20

Shares: 60

Saves: 22



Viewers: 16,943

Views: 24,755

Interactions: 133

Link Clicks: 151

Reactions: 69

Comments: 61

Shares: 2

Saves: 1



Viewers: 14,877

Views: 22,276

Interactions: 272

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 194

Comments: 55

Shares: 19

Saves: 4



Viewers: 13,359

Views: 19,399

Interactions: 85

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 50

Comments: 4

Shares: 17

Saves: 14



Viewers: 11,295

Views: 16,339

Interactions: 72

Link Clicks: 64

Reactions: 53

Comments: 5

Shares: 9

Saves: 5

Top 5 INSTAGRAM POSTS

Impressions (views) are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”. Reach is still the same on Instagram.

Interactions are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

Link clicks are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

Reactions are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.



Reach: 4,315

Views: 9,141

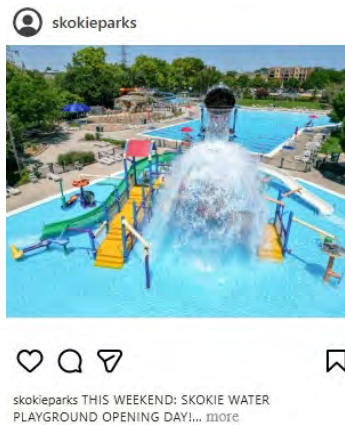
Interactions: 157

Likes: 134

Comments: 0

Shares: 21

Saves: 2



Reach: 3,690

Views: 6,483

Interactions: 167

Likes: 65

Comments: 1

Shares: 61

Saves: 38



Reach: 2,803

Views: 3,925

Interactions: 69

Likes: 52

Comments: 0

Shares: 14

Saves: 3



Reach: 2,360

Views: 3,883

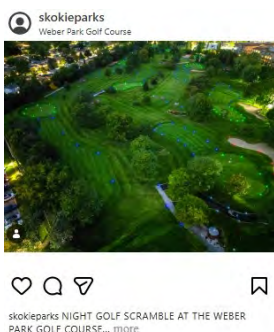
Interactions: 191

Likes: 128

Comments: 10

Shares: 42

Saves: 8



Reach: 1,977

Views: 3,439

Interactions: 121

Likes: 35

Comments: 1

Shares: 77

Saves: 6

BOOSTED POSTS

Impressions are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”. Reach is now known as “viewers”.

Interactions are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

Link clicks are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

Reactions are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.



Viewers: 46,078

Views: 24,583

Interactions: 750

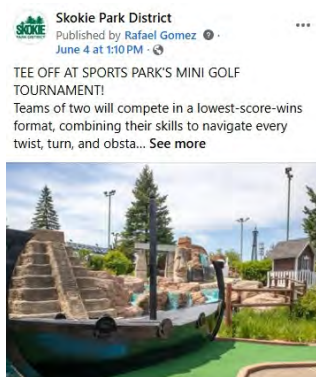
Likes: 611

Comments: 10

Shares: 89

Saves: 40

Link Clicks: 45



Viewers: 20,441

Views: 31,902

Interactions: 26

Likes: 21

Comments: 0

Shares: 3

Saves: 2

Link Clicks: 291



Viewers: 14,579

Views: 29,526

Interactions: 207

Likes: 164

Comments: 4

Shares: 26

Saves: 13

Link Clicks: 5



Viewers: 11,223

Views: 19,741

Interactions: 16

Likes: 13

Comments: 0

Shares: 2

Saves: 1

Link Clicks: 53



Viewers: 8,615

Views: 22,722

Interactions: 200

Likes: 142

Comments: 12

Shares: 27

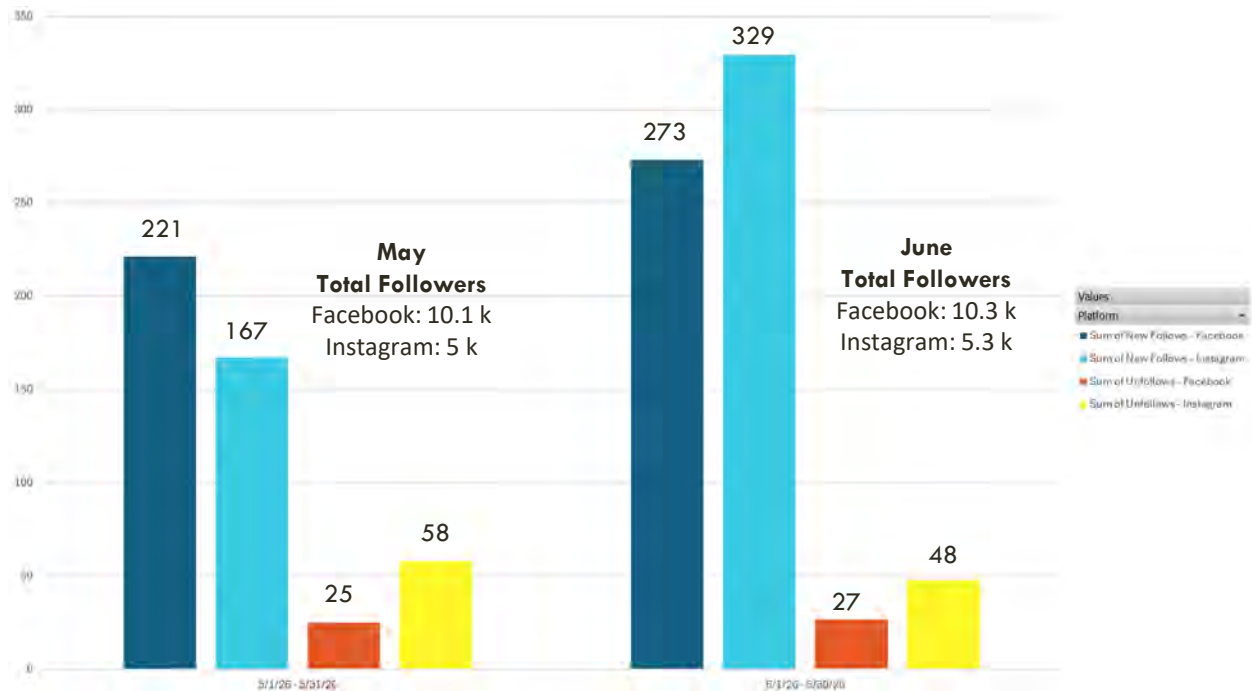
Saves: 18

Link Clicks: 0

Reach: Number of unique people who saw your post. Counted Only Once.
Views: Number of times your post was seen.
Views / Reach = Frequency

Frequency: How often a unique person saw a post.
Green: Performing well or exceeds, based on column averages.

Follows vs. Unfollows: May – June



Reach: Number of unique people who saw your post. Counted Only Once.

Views: Number of times your post was seen.

Views / Reach = Frequency

Frequency: How often a unique person saw a post.

Green: Performing well or exceeds, based on column averages.

Facebook Reach vs. Impressions

Row Labels	Sum of Views	Sum of Reach	Sum of Reactions, Comments and Shares	Frequency
📺 SKOKIE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL & PARADE 📺 Come celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, Skokie! Bring lawn chairs and stake out your spot along the parade route OFF AT SPORTS PARK'S MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT! Teams of two will compete in a lowest-score-wins format, combining their skills to navigate every twist, turn, and THIS WEEKEND: SKOKIE WATER PLAYGROUND OPENING DAY!Join us this Saturday, June 6, for Opening Day at the Skokie Water Playground! The pool will open for swimming MOVIES IN THE PARK ARE BACK!Pack up the kids, grab your blankets and lawn chairs, and head to the park for a free night of family fun under the stars. 📺 2026 MOV BOND REFERENDUM PROPOSALThe Skokie Park District is considering placing a bond referendum on the November 3, 2026 ballot to fund capital projects at two pot	39457	20214	651	1.95
📺 SKOKIE PRIDE SCHEDULE IS HERE 📺 A family-friendly party in the park celebrating LGBTQ+ Pride, with entertainment including games, music, crafts, food, and f	31902	9005	26	3.54
📺 CHECK OUT SKOKIE'S CONCERTS! 📺 Join us for our Summer Sunday Concerts, a relaxed evening of live music on the lawn. This free community event invites you (blank)	31405	19252	247	1.63
SENSORY SWIM DAYS THIS SUMMEREnjoy an evening of sensory friendly swimming with the family! The pools will be closed to the public during these times. 📺 Tues	28772	13738	208	2.09
ESCAPE THE HEAT AT THE BUNKERNo better time than now to check out our lowered summer rates! Explore over 200 courses and stream the FIFA World Cup at The F	24742	16486	147	1.50
HOT DOGS IN THE PARK: LEE WRIGHT PARKJoin us for an evening in the park with free hot dogs, chips, and water. Don't forget to get your FREE Event Pass at the Sum	22251	14402	317	1.54
MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER!Summer Swim Lessons at the Skokie Water Playground are the perfect way to build skills and confidence in the water! All levels welco	20969	8395	174	2.50
📺 DRIVE-IN MOVIE: ZOOTOPIA 2 📺Skokie Sports Park East will be converted for one night into a drive-in theater showing Zootopia 2! Gates will open at 7:30 p.m., w	20221	12102	118	1.67
GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE RECAP!Movies in the park had a great turnout this weekend! Thank you to everyone who came out with their families and friends to enjoy a we	19395	13432	105	1.44
We had a great time at the Skokie Juneteenth Celebration at Oakton Park this past weekend. From the powerful words shared with us, reminding us to lift as we climb,	17832	1808	2	9.86
FREE PUTTING GREEN AT SPORTS PARK!Check out Sports Park's new free synthetic putting green, adjacent to the party pavilion and the golf range, allowing golfers to	15585	10450	76	1.49
ADULTS OVER 60: RED, WHITE & BLUE BINGO LUNCHEONJoin us as we celebrate summer with a red, white, and blue themed party! A buffet lunch followed by live e	15340	6610	5	2.32
SPORTS PARK NOW FEATURES A FREE PUTTING GREEN!Now you can practice your entire golf game by putting at Skokie Sports Park's new free synthetic practice gre	14723	10952	35	1.34
RUBBER DUCK DERBY AT THE SKOKIE WATER PLAYGROUND!On your marks, get set, go! Every hour, we'll send rubber ducks racing down the slide for a chance to win	12844	8770	23	1.46
A PERFECT WAY TO GET KIDDOGS TO EXERCISE IN THE SUMMER HEATJoin us for our Water Fun Run 1K at Oakton Park! All participants and participant's families in at	12765	6930	175	1.84
📺 JULY HAPPENINGS 📺 If you are looking for new and unique ways to have fun in July, the Skokie Park District offers great one-day events, workshops, outings, spe	12001	8907	29	1.35
MORE FREE TULIP BULBS!We have free tulips available in front of the Tot Learning Center sign! Make sure to store them in a cool, dry place for planting in the fall! 📺	11480	5176	56	2.22
PARENT-TOT YOGA AT THE EXPLORATORIUM!Come stretch, move and play with your little one! This fun and easy class introduces basic yoga through simple poses a	7809	5675	31	1.38
📺 WELCOME CAMP STAFF! 📺More than 300 camp staff members are preparing this week to make this summer unforgettable! Camp officially begins June 8, and the	7418	5255	29	1.43
MORE FREE TULIP BULBS!We have free tulips available at Gleiss Park! Store them in a cool, dry place for planting in the fall! 📺 Gleiss Park, 9301 Keystone Ave.	7401	5016	15	1.31
MARIO MJ: A MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE TO DEECOME on out to the Devonshire Cultural Center and enjoy a magical Michael Jackson tribute show on Saturday, June	5751	4349	12	1.32
SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT AT DEVONSHIRE PARK!Join us for our Sunday Summer Concerts, a relaxed evening of live music on the lawn with The Jolly Ringwolds an	5747	4554	23	1.26
PARENT & ME NERF/DODGEBALL BATTLE AT EMERSON PARK!Join us for an action-packed battle, in which parents' team up with or play against their child in an epic t	4872	1141	48	4.27
JOIN THE PUPPY PRIDE PARADECelebrate with us at this year's Puppy Pride Parade during Skokie Pride at Oakton Park! Dress your pup in their cutest outfit to showc	4816	3397	30	1.42
📺 WELCOME TO SPORTS PARK 📺 If you were ever thinking about going to the Skokie Sports Park this is your sign. Follow Ariana and Henry as they take you on a jour	4564	4112	45	1.11
📺 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER CAMP! 📺Happy first day of Summer Camp! Let the fun in the sun begin! 📺	4280	2577	33	1.66
JUNE GYM SCHEDULE IS HERE!We've upgraded our Weber Leisure Center Gym schedule! You can now see ALL gym activities in one place with our new interactive c	3399	2363	10	1.44
📺 HOT DOGS AT TERMINAL PARK 📺Bring the whole family out tomorrow for neighborhood fun and free veggie, halal or kosher hot dogs, chips and water!FREE EVE	3265	2124	32	1.54
Happy Father's Day from the Skokie Park District! Today, we honor the dads who teach us to appreciate nature, who cheer loudest at our games, and who fill our park	2796	1979	47	1.41
BOND PROPOSAL MEETINGS THIS WEEKENDThe Skokie Park District is considering placing a bond referendum on the November 3, 2026 ballot to transform an unde	2739	1637	18	1.67
TINY TOT OPEN GYM AT THE WEBER LEISURE CENTERLet's Move! Little ones will love exploring in a gym filled with balls, hoops, bowling, mats, tunnels and tricycles.	2696	1833	11	1.47
📺 LITTLE TRAVELERS 📺 Here is a recap of the Little Travelers camp! Looks like they had a blast at Devonshire Cultural Center!	2425	1691	8	1.43
MORE FREE TULIP BULBS!We have free tulips available at Weissburg Park and Skokie Sports Park! Make sure to store them in a cool, dry place for planting in the fall!	2339	1507	7	1.55
📺 PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN THE WOODS 📺Bring the family to Emily Oaks for breakfast among the oak trees! Enjoy delicious pancakes served hot off the griddle wit	2317	1619	12	1.43
📺 STORYBOOK CORNER AT THE EXPLORATORIUM 📺Join us on July 7 for books, songs and more during playtime in the Exploritorium! This program takes place the f	2247	1593	11	1.41
📺 SKOKIE SUMMER READING 📺Reading is one of the best ways to keep young minds active all summer long! This week, we were excited to welcome the Skokie Pul	2156	1456	11	1.48
📺 PUBLIC SKATE 📺Don't miss out on Public Skate this summer with your friends and family! No reservations are required for public skate sessions or events. Pay yo	1962	1394	2	1.41
TAKE THE PLEDGE, TODAY!We rolled out the 'Stand Up Skokie' campaign last month, promoting safety, unity, respect and standing up for others in Skokie parks and	1811	1096	13	1.65
STRETCH, BREATHE & BOND!Make movement part of your summer with yoga designed for little ones and their caregivers! Whether you join us outdoors or during pla	1802	1341	1	1.34
TAKE THE PLEDGE, TODAY!The 'Stand Up Skokie' campaign rolled out at the Skokie Festival of Cultures in May, promoting safety, unity, respect and standing up for ot	1728	1127	20	1.53
📺 MOVIES IN THE PARK: GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIEBring your lawn chairs, or blankets, and picnic baskets and enjoy a movie at Devonshire Park! Gabby's Dol	1710	1205	6	1.42
Happy summer solstice!Great time for hitting at the range, mini-golfing or even batting cages at the Skokie Sports Park on the longest day of the year! 📺 📺 Rememb	1709	1286	8	1.33
📺 MAKING A SPLASH FOR WATER SAFETY 📺Today, our young campers joined thousands of children around the world for The World's Largest Swimming Lesson! R	1705	972	14	1.75
NIGHT GOLF SCRAMBLE AT THE WEBER PARK GOLF COURSEGroups of two will compete under LED lights in a scramble format. Shotgun start. Register early! Fee is fi	1688	1044	18	1.62
SENSORY PLAY & CREATE AT THE EXPLORATORIUMOne hour of sensory exploration in the Exploritorium. Kids can dive into hands-on sensory play like squishy playdo	1483	1086	3	1.37
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!Interested in volunteering at this year's Skokie Pride? Fill out the form at the link below and our volunteer coordinator will reach out with more	1446	906	7	1.60
THANK YOU HOT DOG SPONSORS!Allstate and North Shore Community Bank helped make last night's Hot Dogs at Terminal Park event possible. We appreciate our s	1426	822	9	1.73
HOCKEY CAMP! I think I see a future NHL ref in the making. @NHL @Chicago Blackhawks #skokieparkdistrict #skokieparks #skatium #hockeycamp #hockeytok	1352	1236	7	1.09
📺 LEARN TO PLAY CRICKET THIS SUMMER!Join our Cricket Basics Workshop for players ages 7-15! Participants will learn fundamental cricket skills including batter	1303	873	4	1.49
Happy Pride From Skokie Park District To You 📺 📺 #skokieparkdistrict #skokieparks #skokie #skokiepride #pride 📺	1250	884	25	1.41
SENSORY PLAY & CREATE AT THE EXPLORATORIUM!One hour of sensory exploration in the Exploritorium. Kids can dive into hands-on sensory play like squishy playdo	1247	854	3	1.46
Don't forget to pick up your Summer Event Pass tomorrow at Hot Dogs in the Park at Terminal Park!	1199	726	3	1.65
YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP SESSION II BEGINS NEXT MONDAY!This youth baseball camp for ages 8-12 year olds is designed for any young baseball player who is lookin	1177	913	2	1.29
📺 ACT PREP COURSEGet ready for test day with a comprehensive virtual prep course covering English, Math, Reading and Science in the same order as the ACT. Age	1056	691	3	1.53
📺 SUMMER SIMULATOR TOURNAMENT IS HERE! 📺5 weeks. 5 great courses. Compete for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin each week, then climb the leaderbo	1050	980	14	1.07
FENCING FOR EVERYONEClasses start this week. Learn one of the oldest Olympic disciplines! Fencing provides a great workout, increases reflexes and speed, impr	907	647	5	1.40
📺 CHECK OUT SKOKIE'S CONCERTS! 📺Join us for our Summer Sunday Concerts, a relaxed evening of live music on the lawn with The Saturday June Band : a mix c	802	581	6	1.38
PAINT & PLAY AT THE EXPLORATORIUM!This sensory art class will allow you and your little artist to explore and create together. Process-based art projects and creati	762	473	4	1.61
DOWNLOAD THE NEW SPD APP!We are thrilled to launch the brand-new Skokie Park District mobile app, designed to make it faster and easier to experience everythi	759	471	4	1.61
📺 HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AUDITION 📺Email: rhorowitz@skokieparks.org or call (847) 929-7420	754	483	2	1.56
📺 SUMMER SIMULATOR TOURNAMENT IS HERE! 📺5 weeks. 5 great courses. Compete for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin each week, then climb the leaderbo	681	422	2	1.61
📺 OUTDOOR FAMILY YOGA! 📺Join your little one as we stretch and breathe. Aimed for children 2-4 with a caregiver. Please indicate how many are attending. Limit tw	647	409	5	1.58
SKOKIE CONCERT CHOIR'S SUMMER PERFORMANCE ENJOY the beautiful sounds of summer with the Skokie Concert Choir! 📺 Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. 📺 Devonshi	577	360	6	1.60
MOVEMENT WORKSHOP WITH NEW INSTRUCTOR LIN KHAN!Level up your audition game with our new instructor, Lin Khan. An accomplished choreographer whose v	536	319	1	1.68
📺 PUPPY PRIDE PARADE 📺Celebrate with us at this year's Puppy Pride Parade during Skokie Pride! Dress your pooch in their cutest outfit to showcase them. Let's	526	315	5	1.67
Hope to see you there!	517	294	2	1.76
WEBER PARK GOLF COURSE DELAYED OPENINGDue to excessive rain yesterday, the golf course will be closed until 10 a.m., Monday, June 22.	515	320	2	1.61
TOTAL T MAGIC WORKSHOP AT THE DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTERThe ABCs of Magic Workshop is taught by award-winning magician, Mr. Terrance Hunter. Stude	513	316	2	1.62
IMPROVISATION 📺No lines to learn, nothing to prepare, just show up for the ultimate in comedy and fun. Without knowing it, you will develop great skills for teamw	504	344	2	1.47
DINE-IN MOVIE: NATIONAL TREASUREJoin the Skokie Heritage Museum and Downtown Skokie Merchants Collaborative at the 5100 Block of Brown Street in Downto	469	264	2	1.78
📺 TOTAL T MAGIC WORKSHOP 📺The ABCs of Magic Workshop is taught by award-winning magician, Mr. Terrance Hunter. Students will learn magic tricks with eve	418	281	0	1.49
📺 SCRIPT READING HAPPY HOUR & SPEAKEASY THEATRE 📺 Make it a night at the theatre this Friday at the Devonshire Cultural Center! Start the evening by joining	334	238	1	1.40
Skokie 4th of July Parade				
Summer Concert Series: Saturday June Band				
Skokie Fireworks Festival				
Grand Total	503782	290872	3225	
Averages	6542.62	3777.56	41.88	1.71



Skokie Park District Information Technology Board Report July 2026



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Firewall Upgrade

A second redundant internet connection has been successfully deployed across the entire SPD network, providing enhanced reliability and redundancy for internet access for both staff and patrons.

Skokie Parks App

The Skokie Parks mobile app has been rolled out to patrons. IT staff worked closely with the Marketing Department throughout the implementation process to support deployment.

Fiscal Year New Projects

With the start of the new fiscal year, budgeted equipment and projects have been approved and purchased. Staff are currently coordinating configuration, implementation, and deployment efforts across district facilities.

Staff Training & Compliance Initiatives

IT is assisting the Safety and Human Resources departments with the deployment of required staff training through the KnowBe4 platform.

Employee Onboarding

IT supported the onboarding of three full-time staff members.



Skokie Park District Staff and Community Committee Reports July 2026



Backlot Bash Committee Breanne Labus
The next planning meeting is July 21 at 1 p.m. Everything is on track for Backlot Bash 2026!
Community Schools Steering Committee Breanne Labus
No report for the summer season.
DEI Committee Mary Amato
The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 22.
Environmental Action Team Lee Hansen
No report for the summer season.
4th of July Parade Committee Jim Hallm
A successful parade was held on the 4th of July. Three bands stayed overnight at Oakton (2 bands) and Devonshire (1 band).
Festival of Cultures Committee Aryn Fletcher
No Report.
Juneteenth Mary Amato
The annual Juneteenth event took place at Oakton on June 13. Attendance was consistent in the year's past with a couple hundred people throughout the event. Overall, it was a nice event.
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Michelle Tuft
At the June board meeting, the auditors presented the audit for 2025. Nothing notable was reported.

Niles Township Youth Coalition Breanne Labus
No report.
Safety Committee Amanda Green
The Safety Committee met on July 8. Topics discussed included risk management and incidents that have occurred thus far in the busy summer season. Building inspections and training follow-up were also discussed.
Skokie Chamber of Commerce Michelle Tuft
The board met on June 15. Agenda items included discussion of upcoming events and finances.
Skokie Pride Cassie Schaeffer
Skokie Pride was held on Sunday, June 28 from 1-4 p.m. at Oakton Park. There were four food vendors, five sponsors, 20 community organizations, and 650 attendees. We hope to keep growing and improving the event. The committee will be meeting in September to debrief and plan for 2027. We invite any feedback the board or other staff might have to make next year's event even better.
Skokie's Spring Greening Lee Hansen
The 2027 Skokie's Spring Greening is scheduled for April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Westmoreland lot and the Niles North High School north lot.
Staff Appreciation Committee Keli Stonitsch
The committee met on Monday, July 13 to finalize planning details for the Staff and Family Summer Event. The event on Thursday, July 16, at Skokie Water Playground was canceled due to air quality levels.
Wellness Committee Jennie Bever
The next meeting is scheduled for September.



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: July 21, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

RE: Hamlin Park Discussion

Summary: The contractor working at MWRD's O'Brien Plant has requested use of the south end of Hamlin Park (the soccer field) for equipment storage during construction and is willing to pay for use of the property. Staff has contacted MWRD to discuss the request (Hamlin Park is one of our leases) and would like feedback from the board before proceeding.

If the request moves forward, the Board will formally approve an agreement at a later date.

Recommendation: No recommendation, informational only.

Motion: No motion, informational only.