

Approved Regular Board Minutes  
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**Approved 1-17-24**  
**Mt. Prospect Park District**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Mt. Prospect Park District, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at the Central Community Center Facility of the Mt. Prospect Park District. President Kurka called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Starr called the Roll for the Board  
The following Commissioners were present:

Roll Call	Present	Remote	Absent
Commissioner Kurka	X		
Commissioner Starr	X		
Commissioner Doherty			X
Commissioner Massie			X
Commissioner Murphy		X	
Commission Masnica	X		
Commissioner Tuczak	X		

Administrative Staff/Recreation Staff-Present or Remote

Jim Jarog, Executive Director  
Alicia Brzezinski, Executive Assistant  
Ruth Yueill, Director of Community Relations and Marketing  
George Giese, Director of Administration  
Nick Troy, Director of Recreation  
Matt Dziubinski, Director of Parks & Planning  
Jon Zgoda, IT Professional/ Remote Meeting Moderator  
Jeff Langguth, Director of Golf Operations  
Mary Kiaupa, Human Resource & Risk Manager  
Mike Azzaretto, Recreation Division Manager  
Maddy Moon, Community Relations & Marketing Coordinator

Professionals

Tom Hoffman, District Attorney  
Lee Howard, CPA, GAI

Visitors

Terri Bresnahan, Superintendent CCSD 59  
Ron O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services CCSD 59  
Albert Tijerina, Director of Facilities and Operations CCSD 59  
Mike Eichhorn, Wold Architects & Engineers  
Joseph Sagerer, President of CCSD 59 School Board (remote)  
Dave Torres, Nicholas & Associates  
Monica Goshom-Maroney, Hitchcock Design Group

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

President Kurka requested to add a topic of discussion to the closed session which was pending litigation per section 2(c)-11 the review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management, information or advice with respect to any intergovernmental risk management association or self insurance pool of which the public body is a member per section 2(c)-12.

President Kurka asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. So moved by Commissioner Starr and seconded by Commissioner Masnica. All were in favor and none opposed.

There were no other changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

All items identified may be considered routine by the Board of Commissioners and be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and approved under its normal sequence on the regular meeting agenda.

- A. *\*Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting, November 15, 2023 (Removed)*
- B. *\*Ratification of Accounts Payable for November 2023 In The Amount of \$1,000,474.89*
- C. *\*Ratification of Payroll for November 2023 In The Amount of \$330,979.79*
- D. *\*Purchase of two (2) new 2024 Ford F250 Pickup trucks with snow plows through SPC Contract #221 in the amount of \$115,250*
- E. *\*Approval of the Services Agreement between the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) and the Mt. Prospect Park District*

Commissioner Tuczak requested to remove the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from the November 15, 2023 meeting off of the Consent Agenda due to a typo that was brought to staff's attention prior to the meeting and had since been corrected.

President Kurka asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Starr made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Murphy.

Commissioner Starr called the Roll

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Kurka	X		
Commissioner Starr	X		
Commissioner Doherty			X

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Commissioner Massie			X
Commissioner Murphy	X		
Commission Masnica	X		
Commissioner Tuczak	X		

Motion Passed

Since the November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes error was corrected prior to the meeting; President Kurka asked Commissioner Tuczak if the minutes were corrected to his satisfaction; he responded yes and they were ready for approval.

President Kurka asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Commissioner Starr moved to approve the minutes as amended and seconded by Commissioner Tuczak.

Commissioner Starr called the Roll

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Kurka	X		
Commissioner Starr	X		
Commissioner Doherty			X
Commissioner Massie			X
Commissioner Murphy	X		
Commission Masnica	X		
Commissioner Tuczak	X		

Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT  
None

PARKS FOUNDATION UPDATE

Executive Director of the Parks Foundation Ruth Yueill presented the Annual Parks Foundation Update to the Board. Below are the highlights of her report.

The Parks Foundation enjoyed a successful 2023 with the following fundraising events/activities:

- On February 19, the Foundation hosted a sold out Comedy Cabaret Night featuring entertainer Vito Zatto. The \$30 ticket included dinner, cash bar and a mystery wine grab. Over 100 guests attended. By popular demand, the event returns on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at FPC.
- On May 11, fifty guests enjoyed the Pre-Plant Sale Fundraiser at Friendship Park Conservatory. This patron favorite allows early access to the District plant sale on

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May 12, 2023. Light appetizers and a fabulous summer raffle round out the evening. The event earned just under \$2,000.

- Foundation members designed a fundraising event to coincide with the Summer return of American Idol, Lee DeWyze. The July 13 Lee DeWyze “Meet and Greet” brought in \$1600 for the Foundation’s ReGreen the Parks Program.
- The Parks Foundation Scholarships were awarded on Wednesday, July 19 as part of the July 2023 Board meeting. Over \$75,000 has been awarded since the Scholarship Program began.
- The August 13 Summer Cabaret Night featured veteran entertainer, Peter Oprisko, dinner, raffle and a cash bar. Over 80 guests attended earning over \$2500 for the Foundation.
- The Foundation sold refreshments at the August 19 Artisan Event at Lions Park.
- The October Creature Feature Movie Night is becoming an annual tradition for many District families. It includes a Halloween themed movie in the bandshell, big bucket of candy for each family, a giant kid-friendly raffle and free popcorn for all. The event earned over \$2,000.
- The Foundation has purchased liners for the Golf Course Ice Rink for the third year in a row and saw the installation of the Friendship Park Playground Pavilion in early fall.

Commissioner Starr asked if the liners for the Golf Course Ice Rink are reusable?

Executive Director Jarog informed Commissioner Starr that it really depends on if the liner becomes damaged during use.

Director of Parks & Planning Matt Dziubinski also mentioned that it isn't necessarily cost effective to make repairs on the liners if they become damaged and replacement is usually the better option.

There were no further questions or comments from the Commissioners.

The Board thanked Ruth for the Parks Foundation Update.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### A. Community Consolidated School District 59 Brentwood Elementary School Update

Executive Director Jarog gave a brief update informing the Board that the District Staff met with CCSD59 following the November 15th Board meeting to discuss the next steps in an effort to further develop a plan for possible consideration by the Park Board.

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The necessary steps include establishing the requested property boundary, obtaining a plat of survey for the proposed area and an updated land appraisal for the specified area. If the Board is in favor they would need to approve a purchase agreement and necessary resolution which would allow for the transfer of land to take place between our agencies. The school district would prepare and provide the park district a first draft of a purchase agreement for review before either party will consider bringing forward a recommendation to their respective Boards.

In conjunction with the above information, staff has also begun to review the existing IGA between our agencies. The current IGA would need to be amended and approved by both boards to allow for the additional hardscape areas to exist on our property. These areas may include hard court play surfaces, additional parking, temporary construction easements and storage areas. CCSD-59 is currently working to more clearly define their anticipated needs.

CCSD 59 provided their most recent draft site plan for the proposed expansion at Brentwood Elementary School. The plan identified a 55' wide land purchase from the Park District and a 50' wide IGA hardscape area. The preliminary acreage associated with the proposed plan is as follows:

Total Park District acreage:	1.79 Acres (Existing Before Subdivision)
Total proposed purchase property:	0.36 Acres (Proposed Purchase by CCSD-59)
Total proposed IGA property:	0.31 Acres (Park District owned / CCSD-59 Use per IGA)
Remaining Park District acreage:	1.12 Acres (Park District Owned/ Outside of IGA)

Executive Director Jarog then turned the presentation over to the CCSD 59 Staff and Mike Eichhorn from Wold Architects.

Superintendent Terri Bresnahan from CCSD 59 began by informing the Park Board that the school board recently approved a proposal from Wold Architects & Engineers for CCSD-59 to move forward with the design portion of their project and to develop a timeline as well as the necessary requirements between all organizations involved. Ms. Bresnahan then turned the presentation over to Mike Eichhorn from Wold Architects.

Mike Eichhorn thanked the Board and began by going over details of the new design plan and reviewed a dimensioned area to verify the size of the acreage at 1.79 acres as Jim Jarog previously mentioned. 55 feet is the minimum needed for the gym and 50 feet for the IGA which is similar to what the District has now.

Mr. Eichhorn then proceeded to inform the Park Board that stormwater detention will need to be created on the district property in the new design plan. The new plan shows the detention on the current IGA and potentially under the park. This gives the opportunity for more turf to slope it correctly and plan out the future of the park as well as restore it. Mr. Eichhorn shared that this

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was different from what he had stated at the November 15th Board meeting where he had informed the Park Board that no stormwater detention would be required on Park District property.

He further explained that Wold Architects will be meeting with the City of Des Plaines in regards to zoning and approval before moving forward.

The development of the design, the approval of the property purchase and the zoning requirements are the necessary steps over the next 3 months.

Since Commissioner Starr was not at the last meeting, Mr. Eichhorn asked him if he had any questions that he could answer.

Commissioner Starr asked if Nicholas & Associates had anything to say in regards to the change in the plans on the water detention?

Executive Director Jarog responded that he has not had the chance to discuss this with Nicholas as they are representing CCSD 59 on this project.

Executive Director Jarog also expressed concerns about the water detention possibly being proposed on Park District property that is not currently part of the proposed purchase or IGA parcels. Jarog asked Attorney Hoffman if the water detention would require its own agreement and who would be responsible for future upkeep?

Attorney Tom Hoffman explained that it would need to be subject to a written agreement between both parties either as an amendment to the current IGA or a separate agreement. He also informed him that the underground detention would be a new element.

Attorney Tom Hoffman then suggested to Mr. Eichhorn that perhaps it could possibly take form as an underground easement?

Mike Eichhorn also shared that perhaps another possibility could be for an easement to be created and written and legally attached to the survey.

Executive Director Jarog asked what the life expectancy was of the underground vessels?

Mr. Eichhorn responded that the vessels have a 20-30 year life expectancy and terms such as replacement can be written in the IGA and it would be the school district's responsibility to fix.

Director of Parks & Planning Matt Dziubinski asked the estimated timeline for the project?

Mr. Eichhorn shared the design will start in January 2024 and have initial conversations with MWRD and the bid documents would be ready at the end of August 2024.

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Executive Director Jim Jarog then asked Mike Eichhorn if there is enough space in the existing IGA and purchase areas to accommodate the stormwater needs?

Mr. Eichhorn responded it may be possible but would depend on costs and the amount of funding available.

President Kurka shared that he wants to help the school district and it was his opinion that the property is minimally used by the Park District. He isn't opposed to the property being used as long as everything is outlined in writing. He agreed with Executive Director Jarog about exploring the option of having the water detention remain on the proposed IGA / Purchase areas or under the parking lot. He agrees that this project would be beneficial for the neighborhood and children.

Commissioner Tuczak agreed with President Kurka's statement. He thinks it will be a great opportunity to have an underutilized field to be turned into playing fields for the community.

Commissioner Tuczak then asked if the corner mechanical room on the design plan will include HVAC items and will there be ventilation or noise that could impair people using the park?

Mr. Eichhorn responded that it was an allocation type of space. The details are still being worked out and he did not foresee excessive noise coming from that space.

Executive Director Jarog asked where the existing chiller is located on the plan?

Mike Eichhorn pointed out that it is on the right hand side of the design plan.

Executive Director Jarog suggested that it would be helpful to the board if potential dimensions for the required underground storage tanks could be provided to the Board for a better understanding and perspective of what is being proposed. He also expressed concern that the public would be displaced from the park area during the construction process.

Executive Director Jarog then proceeded to share that at what point may it make sense for CCSD 59 to consider the purchase of the entire site from the Park District if we were to only be left with a small area to maintain as open space after the proposed construction.

Commissioner Murphy indicated that he agrees with everything being discussed and also agreed with Jim's comment of consideration for the entirety of the site. He further shared that if the property was sold he would like to see the proceeds from the sale go towards other parks within the same area.

Dr. Bresnahan expressed that cost is a huge factor in this project. She explained that the school district did not want to be too premature in presenting decisions. This evening's presentation was only to provide updates so they can start moving forward with the necessary pieces which

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are mainly the purchase of the property and IGA area as presented followed by the necessary staging areas.

Commissioner Starr asked if the City of Des Plaines has a say in where the water detention will need to be located?

Mr. Eichhorn responded that MWRD has the authority and the City of Des Plaines would simply need to approve it.

Executive Director Jarog asked Attorney Hoffman what the next steps in the process will be.

Attorney Hoffman explained that a purchase agreement between both parties is necessary and he's been in contact with the school district's attorney.

Executive Director Jarog then asked the Board if there's any opposition to the purchase area and the proposed IGA area aside from the placement of the underground storage tanks?

The Board did not have any opposition and President Kurka suggested moving forward to work out the details.

There was no further discussion.

B. FY 2024 Budget Update

George Giese, Director of Administration began his 2024 Budget Update.

George informed the Board that the Budget is left on the Agenda as needed in the upcoming months until its approval in March.

Thus far, we have maintained all of the positive trends and fund balance goals that the District set out and went through last month.

The budget will have strong recreation revenues, earned income categories for our programs and rentals with an increase of over \$700,000.

George concluded his update and there was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Proposed Alternative CloudHQ Rec Plex Outdoor Recreation Area

Director of Parks and Planning, Matt Dziubinski presented the following information to the Board:

In late 2021, the former 50 acre United Airlines campus located in south Mount Prospect was acquired by CloudHQ, a global data center company. With support from Commonwealth



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Edison, the Village of Mount Prospect, and other local agencies, developer CloudHQ broke ground on the \$2.5 billion data center in mid 2022.

In an effort to meet customer demands, CloudHQ requires development of the entire property to maximize its use. The 1.5 million square foot data center includes the construction of 3 separate data center buildings. The first building is scheduled to be completed in 2024 with an additional two buildings to be completed in the next 2-4 years.

As a result of this, the developer is required to meet open space requirements. Having no available property, the Park District was approached by Village members about the opportunity to develop outdoor recreational space on Park District property. The proposed development would need to occur within the confines of the south Mount Prospect TIF and have a free-use component to the public.

In June 2023, staff updated the Board about a potential change in the concept and project scope. Originally, the concept consisted of a mixed-use artificial turf field at Kopp Park. The scope consisted of both a rectangular field as well as an infield space for baseball/softball. Because the projected costs of the proposed turf field had increased significantly (almost double), it was necessary to develop an alternate concept for consideration.

Staff found this to be a great opportunity to redevelop the south end of the Recplex facility and add to the ongoing improvements. The current space which includes a concrete sunbathing deck and sand volleyball courts is currently underutilized and original to the nearly 34 year old building. Although the environment of rising costs poses a challenge, staff is focused on delivering an exciting project that will serve our community well and align with available resources.

Additionally, this redevelopment would provide opportunities including:

- Free usage for the community
- Birthday parties & special events
- Day camp, preschool and athletic program usage
- Affiliate and group rentals
- Entire site rentals
- Individual amenity rentals

In November of 2023, staff presented an early draft concept to the Village's Community Development Committee. The concept and project scope was very well received and input from this meeting was taken into consideration during the conceptual design process. Staff worked to develop tonight's concept with the assistance of Nicholas and Associates and Hitchcock Design Group. The proposed concept has 3 main site amenities including a play area, splash pad, and artificial turf. Other site improvements include a seasonal restroom, turf lighting, shade

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structures, and fencing/netting. The splash pad design includes water features that have exceptional play value, low water usage, and do not require additional staffing.

Proposed funding for this project would come from the Village/CloudHQ \$2 million commitment and \$500K as identified in the District's FY24' Capital Improvement Plan. Additional funding opportunities may be available as we move further along in the planning and design process. Timing of construction is contingent on receipt of funding by the developer, CloudHQ.

If the Board supports this concept as presented, staff will take the appropriate next steps and meet with the Village to revise the previously approved Village Ordinance and work with the Village to develop the necessary IGA and take the next steps with project planning.

Matt then introduced Monica Goshom-Maroney from Hitchcock Design Group to further discuss the design and details of the proposed site plan.

Monica expressed that she is excited that this project offers a lot of amenities for different age groups.

She went into details about the plans and visually showed the Board details of the project plans.

They are proposing a 16,000 square foot artificial turf area with fencing on all four sides and netting for protection.

Commissioner Starr asked Monica how high the netting is?

Monica informed Commissioner Starr that the netting will be 20 feet high on the north and south sides. They are exploring cost options to add the netting to the east and west sides as well.

Commissioner Tuczak asked the dimensions of the turf field?

Monica did not have that information, but can provide it to the Board when she has it.

Commissioner Starr if the volleyball court sand will be removed?

Matt's response was: yes, the court sand will be removed.

Commissioner Starr asked where the entrances are?

Monica showed the Board that there is a main access point from the West that lines up to where the existing walk is. There will also be a secondary access point to get into the artificial turf area.

Commissioner Starr then asked if the sun deck doors will be open to RecPlex?

Matt's response was: The patio doors will remain locked from the exterior for security purposes. From the interior, they remain unlocked for means of egress during an emergency.

Commissioner Tuczak asked if the area will be lighted?

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Monica informed the Board that this will be a fully lit field with LED fixtures and extra shields to prevent any excess spillage.

President Kurka asked what the time frame of this project will be?

Matt explained that if the Board supports the concept, we would engage with the Village to redo the existing Ordinance and develop an IGA. Following those steps the project would be brought back to the Board for approval. The bidding would most likely not occur prior to 2025 unless there is a way to receive funding from the Village ahead of time.

Executive Director Jim Jarog explained to President Kurka that as each of the Cloud HQ buildings gains occupancy; the District would receive a \$660,000 payment from them. There is a possibility that the Village can front us the money and wait for payment from Cloud HQ.

Commissioner Starr asked the Board if they are good with the concept being presented?

There was no opposition received from the Board regarding the newly proposed project.

President Kurka responded by saying he's good with the concept mostly from a promotional standpoint because it dresses up the entire front of the building; especially when it's lit up when traffic is driving by at night.

Executive Director Jarog stated that the existing volleyball courts rarely get used.

Director of Recreation Nick Troy agreed with Jim that removing the existing courts would not displace a large number of people.

Director of Administration George Giese added another benefit to this concept is that we are adding a water feature to the south end of Mount Prospect, which has been desired by the public for quite some time.

Commissioner Tuczak asked what kind of turf will be installed with this concept? He also asked if a replacement will be needed down the road?

Matt Dziubinski informed Commissioner Tuczak that they are looking at products with no in-fill. For example, Perfect Turf Agility 69. Once we work through the design development we will specify an exact product. We should expect about 15 years before a replacement is necessary.

Monica Goshom-Maroney from Hitchcock Design Group then moved on to show the concept and discuss the splash pad design.

She explained that the splash pad will be low flow that puts as much emphasis on the equipment itself without the heavy use of water. It will have an activator so it's not constantly running. It will also have the ability to turn it on and off as well.

Monica moved on to showing visuals of the splash pad.

Commissioner Starr asked her what the blue and red structure is on the concept design?

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Monica informed Commissioner Starr that the red and blue structure is similar to the bucket that is normally used, but this version uses less water and rotates the pressure of the water. It is also a feature that you can see from a distance because it has height to it.

Commissioner Masnica asked if the water area can be used as a rental?

Director Dziubinski explained that this has been considered to allow for the space to be rented out as an entire sight by amenity or request.

The Board expressed their support for the concept. Matt Dziubinski and Jim Jarog will talk to the Village about the next steps in the process and provide updates to the Board as the process progresses.

There was no further discussion.

### B. Comprehensive Master Plan Annual Board Update

Ruth Yuelil, Director of Community Relations & Marketing began her update on the Comprehensive Master Plan.

The 2022 Comprehensive Master Plan was created to provide the Park District with a road map towards accomplishing its mission and vision as well as the successful operation, maintenance and development of our parks, open spaces, amenities, facilities, programs and services. The Master Plan is a 10 year endeavor.

In late 2017, the District completed a strategic plan. It was structured into 4 broad themes where multiple goals and objectives were determined.

Commissioners had previously requested a yearly update to ensure these tasks were on track.

The 10 year Master Plan does not alter the District's current vision and mission while offering strategic initiative and outcomes.

The Master Plan structure provides operational goals, action plans and performance measures.

The Master Plan timeline is defined as short-term (one to three years), midterm (three to five years) and long-term (five to ten years).

The Action Plan includes strategies, tactics, group responsibility, timeline and performance measures.

Ruth Yuelil provided the Board with an update prior to the meeting with the ongoing or completed strategies and tactics addressed and/or implemented in 2023.

President Kurka thanked the Staff for all of the details provided, appreciates the update and asked if further direction from the Board is needed.

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Executive Director Jim Jarog explained that no further direction from the Board is needed at this time and that this presentation was simply an update to provide the Board with staff's accomplishments throughout the year.

The Board thanked Ruth for her update and there was no further discussion.

### FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Lee Howard, Financial Advisor and CPA for the District shared the following report with our Board:

#### 2022 TAX LEVY COLLECTIONS

The second installment of the 2021 tax levy (collected in 2022) was billed by the County December 1, 2022. This created a delay in collections of approx. \$2,600,000 until 2023. These funds will reflect in the 2022 accrual basis reports.

#### 2023 BUDGET

The budget has been updated for two net neutral changes and one affecting the bottom line. \$100,000 representing funds unused from the 2022 Conservatory budget for acquisition of land, improvements, and development. Operating budgets expire at the end of the year and must be re-appropriated.

#### GOLF REPORT

Annual revenue through December of \$1,983,841 surpassed the 2022 budget by \$17,563, after starting \$148,391 under budget at the end of April from the wet spring. The course net was \$407,567 for 2022 which compares favorably to the budgeted net of \$224,598.

#### POOLS REPORT

The 2022 net cost of operations (net of revenue) for the three pools is \$232,067. This compares favorably to the budgeted net cost of operations, \$456,746.

#### RECPLEX FACILITY REPORT

Recplex facility revenues for 2022 were \$343,191. Up 25% over last year and 73% of pre-covid 2019.

#### REC PROGRAMS

Recreation program revenues for 2022 were \$2,132,489. Up 17% over last year and 77% of 2019.

#### CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Childcare revenues for 2022 are \$848,307. Up 44% over last year and 64% of the pre-covid 2019.

#### CENTRAL PROGRAMS

Central program revenues for 2022 are \$215,927. Up 97% over both last year and also up 45% over pre-covid 2019.

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CENTRAL FACILITY REPORT

Central facility revenues through November were \$388,636. Up 12% over both last year and also up 24% over 2019.

President Kurka asked if the brochure programming at the Golf Course is considered revenue at the Golf Course or Rec Programs?

Nick Troy, Director of Recreation informed him that it is recognized as revenue at the Golf Course.

Lee Howard, Financial Advisor opened the floor for questions; there were none.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Executive Director Jarog shared the following report with the Board.

2024 MRMA to PDRMA Transition Process

The next four months will be critical regarding our agency's transition from MRMA to PDRMA (Park District Risk Management Agency) for the District's risk management services. This change is set to take effect on April 1, 2024. Staff has been extremely busy providing the necessary documentation to PDRMA as part of their onboarding process. One of the final items remaining is to have a District wide appraisal performed on behalf of PDRMA for all of our district's assets. This should occur within the next few months.

Any pre-existing claims which occurred while a member of MRMA will require runout services. As of April 1, 2023 MRMA will transition from providing risk management services to providing runout services to the member agencies of MRMA. These services will be required until MRMA can settle all outstanding claims on record. This process is anticipated to take from one to two years but will largely depend on the ability to settle all pre existing claims on file. At that point the MRMA agency can be dissolved and disbanded.

Employee Holiday Breakfast

The District will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Employee Holiday Breakfast on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am -10:30 am at the Mt. Prospect Golf Club. Commissioners were encouraged to stop by and share breakfast with our staff. Executive Director Jarog felt It is important to recognize our employees for all they do for our District and residents. They are a huge part of what makes the Mt. Prospect Park District such a great place to work!

2023 Year In Review

The Mt. Prospect Park District has continued to make great strides to rebound from what were likely some of the most challenging years in our District's history. Executive Director Jarog thanked staff for their hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment to our District. You continue to do more with less, come up with new and innovative ideas, and put your best efforts forward on a daily basis. Jarog then thanked the Board of Commissioners for their guidance and

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leadership to our District. Without each of you, the Mt. Prospect Park District would not be able to make such a positive impact on our community.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - 6:30 pm @ CCC

- Closed Session for Semi-Annual closed session Minute review per SECTION 2(c) (21)

Executive Director Jarog then concluded his report.

President Kurka then asked if there were any questions for Jim and there were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMENTS/MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Starr thanked the District employees for all of their work for a successful Veteran's Day.

Commissioner Tuczak recommended the Board to go to the Comedy Cabaret Night. He attended last year and had a blast.

Commissioner Starr complimented how great Friendship Park looks and asked if the pickleball nets have been set up? He also asked if need be, can we take down the regular tennis nets and install pickleball?

Director Dziubinski's response was: Yes, the pickleball courts at Friendship have been set up. We can consider striping pickleball lines on the existing tennis courts if it's deemed necessary. The existing tennis court nets have permanent anchors and cannot be moved. We expect the four new stand alone pickleball courts to be sufficient for the site.

Commissioner Starr also asked if the fences at Friendship Baseball had been moved back and if there's a plan for the concession stand?

Matt informed him that the fences were not moved and there are no current plans for the concession stand at this time.

President Kurka asked if there were any further comments/matters from Commissioners and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Masnica made the motion to adjourn to closed session under SECTION 2(c) (1): Personnel-To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of one or more specific employees of the public body and SECTION 2(c)-11 "Pending

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Litigation - The review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information or advice with respect to any intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool of which the public body is a member, per section 2 (c) 12.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starr.

Commissioner Starr called the Roll

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Kurka	X		
Commissioner Starr	X		
Commissioner Doherty			X
Commissioner Massie			X
Commissioner Murphy*	X		
Commission Masnica	X		
Commissioner Tuczak	X		

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:12pm.

\*Commissioner Murphy voted to adjourn to closed session but was unable to participate due to restrictions on remote attendance associated with Park District Ordinance #693

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:12 pm.

TAKE ACTION, IF ANY ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Starr made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Masnica. A voice vote was taken with Commissioners Kurka, Starr, Masnica and Tuczak in favor and present.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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William J. Starr, Secretary