



April 2, 2024

Dear Park District Residents:

The Mt. Prospect Park District (MPPD) is requesting your input on a possible November 2024 bond referendum to address park and recreation facility improvements. The proposed upgrades would allow the Park District to significantly enhance and improve its recreational offerings.

Proposed facility and site improvements include:

Lions Recreation Center

Constructing a new recreation center to replace the 54-year-old facility that is operating beyond its useful life. The new, two-story, ADA-compliant facility (with elevator) would feature:

- Three full-size basketball courts
- An elevated walking track
- A senior/multigenerational programming space
- A preschool/early childhood programming space
- An art studio
- Dance rooms
- Lockers and family changing rooms with access to the pool

Outdoor Pool

Replacing the 40-year-old Big Surf Pool with a new outdoor community pool. The new pool would include:

- Eight lap lanes
- Two water slides
- A zero-depth entry area
- Aquatic spray features

Lions Memorial Park

Adding new park amenities, including:

- Four pickleball courts
- A skate park
- An outdoor game area
- Parking lot improvements

RecPlex

Expanding programming opportunities with improvements, including:

- Converting two basketball courts into a multisport artificial turf field
- Constructing retractable partitions between the turf and basketball court
- Adding air conditioning to the gym space

The estimated annual tax impact of the proposed \$46.2 million bond referendum is \$49 per \$100,000 of a home's fair market value, or about \$196 for a \$400,000 home.

Nothing is set in stone until we hear from you, our District residents. The Park District will send a public opinion survey to you later this spring and would greatly appreciate your feedback. The District will also host Community Information Meetings at the Lions Recreation Center (411 S. Maple Street) to discuss these proposed improvements per the dates and times below:

Meeting #1: Thursday, April 18, 10:00-11:30 am (in the gym)

Meeting #2: Tuesday, April 23, 5:30-7:00 pm (in the preschool rooms)

Additional information regarding the possible funding proposal can be found in the enclosed fact sheet and on our website at mppd.org/2024proposal.

If you would like to submit feedback regarding the funding proposal, our Park District team can be reached at 2024proposal@mppd.org.

Thank you for everything you do to make our community a great place to live, work, and play!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Jarog", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jim Jarog, Executive Director
Mt. Prospect Park District