



**Wilmette Park District
Committee of the Whole
Board of Park Commissioners**
*Monday, September 29, 2025
6:30 pm – Mallinckrodt*

AGENDA

1.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CALLED TO ORDER

1.1 ROLL CALL

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 BOARD VACANCY UPDATE

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 AUGUST 2025 FINANCIAL UPDATE

5.2 CRC OPERATIONS & CENTER FOR THE ARTS UPDATE

5.3 WALLACE BOWL UPDATE

5.4 BUDGET MEETING/FINANCE COW MEETING START TIMES

5.5 CAPITAL PLAN DISCUSSION

6.0 ONGOING DISTRICT PROJECTS

6.1 GILLSON PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

6.2 LANGDON SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT

6.3 SOLAR PANEL PROJECT AT CRC

6.4 CRC RESTORATION

6.5 HIBBARD PARK OSLAD DEVELOPMENT

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

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Wilmette Park District **Policy for Public Comment**

The Board of Park Commissioners, in its regular or special meetings, is a deliberative body assembled to make decisions on new and pending matters affecting the District. Park Board and Committee meetings are meetings held in public, not a public meeting. The Board invites both oral and written communications from its residents.

To facilitate the conduct of Board/Committee meetings, the following procedures will be followed:

1. A section of each meeting will be set aside for public comment and will be noted on the agenda as "Recognition of Visitors."
2. During the "Recognition of Visitors" agenda item, audience members wishing to comment should raise their hands and will be permitted to speak once they are recognized by the President/Chairperson.
3. When recognized by the President/Chairperson, each audience member should identify themselves and limit speaking to no more than three (3) minutes, unless additional time is granted by the President/Chairperson. Each audience member will be permitted to speak only once. The President's/Chairperson's denial of or limitation on any request for an extension of time may be overruled by a majority of those Commissioners/Committee members present.
4. Questions are to be directed to the entire Board/Committee. Audience members are reminded that questions often require Board/Committee member or staff investigation or inquiry to obtain additional information before responding. As such, Board/Committee members may choose not to immediately respond to comments, and the issue instead may be referred to staff for additional consideration, or a Board/Committee member may pursue the issue at a future Board/Committee meeting. Lack of an immediate response to a question raised during public comment should not be interpreted as anything other than a commitment by the Board/Committee to take the issue under advisement for consideration and follow up or possible future action.
5. Park Board/Committee members may, by addressing the President/Chairperson, interrupt a presenter to obtain clarification and/or further information.
6. Personnel matters will not be addressed during "Recognition of Visitors."
7. During presentation and discussion of agenda items, the President/Chairperson will not recognize speakers in the audience unless the Board/Committee desires additional information from an audience member.
8. When addressing the Board/Committee, all persons permitted to speak shall confine their remarks to the matter at hand and avoid personal attacks, the impugning of motives, and merely contentious statements. If any person indulges in such remarks or otherwise engages in conduct injurious to the civil discourse of the Board/Committee and the meeting, the President/Chairperson may immediately terminate the opportunity to speak. This decision is at the discretion of the President/Chairperson or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Park Board commissioners/Committee members present.
9. Any person, except a member of the Board, who engages in disorderly conduct during a meeting, may be ejected from the meeting upon motion passed by a majority of the Board/Committee members present.

Approved February 13, 2023

Wilmette Park District
Policy for Written Communications and Correspondence from the Public

The Wilmette Park District welcomes communications from its residents in all formats. When the communication is via email, and the intent of the resident is to have the communication included in the materials for the next public meeting, the below information outlines the process for inclusion in public meeting materials:

1. Any written communication or correspondence, including any attachments, that members of the public would like included in a Board or Committee meeting packet must be submitted to the following email address: publiccomment@wilpark.org.
2. The written communication will be included in the next public meeting, either Board/Committee meeting, unless specified otherwise by the resident.
3. All written communications submitted for inclusion in a Board/Committee packet shall pertain to public business of the Park District. Any communications unrelated to public business or that contain obscene, indecent, or profane language or imagery will not be included in Board/Committee packets.
4. The written communication must be received not less than two (2) business days prior to a meeting to be included in that particular packet. Written communications received after that time will be included in the next Board/Committee meeting packet.
5. When members of the public communicate directly with one or more members of the Board of Park Commissioners or staff using their individual Park District email addresses, the email will be included in the next Board/Committee packet if forwarded to publiccomment@wilpark.org per the time constraints outlined above.

Approved June 12, 2023

Michelle Parson

From: Chris Lindgren
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 11:08 AM
To: evita vulgaris; Patrick Lahey; Allison Frazier
Cc: Public Comment; Christopher Wieczorek
Subject: Re: [External] Centennial pool extended season and lap lane usage (please include in October Board Meeting minutes)

Hi Evita,

Thank you for reaching out to staff and the Board (BCC'd here) with your questions and comments below. I have asked our staff to provide some research and background information on your email requests. This will take a little time, but we will be in touch with you as soon as we are able to get all the accurate information. Thank you for your support and I am happy to hear how much you, and your peers value the Centennial Pool. Enjoy the rest of your day and I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Best,



Chris Lindgren
Executive Director, Wilmette Park District

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From: evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 8:21 PM

To: Patrick Lahey <plahey@wilpark.org>; Allison Frazier <afrazier@wilpark.org>; Patrick Duffy <pduffy@wilpark.org>; Cecilia Clarke <cclarke@wilpark.org>; Julia Goebel <jgoebel@wilpark.org>; Mike Murdock <mmurdock@wilpark.org>

Cc: Public Comment <publiccomment@wilpark.org>; Chris Lindgren <clindgren@wilpark.org>; Christopher Wieczorek <christopher@cjwpe.com>

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I find it hard to believe that neither the WPD nor NTA noticed the big drop in the NTA rental fee from \$49,214 in 2022 to \$25,897 in 2023 even though the hours were very similar. Nobody questioned this? What explanation is there for the drop???

I can tell you that from my interaction with Pool Management this year that they appear to not be that familiar with the hours in the contract.

What is the WPD Board planning to do about these errors and will they be releasing a statement? The shortfall is significant at \$56,200.

Perhaps if NTA had paid the correct amount for what they used this year the pool could have stayed open until mid-October again? As a note, Theresa at the pool front desk told me on the last day this last Sunday, September 21, that there already had been close to 100 swimmers entering by 10:15am or so when I was leaving. This gives an idea of how much the public can and does enjoy the pool in late season.

Finally, I really urge the WPD Board to have a Town Hall meeting where Wilmette residents in the fall come together to discuss priorities with respect to pool usage. There is a lot of information that residents simply do not have as I have, hopefully, outlined in this email. You cannot collect the same level of useful information from surveys and other types of outreach that are not in person events and information exchange amongst residents is invaluable.

Thank you,
Evita Vulgaris
773-575-1678

Begin forwarded message:

From: evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: [External] Lap pool use concerns
Date: September 18, 2025 at 12:42:41 PM CDT
To: Mike Murdock <mmurdock@wilpark.org>
Cc: Chris Lindgren <clindgren@wilpark.org>, Patrick Lahey <plahey@wilpark.org>, Dave Merrill <dmerrill@wilpark.org>

Hello again,

I am sorry for the multiple emails but I just realized something that is significant.

If you look at the prices in the NTA contract, several of them are wrong as they are assuming a one hour rental. For example, for the biggest time slot for Monday-Saturday, 7am-9:45am, the total days is 58 but the hours are 2.75 and not 1. Accordingly, the total cost should be \$15,590 and not \$5,800. The cost for several other time slots is miscalculated as well.

Thanks,
Evita

On Sep 17, 2025, at 6:04 PM, evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com> wrote:

Mike,

Thank you for your detailed response.

I was able to find the Financial Statements for the WPD online, including those for Centennial Pool and am attaching them to this email. To be honest, I was a bit surprised at the revenues. Specifically:

- 2025 (projected) membership fees were about \$700,000
- 2025 (projected) total yearly revenue was about \$1.2M (I realize that most of this is not from lap swimmers but it is still a large amount compared to the \$26K from NTA)
- 2025 (projected) net surplus was \$130,000
- NTA revenue was only \$26,280 (it must have been reduced for closing before 9/26; also if you subtract revenue outside of the main season running from 6/9 to 9/1 for when the lap swimming tends to get overcrowded and the 5/28 meet, revenue is about \$21,500 - see relevant page of 2025 NTA contract that is attached)

What am I missing? Is the pool really losing money? Is NTA providing that much significant funding to allow the pool to operate as it has been? While the pool does not generate a big surplus, the WPD is, after all, a not-for-profit organization.

I would also like to add that NTA had a total of 152 lap hours per week. If the public had 279 lap hours per week that would imply that NTA has 35% - i.e., over one third - of the total lap hours per week. That seems like a very high percentage for the small amount of additional revenue.

I have a few additional comments:

- You state that the weekly lap lane hours have increased. It is possible that the number of lap swimmers has also increased during this same time period (which I have heard is the case).

- As you state, more revenue can be sourced from either third parties or from users. Just because WPD overshot the non-resident fees one time does not mean that this cannot be tried again. To the contrary, I hear from many of my fellow lap swimmers that they would be willing to pay more (as would I) to keep the pool open for a longer season and to reduce crowding.
- I did not know this previously but I have heard, again from fellow swimmers, that the pool actually stayed open into mid-October for at least some years. A lot of us would love that even if it meant paying for an extended season pass. (Pool management has stated they close earlier for winterizing that takes 4 weeks??).

One question I have is how much does it cost to keep the pool open an extra week into the extended season?

It is easier to maintain the status quo but things are not static and periodically priorities should be reevaluated.

It would be great to have a forum in which these issues can be discussed in real time and information can be exchanged as I myself had not seen the above pool revenue data before yesterday.

Thank you,
Evita

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On Sep 16, 2025, at 3:08 PM, Mike Murdock
<mmurdock@wilpark.org> wrote:

Evita-

I wanted to add a bit of historical perspective. But first I should note that Patrick speaks for the board and I share his perspective on this subject.

If you recall, I was at that town hall meeting. It was an extremely productive meeting, and I would support an effort to do this again.

But you might also recall that one of the changes that came out of the meeting was a decision to significantly increase non resident fees at the pool. The goal was to generate the same amount of non-resident revenue, but with fewer (higher) paying non-residents. We overshot and, while non resident attendance decreased, non resident revenues also decreased.

Faced with higher fees for residents, we back-peddled the following year, but we permanently lost some of those fees.

In addition, at that time, the pool partially closed for the season in late August and completely closed at Labor Day. We extended the season several years ago, and, as Dave noted, we have increased our weekly lap lane hours over that past five years from 229.5 to 276- we try to meet the needs of our residents as best we can in the most fiscally responsible way.

The reality is that pools lose money. Ours does far better than most, partially because of arrangements like the one with NTA. During and immediately following Covid, we pursued a different model with separate per-use lap-swimming fees during prime hours. This was unpopular with the lap swimmers, so we have adjusted. But we need to find the revenue somehow- either from third parties or from users of the facility.

Please also remember that we also rent out our turf fields, lacrosse/soccer fields, gymnasium and other resources throughout the district- this philosophy is not limited to the pool and does not affect only lap swimmers. Yes, residents pay taxes and residents funded the initial construction via a referendum. This is why residents pay lower fees. But only 25% of our roughly \$32M in District revenues comes from taxes, and most of that is allocated toward open space, free programming, security, special needs assistance, and maintenance/admin staff. None of your taxes currently funds any part of the centennial pool operation.

I hope this helps provide some additional context. Happy to discuss further any time. Mike.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patrick Lahey <plahey@wilpark.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 3:35 PM
To: evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com>; Dave Merrill <dmerrill@wilpark.org>
Cc: Margaret Resnick <mresnick@wilpark.org>; Rochelle Kruse <rkruse@wilpark.org>; Sayre Froelich <sfroelich@wilpark.org>
Subject: Re: [External] Lap pool use concerns

Hi Evita,

Thanks for taking the time to write and communicate with us. We are all working together to maintain a Centennial Pool that is safe, welcoming, and financially sustainable.

As Superintendent Merrill pointed out, renting the pool to groups like NTA has allowed the Park District to offer extended hours that would not otherwise be possible. Across the District, these types of arrangements also help cover operational costs, which ultimately benefits residents by keeping overall program fees lower. The Board supports a Park District that serves both Wilmette residents and the broader community. I agree that Wilmette taxpayers must receive strong value from our facilities, and our policies are always designed with that in mind.

You mentioned concerns about access during what is often considered prime time, but that concept is subjective, and it is exactly the kind of challenge our staff manages every day across our facilities. What feels like peak demand to one group may be less important to another, which is why staff balances a wide range of needs. We will look at lap swim data in the fall / winter and

The Wilmette Park District Board holds park land, by law, for the benefit of the people of Illinois, and we take that responsibility seriously. While we can charge residents less, we cannot fully restrict access to public facilities. We also value the community partners who help us financially support these spaces, and many New Trier Aquatics families are themselves Wilmette taxpayers. Without those partners or participation from nonresidents, the taxpayer burden of Centennial Pool would rise significantly and the facility would likely become uneconomical to operate at its current level.

We will continue working to ensure Centennial Pool serves the full community well. The increase in lap swim hours and the extended season reflect a clear effort to support that use. I understand that not everyone agrees on how

best to balance access, but we are committed to a process that includes all voices. There is still a lot of data to collect this summer, and I know staff will take that information, along with feedback like yours, into account as they reflect on operational details such as lap swim hours. Your email will be shared with staff as part of that review.

Sincerely,
Patrick Lahey
President, Wilmette Park District Board of Commissioners

From: evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 1:56 PM
To: Dave Merrill <dmerrill@wilpark.org>
Cc: Patrick Lahey <plahey@wilpark.org>; Margaret Resnick <mresnick@wilpark.org>; Rochelle Kruse <rkruse@wilpark.org>; Michelle Parson <mparson@wilpark.org>; Sayre Froelich <sfroelich@wilpark.org>
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Dave,

I think there is a misconception here. Lap swimmers should not have to share the pool with NTA or any other exclusive private user groups and certainly not during prime time. The pool is a Wilmette public resource and is intended for public use.

Also, I found it a bit surprising that management that generated the NTA contract was not aware of NTA's use of the pool on Saturday mornings - they actually "corrected" the schedule to remove them after I mentioned that NTA has one half of the pool six mornings per week.

I would suggest there be a meeting in the fall and WPD invite all Wilmette residents that have been pool members in the last three years to discuss pool usage. This was done back in 2012 with the result being changes to the pool schedule and NTA usage. I was not a pool member for some of the years in between due to personal circumstances.

My understanding is that most of the management and staff have turned over since then and have no memory of this. I really urge you to consider having such a meeting.

Thank you,
Evita

On Jul 8, 2025, at 9:02 AM, Dave Merrill <dmerrill@wilpark.org> wrote:

Evita,
The WPD Aquatics leadership has been diligent in their monitoring and allocating of various types of pool access over the last few years. When comparing the number of lap lane hours available to the public over the last four seasons, there were approximately 229.5 hours per week from 2019 to 2021. Since 2022, that number has increased to approximately 276 hours per week. This reflects a deliberate shift toward prioritizing lap swim access for the public by reallocating more lanes from NTA to open swim opportunities.

Priority is built into our programs and registrations for our residents in many ways. "Monopolizing half the pool" is not possible. This is simply a matter of sharing. It seems that lap swimmers want as much time as possible, whenever they want it. I can't fault anyone for feeling that way about something they enjoy. However, it is the responsibility of the WPD and our staff to determine a reasonable allocation among our users and programs.

I appreciate your passion for this topic and your advocacy for your fellow swimmers. Our staff is keenly aware of the context and culture surrounding this topic. We will continue to monitor and manage the appropriate allocation of time and resources at the pool. As we continue to improve our current operations I encourage you to focus your energy on the future of aquatics and swimming in the Wilmette community. We will be seeking input from the community on what the future may hold.

Respectfully,
Dave

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From: evita vulgaris
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Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 6:04 PM
To: Dave Merrill
<dmerrill@wilpark.org>
Cc: Patrick Lahey
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<mparson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [External] Re: Lap pool use concerns

Dave,

Thank you for your email.

While my experience this past Saturday prompted me to action, it is not the issue.

The key issue is that the public should have priority over private

entities including NTA. To reiterate, NTA monopolizes one half the pool during prime time when it is frequently overcrowded. They are not entitled to this.

I have talked with fellow lap swimmers and have found many who are as frustrated as I am with this situation.

It is time to revisit the pool scheduling. It is my understanding is that it has been some time since this was done in any serious way.

Thank you,
Evita

On Jul 7, 2025, at
4:08 PM, Dave
Merrill
<dmerrill@wilpark.org> wrote:

Ms. Vulgaris,
Thank you for sharing your concerns about pool usage for lap swimming. I apologize for the miscommunication you experienced on July 5. The NTA use was not on our published schedule for any Saturday mornings due to a minor copy/paste error as the schedule was prepared. Our on-site staff have accurate and updated

internal information at all times. The error on the public schedule has been corrected. July 5 presented an elevated level of confusion. NTA was NOT supposed to be on site (per contract) on this date. Perhaps it was an oversight/assumption on their part. We are working with them to avoid this type of mistake in the future. Because NTA is routinely in the pool on Saturday mornings I presume all parties did not recognize this deviation.

The demand for lap-swimming access is high in this community as you know. We value the contributions and wants of our residents while striving to make them a priority. We also understand the importance of community partnerships and helping foster the vibrance and growth of the sport of swimming. Our affiliation with NTA is another way we can enable life-long swimmers.

Our contract with NTA was generated in April 2025 under the management of our Supervisor of Ice and Aquatics. In conjunction with our

General Manager of Ice and Aquatics the WPD facilitates the relationship with NTA. I have attached the contract for your reference.
NTA is granted access by our on-site staff for each visit.

I'm sorry this communication created an unsatisfactory experience for you on Saturday. By addressing this issue we hope to avoid any future inconveniences. All of the users of our pool are there for a positive experience. We can all work together to ensure that is the outcome each time.

Best,
Dave

**Dave Merrill, CPRE,
CRSS, CPO
Superintendent of
Recreation**

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I am a Wilmette resident and look forward to morning lap swimming in the Centennial outdoor pool during the summer months.

I planned to go swimming on Saturday, July 5. It was a beautiful day and one of two days of the week which, according to the posted pool schedule and Sayre, the public has lap swimming in the entire pool until 9:45am since the New Trier Swim Club (NTA) was not on the schedule.

I arrived at 8am and, to my surprise, there was NTA, again using 4 of the 8 lanes. I asked the front desk but they did not know anything about it. They reiterated that NTA was not on the schedule. When I approached the NTA coach he informed me that this was not his problem as the Wilmette Park District is responsible for the posted schedule. Furthermore, he stated, they have a contract and they rent the pool (which I already knew). So, as is virtually always the case, I had to swim in one of the remaining, crowded, public lanes where I and other resident

swimmers collided several times. This is a consistent problem for resident lap swimmers in the morning.

NTA's monopolization of half the lap pool during the most desirable hours significantly impacts the residents' enjoyment of lap swimming due to the overcrowding in the remaining lanes.

This pool belongs to the residents of Wilmette and they and the paying public should have priority over any private groups. If the residents and the Wilmette Park District decide that the resource is underutilized and could be contracted out for private use it should only be for those times when in fact the resource is underutilized. If the residents determine that the resource is not underutilized it should not be contracted out at all. The Park District exists to be custodians of our

resources not to
broker their sale for
the benefit of private
entities.

I have several
questions/requests
to which I would
appreciate a
response:

1) I would like to get
a copy of NTA's
contract for this
year. Can you please
send it? If not, how
can I get it?

2) Who at WPD
approved and signed
this year's NTA
contract?

3) What is the
timeline and
process for approval
of such contracts
going forward?

4) Given that NTA
was not on the
schedule and the
front desk was not
aware that they were
there, how did they
get access?

5) Likewise, NTA
seems to be
scheduled before
the facility is open,
how are they
provided access?

Thank you,
Evita Vulgaris
773-575-1678

<2025 NTA
Contract.pdf>

Michelle Parson

From: Chris Lindgren
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 10:47 AM
To: Michelle Parson; Public Comment; Lisa Russell
Subject: Re: [External] FW: Wallace Bowl facelift

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for reaching out and your positive words about Gillson Park and the Wallace Bowl. I agree that Wallace Bowl is in need of some repairs, and we have added funding into our capital plan to begin addressing some of the deferred maintenance as well as accessibility needs. I truly appreciate your support and for voicing some of your concerns in need of attention. As an agency we are balancing similar needs across the district as a whole, but I wanted to let you know that we do have plans to start this much needed work over the upcoming years at Wallace Bowl. Thanks again and do not hesitate to reach out with any other questions or concerns.

Take care,



Chris Lindgren
Executive Director, Wilmette Park District

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From: Comment, Public <publiccomment@wilmette.com>
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Karen



Karen L. Norwood, Legal Assistant/Deputy Village Clerk

Village of Wilmette
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From: Lisa Russell <lisakr55@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 4:50 PM

To: Comment, Public <publiccomment@wilmette.com>

Subject: Wallace Bowl facelift

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Sadly, its stone is filthy and its worn wooden benches are haphazardly patched.

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Respectfully, Lisa Russell, 35 year Wilmette resident and Gilson frequenter

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I find it hard to believe that neither the WPD nor NTA noticed the big drop in the NTA rental fee from \$49,214 in 2022 to \$25,897 in 2023 even though the hours were very similar. Nobody questioned this? What explanation is there for the drop???

I can tell you that from my interaction with Pool Management this year that they appear to not be that familiar with the hours in the contract.

What is the WPD Board planning to do about these errors and will they be releasing a statement? The shortfall is significant at \$56,200.

Perhaps if NTA had paid the correct amount for what they used this year the pool could have stayed open until mid-October again? As a note, Theresa at the pool front desk told me on the last day this last Sunday, September 21, that there already had been close to 100 swimmers entering by 10:15am or so when I was leaving. This gives an idea of how much the public can and does enjoy the pool in late season.

Finally, I really urge the WPD Board to have a Town Hall meeting where Wilmette residents in the fall come together to discuss priorities with respect to pool usage. There is a lot of information that residents simply do not have as I have, hopefully, outlined in this email. You cannot collect the same level of useful information from surveys and other types of outreach that are not in person events and information exchange amongst residents is invaluable.

Thank you,
Evita Vulgaris
773-575-1678

Begin forwarded message:

From: evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: [External] Lap pool use concerns
Date: September 18, 2025 at 12:42:41 PM CDT
To: Mike Murdock <mmurdock@wilpark.org>
Cc: Chris Lindgren <clindgren@wilpark.org>, Patrick Lahey <plahey@wilpark.org>, Dave Merrill <dmerrill@wilpark.org>

Hello again,

I am sorry for the multiple emails but I just realized something that is significant.

If you look at the prices in the NTA contract, several of them are wrong as they are assuming a one hour rental. For example, for the biggest time slot for Monday-Saturday, 7am-9:45am, the total days is 58 but the hours are 2.75 and not 1. Accordingly, the total cost should be \$15,590 and not \$5,800. The cost for several other time slots is miscalculated as well.

Thanks,
Evita

On Sep 17, 2025, at 6:04 PM, evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com> wrote:

Mike,

Thank you for your detailed response.

I was able to find the Financial Statements for the WPD online, including those for Centennial Pool and am attaching them to this email. To be honest, I was a bit surprised at the revenues. Specifically:

- 2025 (projected) membership fees were about \$700,000

- 2025 (projected) total yearly revenue was about \$1.2M (I realize that most of this is not from lap swimmers but it is still a large amount compared to the \$26K from NTA)
- 2025 (projected) net surplus was \$130,000
- NTA revenue was only \$26,280 (it must have been reduced for closing before 9/26; also if you subtract revenue outside of the main season running from 6/9 to 9/1 for when the lap swimming tends to get overcrowded and the 5/28 meet, revenue is about \$21,500 - see relevant page of 2025 NTA contract that is attached)

What am I missing? Is the pool really losing money? Is NTA providing that much significant funding to allow the pool to operate as it has been? While the pool does not generate a big surplus, the WPD is, after all, a not-for-profit organization.

I would also like to add that NTA had a total of 152 lap hours per week. If the public had 279 lap hours per week that would imply that NTA has 35% - i.e., over one third - of the total lap hours per week. That seems like a very high percentage for the small amount of additional revenue.

I have a few additional comments:

- You state that the weekly lap lane hours have increased. It is possible that the number of lap swimmers has also increased during this same time period (which I have heard is the case).
- As you state, more revenue can be sourced from either third parties or from users. Just because WPD overshot the non-resident fees one time does not mean that this cannot be tried again. To the contrary, I hear from many of my fellow lap swimmers that they would be willing to pay more (as would I) to keep the pool open for a longer season and to reduce crowding.
- I did not know this previously but I have heard, again from fellow swimmers, that the pool actually stayed open into mid-October for at least some years. A lot of us would love that even if it meant paying for an extended season pass. (Pool management has stated they close earlier for winterizing that takes 4 weeks??).

One question I have is how much does it cost to keep the pool open an extra week into the extended season?

It is easier to maintain the status quo but things are not static and periodically priorities should be reevaluated.

It would be great to have a forum in which these issues can be discussed in real time and information can be exchanged as I myself had not seen the above pool revenue data before yesterday.

Thank you,
Evita

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On Sep 16, 2025, at 3:08 PM, Mike Murdock
<mmurdock@wilpark.org> wrote:

Evita-

I wanted to add a bit of historical perspective. But first I should note that Patrick speaks for the board and I share his perspective on this subject.

If you recall, I was at that town hall meeting. It was an extremely productive meeting, and I would support an effort to do this again.

But you might also recall that one of the changes that came out of the meeting was a decision to significantly increase non resident fees at the pool. The goal was to generate the same amount of non-resident revenue, but with fewer (higher) paying non-residents. We overshot and, while non resident attendance decreased, non resident revenues also decreased. Faced with higher fees for residents, we back-peddled the following year, but we permanently lost some of those fees.

In addition, at that time, the pool partially closed for thr season in late August and completely closed at Labor Day. We extended the season several years ago, and, as Dave noted, we have increased our weekly lap lane hours over that past five years from 229.5 to 276- we try to meet the needs of our residents as best we can in the most fiscally responsible way.

The reality is that pools lose money. Ours does far better than most, partially because of arrangements like the one with NTA. During and immediately following Covid, we pursued a different model with separate per-use lap-swimming fees during prime hours. This was unpopular with the lap swimmers, so we have adjusted. But we need to find the revenue somehow- either from third parties or from users of the facility.

Please also remember that we also rent out our turf fields, lacrosse/soccer fields, gymnasium and other resources throughout the district- this philosophy is not limited to the

pool and does not affect only lap swimmers. Yes, residents pay taxes and residents funded the initial construction via a referendum. This is why residents pay lower fees. But only 25% of our roughly \$32M in District revenues comes from taxes, and most of that is allocated toward open space, free programming, security, special needs assistance, and maintenance/admin staff. None of your taxes currently funds any part of the centennial pool operation.

I hope this helps provide some additional context. Happy to discuss further any time. Mike.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patrick Lahey <plahey@wilpark.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 3:35 PM
To: evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com>; Dave Merrill <dmerrill@wilpark.org>
Cc: Margaret Resnick <mresnick@wilpark.org>; Rochelle Kruse <rkruse@wilpark.org>; Sayre Froelich <sfroelich@wilpark.org>
Subject: Re: [External] Lap pool use concerns

Hi Evita,

Thanks for taking the time to write and communicate with us. We are all working together to maintain a Centennial Pool that is safe, welcoming, and financially sustainable.

As Superintendent Merrill pointed out, renting the pool to groups like NTA has allowed the Park District to offer extended hours that would not otherwise be possible. Across the District, these types of arrangements also help cover operational costs, which ultimately benefits residents by keeping overall program fees lower. The Board supports a Park District that serves both Wilmette residents and the broader community. I agree that Wilmette taxpayers must receive strong value from our facilities, and our policies are always designed with that in mind.

You mentioned concerns about access during what is often considered prime time, but that concept is subjective, and it is exactly the kind of

challenge our staff manages every day across our facilities. What feels like peak demand to one group may be less important to another, which is why staff balances a wide range of needs. We will look at lap swim data in the fall / winter and

The Wilmette Park District Board holds park land, by law, for the benefit of the people of Illinois, and we take that responsibility seriously. While we can charge residents less, we cannot fully restrict access to public facilities. We also value the community partners who help us financially support these spaces, and many New Trier Aquatics families are themselves Wilmette taxpayers. Without those partners or participation from nonresidents, the taxpayer burden of Centennial Pool would rise significantly and the facility would likely become uneconomical to operate at its current level.

We will continue working to ensure Centennial Pool serves the full community well. The increase in lap swim hours and the extended season reflect a clear effort to support that use. I understand that not everyone agrees on how best to balance access, but we are committed to a process that includes all voices. There is still a lot of data to collect this summer, and I know staff will take that information, along with feedback like yours, into account as they reflect on operational details such as lap swim hours. Your email will be shared with staff as part of that review.

Sincerely,
Patrick Lahey
President, Wilmette Park District Board of Commissioners

From: evita vulgaris <evitavulgaris@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 1:56 PM
To: Dave Merrill <dmerrill@wilpark.org>
Cc: Patrick Lahey <plahey@wilpark.org>; Margaret Resnick <mresnick@wilpark.org>; Rochelle Kruse <rkruse@wilpark.org>; Michelle Parson <mparson@wilpark.org>; Sayre Froelich

<sfroelich@wilpark.org>

Subject: Re: [External] Lap pool use concerns

Dave,

I think there is a misconception here. Lap swimmers should not have to share the pool with NTA or any other exclusive private user groups and certainly not during prime time. The pool is a Wilmette public resource and is intended for public use.

Also, I found it a bit surprising that management that generated the NTA contract was not aware of NTA's use of the pool on Saturday mornings - they actually "corrected" the schedule to remove them after I mentioned that NTA has one half of the pool six mornings per week.

I would suggest there be a meeting in the fall and WPD invite all Wilmette residents that have been pool members in the last three years to discuss pool usage. This was done back in 2012 with the result being changes to the pool schedule and NTA usage. I was not a pool member for some of the years in between due to personal circumstances.

My understanding is that most of the management and staff have turned over since then and have no memory of this. I really urge you to consider having such a meeting.

Thank you,
Evita

On Jul 8, 2025, at 9:02 AM, Dave Merrill <dmerrill@wilpark.org> wrote:

Evita,
The WPD Aquatics leadership has been diligent in their monitoring and allocating of various types of pool access over the last few years. When comparing the number of lap lane hours available

to the public over the last four seasons, there were approximately 229.5 hours per week from 2019 to 2021. Since 2022, that number has increased to approximately 276 hours per week. This reflects a deliberate shift toward prioritizing lap swim access for the public by reallocating more lanes from NTA to open swim opportunities.

Priority is built into our programs and registrations for our residents in many ways. “Monopolizing half the pool” is not possible. This is simply a matter of sharing. It seems that lap swimmers want as much time as possible, whenever they want it. I can’t fault anyone for feeling that way about something they enjoy. However, it is the responsibility of the WPD and our staff to determine a reasonable allocation among our users and programs.

I appreciate your passion for this topic and your advocacy for your fellow swimmers. Our staff is keenly aware of the context and culture surrounding this topic. We will continue to monitor and manage the appropriate allocation of time and resources at the pool. As we continue to improve our current operations I encourage you to focus your energy on the future of aquatics and swimming in the Wilmette community. We will be seeking input from the community on what the future may hold.

Respectfully,
Dave

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From: evita vulgaris
<evitavulgaris@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 6:04 PM
To: Dave Merrill
<dmerrill@wilpark.org>
Cc: Patrick Lahey
<plahey@wilpark.org>; Margaret
Resnick <mresnick@wilpark.org>;
Sayre Froelich
<sfroelich@wilpark.org>; Rochelle
Kruse <rkruse@wilpark.org>;
Michelle Parson
<mparson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [External] Re: Lap pool use
concerns

Dave,

Thank you for your email.

While my experience this past
Saturday prompted me to action, it
is not the issue.

**The key issue is that the public
should have priority over private
entities including NTA. To
reiterate, NTA monopolizes one
half the pool during prime time
when it is frequently
overcrowded. They are not
entitled to this.**

I have talked with fellow lap
swimmers and have found many
who are as frustrated as I am with
this situation.

It is time to revisit the pool
scheduling. It is my understanding
is that it has been some time since
this was done in any serious way.

Thank you,
Evita

On Jul 7, 2025, at
4:08 PM, Dave
Merrill
<dmerrill@wilpark.org> wrote:

Ms. Vulgaris,
Thank you for sharing
your concerns about
pool usage for lap
swimming. I apologize
for the
miscommunication
you experienced on
July 5. The NTA use
was not on our
published schedule
for any Saturday
mornings due to a
minor copy/paste
error as the schedule
was prepared. Our
on-site staff have
accurate and updated
internal information at
all times. The error on
the public schedule
has been
corrected. July 5
presented an elevated
level of
confusion. NTA was
NOT supposed to be
on site (per contract)
on this date. Perhaps
it was an
oversight/assumption
on their part. We are
working with them to
avoid this type of
mistake in the
future. Because NTA
is routinely in the pool
on Saturday mornings
I presume all parties
did not recognize this
deviation.

The demand for lap-swimming access is high in this community as you know. We value the contributions and wants of our residents while striving to make them a priority. We also understand the importance of community partnerships and helping foster the vibrance and growth of the sport of swimming. Our affiliation with NTA is another way we can enable life-long swimmers.

Our contract with NTA was generated in April 2025 under the management of our Supervisor of Ice and Aquatics. In conjunction with our General Manager of Ice and Aquatics the WPD facilitates the relationship with NTA. I have attached the contract for your reference.

NTA is granted access by our on-site staff for each visit.

I'm sorry this communication created an unsatisfactory experience for you on Saturday. By addressing this issue we hope to avoid any future inconveniences. All of the users of our pool are there for a positive

experience. We can all work together to ensure that is the outcome each time.

Best,
Dave

**Dave Merrill, CPRE,
CRSS, CPO
Superintendent of
Recreation**

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dmerrill@wilpark.org
847-256-9603
www.wilmettepark.org

I am a Wilmette resident and look forward to morning lap swimming in the Centennial outdoor pool during the summer months.

I planned to go swimming on Saturday, July 5. It was a beautiful day and one of two days of the week which, according to the posted pool schedule and Sayre, the public has lap swimming in the entire pool until 9:45am since the New Trier Swim Club (NTA) was not on the schedule.

I arrived at 8am and, to my surprise, there was NTA, again

using 4 of the 8 lanes. I asked the front desk but they did not know anything about it. They reiterated that NTA was not on the schedule. When I approached the NTA coach he informed me that this was not his problem as the Wilmette Park District is responsible for the posted schedule. Furthermore, he stated, they have a contract and they rent the pool (which I already knew). So, as is virtually always the case, I had to swim in one of the remaining, crowded, public lanes where I and other resident swimmers collided several times. This is a consistent problem for resident lap swimmers in the morning.

NTA's monopolization of half the lap pool during the most desirable hours significantly impacts the residents' enjoyment of lap swimming due to the overcrowding in the remaining lanes.

This pool belongs to the residents of Wilmette and they and the paying public should have priority over any private groups. If the residents and the Wilmette Park District decide that the resource is underutilized and could be contracted out for private use it should only be for those times when in fact the resource is underutilized. If the residents determine that the resource is not underutilized it should not be contracted out at all. The Park District exists to be custodians of our resources not to broker their sale for the benefit of private entities.

I have several questions/requests to which I would appreciate a response:

- 1) I would like to get a copy of NTA's contract for this year. Can you please send it? If not, how can I get it?
- 2) Who at WPD approved and signed this year's NTA contract?

3) What is the timeline and process for approval of such contracts going forward?

4) Given that NTA was not on the schedule and the front desk was not aware that they were there, how did they get access?

5) Likewise, NTA seems to be scheduled before the facility is open, how are they provided access?

Thank you,
Evita Vulgaris
773-575-1678

<2025 NTA
Contract.pdf>

Michelle Parson

From: info@wilmetteparkfriends.org
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2025 7:55 PM
To: Commissioners
Cc: Chris Lindgren; Josh Wallace; Sheila Foy; Public Comment
Subject: [External] Trees as an Asset
Attachments: WPD - Tree and Species Data per Park - 20250912.pdf

TO: WPD Commissioners & Key Staff

Dear <>,

Sorry, I should have sent this earlier last week so it would be in the packet for this meeting. It is fine for it to go into the next meeting packet. I do, however, hope that you will be able to read it prior to the Monday meeting as it relates to possible Capital Budget investments for the **Parks & Planning Department**.

Josh was good enough to send me some data on "trees" on WPD property.

It turns out there are just short of 3,700 trees from 88 species spread out through 17 parks.

My concern is that "trees" don't count as "assets" in either balance sheet/profit & loss or fund accounting. Only land, buildings, and equipment count. I recognize the difficulty of treating trees as a financial asset, but lets look at not the initial cost/investment in a tree, but its "replacement cost" to get a idea of the scale we are talking about.

1 - The cost of a new tree. My research indicates that a new tree (5-6ft tall) can cost between \$500 and \$1,500 wholesale.

2 - The cost of taking down an old/diseased/distressed/inconvenient tree. My research indicates that taking down a mature tree, including stump removal, can cost from \$2,500 to \$7,500.

Based on the above numbers here are the values for low, medium and high estimates to replace all of the WPD's 3,700 trees over time using today's costs.

Low - (\$500 + \$2,500) = \$3,000 x 3,700 trees = \$11,100,000

Medium - (\$1,000 + \$5,000) = \$6,000 x 3,700 trees = \$22,200,000

High - (\$1,500 + \$7,500) = \$9,000 x 3,700 trees = \$33,300,000

What we don't know very well is **how old these trees are**, but some recent tree removals in Community Playfield indicated that the cottonwoods in this park are around 100 years old, certainly getting to the age when they might begin to consider "retiring" to the lumber yard.

My point is that these are major expenditures even if one amortizes the costs over 10, or 20, or 30, or more years.

I believe that without **a specific line item** in the Operating Budget and the Capital Plan Budget, that proper care, maintenance and appropriate replacement of these trees will be left too much to chance and "other priorities".

I don't know what a reasonable amortization/depreciation type schedule one could/should use to figure out how much to allocate for "trees" each year. If one picked 30 years the annual figures (before annual adjustments for inflation) would be \$370,000, \$740,000, and \$1,110,000.

I hope the above is helpful when considering the Parks & Planning Capital Budget for the coming 5-10 years.

Good luck!

Best regards,

Walter

Wilmette Park Friends

c/o Walter L. Keats

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Michelle Parson

From: Erin McShane Smith <emcshanesmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2025 5:36 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [External] Off season beach parking

Hello!

It's a beautiful sunny Sunday and I was so disappointed to not be able to find any parking along south beach to take my dog to the dog park because there wasn't a single parking spot available. I had a passenger in my vehicle get out and check to see that many of the cars do not have the beach parking stickers. In years past I remember more prominent signage near the harbor club when you enter gillson park stating that a village beach parking sticker must be present to enter. There is no longer one displayed at the entrance.

Is the parking being monitored??

I think it's important to install more visible signs and monitor parking so that those with beach parking and dog park passes may access the parking!

Thank you,

Erin Smith

Michelle Parson

From: Jeff Later <jpl1009@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2025 4:14 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Betsy Donahue
Subject: [External] Our Wilmette Beach

You have done a fabulous job the last 2 years getting South Beach right and creating a calmer and better environment for all at the Wilmette Beach.

Unfortunately, as it is every season, good beach weather carries into September and the beach reverts to its old problems. Take this weekend (September 13/14) and issues to address:

1. No parking restrictions anywhere. The main lot was full by mid-afternoon on 9/14. 4-5 cars were lined up along the South Beach spots waiting for the "Wilmette Only" parking spots. Many of the cars along the south beach parking had no Wilmette stickers. Has there ever been a tow truck patrolling the area as the signs state? No Wilmette police were observed during our time there.
2. The seasonal No parking signs should be amended from May 1 to October 1 to make it fair for Wilmette residents to have closer parking access.
3. The dozens of families with dogs all along the beach are a nuisance. Several let them roam without leashes with hundreds of people at the beach. Until last year there were prominent signs about dogs being required to be on leashes. What purpose does the Dog Beach serve when dogs are allowed anywhere?
4. Why did the snow fences get taken down along south beach? People flocked to the beach throughout the dunes.
5. The water is full of swimmers and the buoy's to keep boats out further are already taken out. It is a scary scene with the number of boats and jet skis zipping close to shore with no restriction.

Granted there are only a few weekends a year with these conditions but all your good work gets set back without any enforcement on the above issues.

Thanks for all the good work you continue to do.

Jeff Later
872.400.6206

Michelle Parson

From: Dustin Burke <dustinjburke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 6:23 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [External] Comment and topic for October 13 Park District BoD meeting

Hi,

I'd like to inquire about prioritization of Wilmette residents for capacity-constrained programs and resources. I would plan to ask it at the October 13 meeting. I've asked this at a past meeting, but due to team turnover, I don't think it was resolved.

There are Wilmette Park District resources that have more demand than supply. Yet, these resources remain open to residents from other towns (and rightly so). But it seems to me that we should be able to prioritize Wilmette residents for this. One particular example is garden plots. Namely:

- Every year, we have more demand for garden plots than supply, particularly at Centennial
- Non-residents have equal priority to sign up (is my understanding)
- People with garden plots are "grandfathered in" and don't lose them so long as they renew a modest fee
- Therefore, Wilmette residents wait. Residents of neighboring towns are entitled to keep their plots at Centennial for years
- Meanwhile, other towns, such as Evanston, only give these privileges to residents (<https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/departments/parks-and-recreation-department/parks-athletic-fields/community-gardens>), note the mention of "residents"

I think this means we are under-serving our residents and not getting reciprocity from other towns. And if the program is capacity constrained, limiting it to residents or at least prioritizing them would not be a financial burden. I'd like to raise this at the next meeting as I believe our resources should be open to others but prioritized for those in Wilmette.

Dustin

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 26, 2025
To: Chris Lindgren, Executive Director
From: Sheila Foy, Superintendent of Finance
Re: August 2025 Financial Summary



FINANCE

August Financials

The results of operations for the District through August is a \$2.4m surplus down from a \$2.8m surplus in July. This amount is behind budget by \$846k.

Revenues in total are behind budget by almost \$2.6m or 10% due to the following:

- **Property Tax** collections are behind by \$3.5m with no information as to when we will collect those amounts.
- **All Revenues** are ahead of budget by a little over \$400k. We are in the process of finalizing projections and we will have some insight into the details of these line items.
- **Miscellaneous Income** is over budget by 150% or almost \$555k. The detail for that information is as follows:
 - **Interest Income** is over budget by \$146k. The 2025 full year budget is \$320k and the 2025 projected amount is \$474k.
 - **OSLAD Grant** is \$283k and was not budgeted in revenue for 2025
 - **Other material unplanned income sources**
 - Donations \$26k
 - Electricity Rebate \$17k
 - Village Ticket Revenue Share \$18.4
 - Surplus Equipment Sales \$17k
 - Concessionaire Fees \$25k

Every category of expense is underbudget. Except for electricity, the projections will give us more insight as to whether or not those differences are permanent or timing. The electricity projection should be completed shortly.

2025 capital expenditures through August total \$4.4m and are trailing budget by \$930k (down from \$1m in July). The Lakefront Infrastructure and Langdon projects are waiting on invoices to post. The variance is still viewed as timing because we plan to spend all budgeted capital

amounts in 2025. A summary of capital projects for 2025 is as follows:

- 66 total projects (7 unplanned)
- 8 are ongoing
- 1 is completed and waiting to be paid
- 3 are moving to 2026
- 23 are complete



Wilmette Park District
Revenue and Expense Statement
For the Month Ending August 31, 2025

Total District	Through August 31			YTD Variance		Total Year Budget 2025
	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual to Budget		
				\$	%	
Revenue						
Property Taxes	\$7,277,313	\$4,089,255	\$7,633,171	(\$3,543,917)	-46.4%	\$8,027,916
Daily Fees	2,547,470	2,414,672	2,464,171	(49,500)	-2.0%	3,015,720
Fee Revenue	9,667,887	10,835,982	10,558,709	277,273	2.6%	13,959,175
Membership Fees	3,185,762	3,224,256	3,089,060	135,196	4.4%	3,137,696
Rental Revenue	1,679,095	1,962,742	1,938,211	24,531	1.3%	2,639,067
Retail Sales	138,455	158,557	138,078	20,479	14.8%	214,570
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>568,276</u>	<u>924,965</u>	<u>369,663</u>	<u>555,302</u>	150.2%	<u>667,952</u>
Total Revenue	\$25,064,258	\$23,610,427	\$26,191,062	(\$2,580,635)	-9.9%	\$31,662,095
Expenses						
Salaries & Wages	\$8,564,956	\$9,190,683	\$9,353,534	(162,851)	-1.7%	\$13,603,039
Employee Benefits	1,956,000	2,090,635	2,187,182	(96,547)	-4.4%	3,460,341
Contract Services	3,394,721	3,360,342	3,545,338	(184,996)	-5.2%	5,218,386
Utilities	487,969	445,786	777,812	(332,025)	-42.7%	1,314,361
Supplies	1,049,853	1,023,568	1,092,006	(68,438)	-6.3%	1,603,336
Equipment and Repairs	<u>228,722</u>	<u>273,237</u>	<u>306,252</u>	<u>(33,015)</u>	-10.8%	<u>430,364</u>
Operating Expenses	\$15,682,221	\$16,384,252	\$17,262,124	(\$877,872)	-5.1%	\$25,629,828
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$9,382,037	\$7,226,176	\$8,928,939	(\$1,702,763)	-19.1%	\$6,032,267
Non-Operating Revenue						
Bond Proceeds	\$5,504,140	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Capital Reimbursement	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	N/A	<u>0</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenue	\$5,504,140	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Non-Operating Expenses						
Capital	6,632,400	4,427,143	5,357,299	(930,156)	-17.4%	7,186,225
Capital - Special Recreation	32,391	92,011	80,000	12,011	15.0%	100,000
Debt Service	63,505	295,392	233,749	61,642	26.4%	1,937,498
Capital Transfer	0	0	0	0		0
Overhead Transfer	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$6,728,297	\$4,814,546	\$5,671,048	(\$856,503)	-15.1%	\$9,223,723
Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,224,157)	(\$4,814,546)	(\$5,671,048)	\$856,503	-15.1%	(\$9,223,723)
Total Expenses	<u>\$22,410,518</u>	<u>\$21,198,797</u>	<u>\$22,933,172</u>	<u>(\$1,734,375)</u>	-7.6%	<u>\$34,853,552</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$8,157,880	\$2,411,630	\$3,257,890	(\$846,260)	-25.98%	(\$3,191,456)

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Administration	Critical	Computer Hardware	Computer hardware (Laptops, Desktops, Servers and etc.)	109,978			61,085	48,893	Equipment	Ongoing
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Administration	Critical	Computer Software	Computer software (MS Office and etc.)	176,547			159,814	16,733	Software	Ongoing
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	General Building	Not Critical	Car Charging Station	Add an electric car charging station		15,000		8,723	6,277	Equipment	Received the charger, targeting installation Q3
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Ice	Critical	Emergency Light Generator	Replace emergency light generator		135,000		1,346	133,654	Equipment	Targeting completion by first week of August - moved to October due to contractor delays
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Critical	Filter Room	Valves and Gauges are failing due to age (20 years)	20,000			12,422	7,578	Equipment	Ordered and waiting on receipt of the parts by the end of August
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Building	Critical	Address rooftop maintenance access	Determine the future access to the rooftop	10,000			-	10,000	Equipment	We have a solution - looking for an architect
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Ice	Semi Critical	Replace floor and lobby at Ice entrance		75,000		4,278	-	79,278	Building Improvements	Bid was awarded and project on target for December completion
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Ice	Critical	Sump pump replacement		25,000			-	25,000	Equipment	Having difficulty finding qualified vendors
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Auditorium	Critical	Curtain Replacement		46,000			-	46,000	Building Improvements	Targeting August for order
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Center Fitness Club	Critical	Facility Improvements and Equipment Replacement	Ongoing replacement of equipment and updates	20,000			3,145	16,855	Equipment	Received quotes, waiting on the CRC project to move forward
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Center Fitness Club	Critical	Studio Equipment Replacement	Ongoing replacement of group exercise studio equipment	3,000			-	3,000	Equipment	Received quotes, waiting on the CRC project to move forward
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Critical	2025 CRC project	Damage from the sprinkler accident and repairing the rest of the building			148,000	-	148,000	Building Improvements	Adding the budget from two other projects to combine into one project for CRC. Estimate to finish is \$148k for 2025 only. We are estimating \$350k in 2026.
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Semi Critical	Floor replacement - tile only Front Entrance	Tile is currently cracking - safety issue	10,000		(10,000)	-		Building Improvements	Will be folded into CRC Sprinkler incident - Budget will be moved to that project
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Not Critical	Update Lounge (where vending machines are located)	Floor, charging counter, new TV's, furniture and paint	15,000		(15,000)	-		Building Improvements	Will be folded into CRC Sprinkler incident - Budget will be moved to that project
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Critical	TRANE/C10D01662/unit 6	Replacement of RTU that services Gymnastic area	200,000			-	200,000	Equipment	Trane sent the wrong unit and we are waiting for the correct unit targeting early October
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Gymnastics	Critical	Facility Improvements and Equipment Replacement	Ongoing replacement of equipment and updates	15,000			-	15,000	Equipment	Equipment ordered in September
GILLSON PARK	Dog Beach	Semi Critical	Dog Beach Fence	Refencing of the dog beach including gate replacement	15,000			-	15,000	Equipment	Planner is currently meeting with contractors
GILLSON PARK	Park	Critical	Lakefront Infrastructure Design Work	Comprehensive Plan Development		34,440		-	34,440	Land Improvements	10-12 week wind down of permits. Following up on close out documentation and invoices
GILLSON PARK	Park	Critical	Lakefront Infrastructure Implementation	Roads, sewers and sidewalks	3,525,000	574,882		2,666,620	1,433,261	Land Improvements	10-12 week wind down of permits. Following up on close out documentation and invoices
GILLSON PARK	Tennis Courts	Semi Critical	Tennis court	Brick paver replacement	-			-		Land Improvements	Part of the Gillson project - this is complete

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LANGDON PARK	Bluff and Beach	Critical	Shoreline Protection - Langdon	Material and Installation	500,000	213,978		183,998	529,980	Land Improvements	6 - 8 week wind down of permits. Following up on close out documentation and invoices
MALLINCKRODT CENTER	Fitness Room	Critical	Equipment	Replace equipment in fitness room	5,000			-	5,000	Equipment	Equipment ordered in September
MALLINCKRODT CENTER	Fitness Room	Critical	Mallinckrodt Flooring Project	Hardwood floor can no longer be refinished, it must be replaced	25,000			-	25,000	Building Improvements	Targeting Q4 completion
MALLINCKRODT CENTER	Maintenance Building	Not Critical	Mallinckrodt Improvement	Ongoing maintenance for replacing windows, broken floor tiles, broken doors, etc	5,000			1,379	3,621	Building Improvements	Wainscoting completion targeting end of year
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Facilities	Semi Critical	LED Light Upgrades	For various facilities	25,000			8,863	16,137	Equipment	Ongoing
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Hibbard	Critical	Hibbard Park Master Plan	ADA Improvements, Tot Lot Replacement, Ball Field Improvements, Landscaping and Picnic Shelter (net of requested grant)	900,000			484,655	415,345	Land Improvements	Ongoing - targeting a late fall completion
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Parks	Semi Critical	Landscape Work	Implementing landscape plans	40,000			27,781	12,219	Land Improvements	Horticulturist was hired in early July. Will have an update in August
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Various Locations	Semi Critical	Garbage Can, Park Benches and Water Fountain Replacements	For upkeep on the replacement schedules	30,000			23,695	6,305	Equipment	Garbage cans and fountains are complete. Working on benches.
PARKS DEPARTMENT	West Park	Not Critical	Key System	Converting all District locks to a new system that the District controls	19,500			51	19,449	Equipment	Ongoing
PARKS DEPARTMENT	West Park and CRC	Not Critical	Seal Coat Parking Lots	West Park lot shared with Platform and CRC - all lots	35,000		(15,000)	-	20,000	Land Improvements	The price for both of the lots came in higher. Will only seal coat West Park
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Parks	Not Critical	Fencing	Update fencing where needed	5,000			1,047	3,953	Equipment	Ongoing
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Clubhouse-Building	Critical	Replace RTU's (5 & 3) Replace RTU	Replace rooftop units #5 & #3 Replace rooftop unit at Centennial	80,000			-	80,000	Equipment	Moving budget from Golf to Centennial. The RTU at Centennial needs attention now and Golf will be replaced in 2026
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Driving Range	Semi Critical	Driving Range Upgrade	Rebuild Driving Range	30,000		-	22,066	7,934	Outdoor Equipment	Will spend full 30
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Equipment	Critical	Rough Mower	Replacement - 2019 6-7 Year Schedule	75,000			32,000	43,000	Equipment	Received this week
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Golf House	Not Critical	General upkeep of the building	Updates to usable living space	15,000			-	15,000	Building Improvements	2025 project will be to replace roof and soffit. Targeting fall completion
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	On Course	Critical	Drainage Improvements	Materials for subsurface golf course drainage installs	12,000			-	12,000	Land Improvements	Targeting fall completion
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Course	Critical	Deep Well (#2) Repair	Repair pump and piping			80,000	-	80,000	Land Improvements	In process
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Lift	Critical	Automotive Lift Replacement	Emergency purchase of Lift			80,000	-	80,000	Equipment	Purchase is in process
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Ice	Critical	Roof Replacement (partial)	Roof replacement including moving the cooling tower off and back onto the roof	350,000		(350,000)	-	-	Building Improvements	Moved to 2026
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Administration	Critical	Facility Condition Assessment Process	Implement assessment - including ADA access to tennis courts	100,000		(100,000)	-	-	Building Improvements	Moved to 2026
GILLSON PARK	Sailing	Critical	Sailing Shack, Shed and Observation Tower	Rebuild Shack to create more accessible and functional space and rebuild tower	60,000		(59,203)	797	-	Building Improvements	Moved to 2026
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Vehicles	Semi Critical	Electric Gator		35,000			-	35,000	Vehicle	Invoices are coming

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WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Maintenance Building	Not Critical	Golf Course Improvements	Rework the office area to add more offices, replace bay doors, add maintenance garage storage space	7,500		(705)	6,795		Building Improvements	Complete
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Ice	Critical	Replacement Rental Ice Skates (100 pairs)		10,000		265	10,265		- Equipment	Complete
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Marketing		MarCom Office Buildout	Building Improvement			6,082	6,082		Building Improvements	Complete
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Semi Critical	Ice Machine	Current unit is 8 years old	3,700		(148)	3,552		- Equipment	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Parks	Critical	Parks Salt Spreader	Emergency purchase			6,585	6,585		- Equipment	Complete
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	General Building	Critical	Clubhouse Water Heaters (2)	replace 22 year old equipment	97,000		(10,821)	86,179		- Equipment	Complete
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Restaurant	Critical	Undercounter kitchen refrigerator	Past it's life span (2003) - Is this the low boy coolers? Adam - \$9k	7,000		470	7,470		- Equipment	Complete
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Vehicles	Semi Critical	Medium / Lite Duty Utility Vehicles	People movers/ tools / leaf material / grass clippings/ etc.	48,000		(2,720)	45,280		- Vehicle	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Equipment	Semi Critical	Carpet Extractor	current unit is 20 yrs old	7,000		(632)	6,368		- Equipment	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Equipment	Critical	Line Painter	Both line painters went out in 2024, we need a new one	25,000		896	25,896		- Equipment	Complete
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Semi Critical	Diving Well	Replace gutter grates	10,000		(366)	9,634		- Equipment	Complete
GILLSON PARK	Wallace Bowl	Critical	Theater Barn Garage Door		5,500		(25)	5,475		- Equipment	Complete
GILLSON PARK	Equipment	Critical	Kubota	Utility vehicle to replace 1 Gator	30,000		(7,075)	22,925		- Vehicle	Complete
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Critical	Boilers	3 boilers to be replaced (22 yrs)	81,000		(6,150)	74,850		- Equipment	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Equipment	Not Critical	Aerator		55,000		(13,710)	41,290		- Equipment	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Equipment	Semi Critical	Walk behind floor scrubber		10,000		428	10,428		- Equipment	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Vehicles	Semi Critical	Salt Truck Dump Body Truck	Salt Truck Replacement Purchase Dump Body Truck		26,646	(3,564)	23,082		- Vehicle	Complete
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Equipment	Semi Critical	Turbine Blowers	Replacement - (2) 15 Year Old Machines	30,000		(11,650)	18,350		- Equipment	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Vehicles	Critical	School Bus		-	-	188,598	188,598		- Vehicle	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Community Playfields/Shorewood	Critical	Resurfacing CPF and Shorewood		100,000		(12,543)	87,457		Land Improvements	Complete
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Critical	9 New lane lines and reel cover		12,500		(2,396)	10,104		- Equipment	Complete
GILLSON PARK	Lakeview	Critical	HVAC Unit Replacement	Upstairs	30,000		(3,762)	26,238		- Equipment	Complete
GILLSON PARK	Picnic Groves	Semi Critical	Picnic Tables	Replace wood. Reuse frames	5,000		(251)	4,749		- Equipment	Complete
Totals					7,186,225	999,946	(110,117)	4,427,143	3,648,911		

PARKS DEPARTMENT**	Various Locations	Critical	ADA Accessibility (5.8 Levy)	ADA improvements	100,000			92,011	7,989	Equipment	Ordered faucets in January and delivery keeps getting pushed
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Totals	7,286,225	999,946	(110,117)	4,519,153	3,656,901
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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 29, 2025
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Chris Lindgren, Executive Director
Re: Wallace Bowl Update



Background:

Wallace Bowl was originally constructed in phases between 1936 and 1946 with reconstruction efforts to stonework, seating, and electrical/audio-visual infrastructure in 1983-1984. The Park District engaged Woodhouse Tinucci Architects in 2022 to analyze, evaluate, and report findings on the existing condition of the facility and build out a scope of work for restoration. The report showed clear concerns over the state of repair and deferred maintenance needed alongside other ADA upgrades.

Discussion:

After reviewing the site and reporting documents, there are some items that need to be addressed in the next few years from an accessibility, safety and preventative maintenance standpoint. We have added \$50,000 in 2026 & 2027 with a larger \$400,000 amount in 2028 to reflect the importance of caring for this important asset to the community.

The current overall budget previously brought to the Board was estimated at \$3-4 million in 2023. This is based on a very large scope of work that is able to be paired down considerably for a more manageable budget. The immediate focus will be on ensuring accessibility and safety as well as addressing masonry issues to prevent further damage from weather.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends moving forward with addressing accessibility and other more immediate masonry needs over the next year, while developing a more specific scope of work with clear options and alternative scopes of work to share with the Ouilmette Foundation for potential fundraising efforts alongside the capital budget allocations from the District.

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 29, 2025
To: Board of Commissioners
From: Chris Lindgren, Executive Director
Re: COW Start Times



October 13, 2025 5:30 p.m. VH	Finance Committee of the Whole 2026 Operating Budget Discussion Parks and Planning Administration (Executive, Finance and District Operations) All Other Funds except Recreation Draft 2025 Tax Levy Summary Truth in Taxation Resolution discussion
October 27, 2025 6:30 p.m. Mallinckrodt	Committee of the Whole 2026 Operating Budget Discussion All Recreation Facility and Program budgets Golf
November 10, 2025 6:30 p.m. VH	Finance Committee of the Whole 2026 Capital Budget Discussion using Financial Model
November 12, 2025 6:30 p.m.	(Additional) Capital meeting <i>if necessary</i>
December 3, 2025 6:30 p.m.	(Additional) Committee of the Whole <i>if necessary</i> Review and discuss the draft 2026 Operating and Capital Budget

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 29, 2025
To: Board of Commissioners
From: Chris Lindgren, Executive Director
Re: 2026 Long Term Capital Plan Review



Purpose: This memo outlines the proposed capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year through 2029, including key priorities, fund balance planning and alignment with the Wilmette Park District's strategic plan. The goal is to ensure transparency, fiscal responsibility, and long-term stewardship of our facilities and infrastructure to serve the community for years to come.

Background: The Wilmette Park District continues to face growing demands to modernize and maintain aging facilities, including Centennial Ice, Tennis and Pool Complex, the Community Recreation Center, and various parks and amenities. These needs have been identified through community feedback, staff assessments, and long-range planning efforts. We will accumulate a list of questions in a FAQ over the next month from the Board in preparation for the formal Board Capital Discussion at the November 10th Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting. At this point we will have the forecast and budgets completed allowing for a stronger discussion of the model and fund balance projections.

Capital Priorities: Based on current assessments and strategic alignment, the following categories have been prioritized for capital investment:

- **Deferred Maintenance Projects** Addressing critical infrastructure needs to ensure safety, compliance, and operational continuity.
- **Facility Modernization & Planning** Upgrades to Centennial and CRC to improve energy efficiency, accessibility, and user experience. Long-term planning for improvements agency-wide.
- **Parks and Open Space Enhancements** Improvements to outdoor amenities to support community recreation, accessibility and environmental sustainability.
- **Technology and Equipment Investments** Replacing outdated systems and equipment to improve service delivery and operational efficiency.

Recommendation: Staff recommend that the Board review the proposed capital priorities and provide feedback on alignment with the District's long-term vision. This is a continuation of feedback from the first half of capital budget items held at the September 15th Finance COW Meeting.

Memorandum



Date: September 29, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Josh Wallace, Superintendent of Parks and Planning

Re: Project Updates

Gillson Park Comprehensive Plan

Gewalt Hamilton is still finalizing complete As-Builts to the Village and closing out the permit with MWRD, including submission of the Plat of Easements. The landscape contractor has been back onsite. There are a few minor items that need to be completed.

Langdon Shoreline Protection Project

The contractor finished the guard hut. Smith Group, our engineering firm, is working on closeout documents, closing permits, and finalizing pay estimates.

CRC Solar Panels

We have a tentative start date of October 1st with a completion date of October 5th to change out the current transformer cabinet. There will be two short power outages where the building will be without power, which is scheduled during off-peak hours.

CRC Reconstruction

Both reconstruction quotes have been reviewed by LG Shaw as well as reconstruction estimates. These estimates will be submitted to PDRMA for final coverage review and approval.

Hibbard Park

The pickleball courts have been painted and are currently curing; they should be open shortly. The North baseball field has been completed along with landscaping, sidewalks, and drinking fountain. The contractor has now moved to begin work on the South baseball field. The ECC playground should be completed within the next three weeks. The caterpillar sculpture and playground equipment have been delivered and installed. There is a slight delay related to drainage issues; however, addressing these concerns now will provide long-term benefits and ensure improved site conditions and durability.