



**Wilmette Park District
Regular Meeting
Board of Park Commissioners**
Monday, January 10, 2022
7:30 pm – Village Hall Chambers Council

AGENDA

- 1.0 PUBLIC HEARING – BOND ISSUANCE NOTIFICATION**
- 2.0 PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS HEARING**
- 3.0 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CALLED TO ORDER**
 - 3.1 ROLL CALL**
- 4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 4.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2021**
 - 4.2 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2021 VOUCHER LIST**
 - 4.3 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
- 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- 7.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 7.1 LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - 7.2 GOLF OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - 7.3 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - 7.4 CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - 7.5 FINANCIAL PLANNING & POLICY REPORT**
 - 7.6 REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - 7.7 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 8.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
- 9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 10.0 NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 2022-O-1 BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

10.2 CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 2022-O-2 SURPLUS PROPERTY

11.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT OR AGAINST LEGAL COUNSEL TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY, AND TO DISCUSS THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED, WHETHER FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPROVAL BY THE BODY OF THE MINUTES OR SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MINUTES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 2(C)1 AND 2(C)21 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

12.0 RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

12.1 CONSIDERATION OF ACTION, IF ANY, OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

13.0 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 regular meeting is 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 should raise their hands and be recognized by the President/Chairperson prior to speaking.
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.
4. Questions are to be directed to the entire Board/Committee.
5. Park Board members may, by addressing the President/Chairperson, interrupt a presenter to obtain clarification and/or further information.
6. A Board/Committee meeting is not a forum for complaints against individual employees. Such matters are handled by directly contacting the Executive Director. Complaints against the Executive Director should be handled by directly contacting the President of the Board of Park Commissioners.
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 remarks, 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 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 present.

Calendar of Events January & February 2022

Date	Time	Event	Location
January 12	7 p.m.	Self Defense	CRC
January 15	10 a.m.	Summer Job Fair	CRC
January 15	9 a.m.	Beach Parking Passes on Sale	Online & In Person
January 18	10 a.m.	Puzzles & Coffee Klatch	Mallinckrodt
January 20	9:30 a.m.	1 & 2 Art Exploration	CRC
January 23	9 a.m.	Winter Wonderland Workshop	CRC
January 28	6:30 p.m.	Family Art Night	CRC
February 9	7 p.m.	Self Defense	CRC
February 9	12:30 p.m.	National Pizza Day Bingo Party	Mallinckrodt
February 13	1 p.m.	Preschool Fairytale Ballet Workshop	CRC
February 17	9:30 a.m.	1 & 2 Art Exploration	CRC
February 22	10 a.m.	Coloring & Coffee	Mallinckrodt
February 25	6:45 p.m.	Magic Workshop	CRC
February 25	6:30 p.m.	Family Art Night	CRC
February 26	9 a.m.	Jedi Engineering Workshop	CRC
February 28	Midnight	Snowman Building Contest Ends	Home



**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

*Monday, December 13, 2021
7:30 p.m. – Village Hall Council Chambers*

PRESENT

Commissioners: President Michael Murdock, Vice President Julia Goebel, Patrick Duffy, Cecilia Clarke, Allison Frazier, Kara Kosloskus and Lindsay Anderson

Secretary/Executive Director: Steve Wilson

Staff: Catherine Serbin

Visitors:

ABSENT

None

1.0 PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION

President Murdock called to order the Public Hearing for the 2021 proposed tax levy for the Wilmette Park District. He advised that while the Park Board is not technically required to hold this meeting because the proposed levy is less than 5%, the Board intends to continue this practice. For general corporate purposes, the Park District has \$2,913,440. For recreation purposes, the Park District has \$336,141. For Social Security Tax purposes, the Park District has \$750,000. For Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, the Park District has \$700,000. For security purposes, the Park District has \$40,000. For liability insurance purposes, the Park District has \$368,000. For auditing purposes, the Park District has \$24,500. These make up the aggregate tax levy which is capped at the lower of 5% or the Consumer Price Index from the prior year; that being 1.4% for the 2021 Tax Levy, an increase of \$70,857, or 1.4% for a total of \$5,132,081. President Murdock asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Board with respect to the 2021 proposed tax levy. Director Wilson clarified those were the tax capped funds. He advised there are also the non-tax capped funds for special recreation as well as the debt service. The overall aggregate tax levy for 2021 is \$6,586,520 which is a substantial decrease of \$1,251,674 from the 2020 extended tax levy or a 16% decrease. This decrease is driven by the debt component. Hearing no one who wishes to address the Board, President Murdock declared the 2021 Truth-in-Taxation public hearing adjourned.

2.0 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

A. Roll Call Taken

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021

3.2 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2021 VOUCHER LIST

3.3 APPROVAL OF THE 2022 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

3.4 APPROVAL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD STORAGE PROJECT EASEMENTS

Vice President Goebel moved and Commissioner Duffy seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the December 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, a copy of which is to be attached to and become a permanent part of the minutes of this meeting.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Duffy, Anderson, Frazier, Kosloskus, Clarke, Goebel and Murdock. Voting No, none. *Absent*, none; **Motion Carried.**

4.0 GILLSON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – CONSULTANT PRESENTATION

Andy Tinucci, Principal at Woodhouse Tinucci Architects, began his presentation by providing a summary of the master plan concepts presented to the Board in November, which also included a series of a la carte alternates that could be included in any master plan. The Board had also asked the Consultants to provide pricing related to some of the roadway investigations that the master plan concepts were pursuing. In Concept One, Gillson Park would be left in its historic configuration with all the roadways intact. The key change to the park in this concept would be the addition of a sidewalk and a bike lane along Harbor Drive on the south side of the park. With each of these concepts, the Consultants sought to reduce the amount of impervious pavement in the park. However, with the addition of the sidewalk and the roadways intact, this plan will slightly increase impervious pavement. In Concept Two, the Consultants proposed the removal of Middle Drive as it is the least used roadway in the park. This concept will lose impervious pavement and bring the total impervious surfacing to 9.3 acres from the current 9.5 acres. Mr. Tinucci added there is the potential for parking on Middle Drive and to reclaim some of those parking opportunities, Concept Two provides additional parking along existing roadways. The other key feature of Concept Two is that Upper Drive would be moved outside of the MWRD property and fully onto Park District property. Concept Three contemplates removing both Middle and Upper Drive. This represents the most significant reduction in impervious pavement and parking within the park. Concept Four removes Middle Drive and the Washington Street exit drive making the circulation flow a one way loop around the park from a revised new entry into the park which is pulled slightly further north along Michigan Avenue off Sheridan Avenue. That new entry would become a necessary two way entry. To reclaim lost potential parking, the Consultants have proposed additional parking opportunities as well. Mr. Tinucci clarified that the new entry is a la carte option that can be added to the other concepts but remains necessary in Concept Four with the removal of the Washington Street exit drive. Concept Five explored the removal of just Upper Drive, leaving Middle Drive intact. Through

community outreach, the Consultants have learned Middle Drive is used as a walkway by many park users.

With respect to the pricing details, Mr. Tinucci broke down the different options for Middle Drive into a series of three concepts. Concept A would repair and restore Middle Drive and keep its existing utilities in place. Concept B would remove Middle Drive and its utilities and grade to lawn. Concept C would remove Middle Drive and replace it with a 12' concrete walkway. The rough order magnitude cost for Concept A is roughly \$900,000. These cost estimates include construction, soft costs for engineering fees and additional soft costs for contingencies. Mr. Tinucci advised that this is not the overall cost of completing all the work proposed in the Comprehensive Plan. Cost estimates provided today are specific to the roadways. The cost estimate to remove Middle Drive as proposed in Concept B is \$680,000. The cost is substantial because of the work necessary to remove the roadway, its underground stormwater infrastructure and add additional landscaping. In the long term, there will be less overall maintenance because there is less infrastructure and less pavement. For roughly \$800,000, Middle Drive can be converted into a large sidewalk. Again, the large costs are associated with the demolition of the roadway and the infrastructure. However, repair costs and maintenance costs will go away in perpetuity once converted to a sidewalk. Commissioner Duffy asked why the Consultants proposed a concrete walkway in Concept C. He questioned if it were for function as there may be emergency vehicles using this path. Mr. Tinucci advised that a concrete path has been proposed for accessibility, long-term maintenance and longevity. President Murdock asked why the path has been proposed as 12'. Mr. Tinucci advised the 12' width allows for emergency vehicular passage. It would be built with a more substantial base so that it could have vehicles on it without it being damaged. Furthermore, a typical pedestrian sidewalk is 5'. This would allow for a much nicer path for pedestrians in a park land. As an example, the main pedestrian path off Michigan Avenue to the beach house is roughly 10'. Commissioner Kosloskus asked if it were possible to abandon the existing infrastructure on Middle Drive if it were not to be vehicular in an effort to lower costs. Mr. Tinucci advised that if the Board intends to renovate Middle Drive either as a road or as a sidewalk, existing infrastructure should be removed to ensure it has a proper base. Commissioner Kosloskus noted the \$100,000 cost to remove the stormwater infrastructure. She suggested that these lines be abandoned and filled with dirt or gravel to keep costs down. Mr. Freres stated that the Park District could abandon the lines but not the manholes or the surface lines.

Mr. Tinucci then turned the Board's attention to Upper Drive. Similar to Middle Drive with respect to the pricing details, Mr. Tinucci broke down the different options for Upper Drive into a series of four concepts. Concept A would repair and restore Upper Drive. Concept B would remove Upper Drive entirely. Concept C would move Upper Drive off MWRD land and restore its infrastructure. Concept D would convert Upper Drive into a sidewalk. The first option presented in Concept A to repair existing Upper Drive would cost \$980,000. The second option presented in Concept B to remove Upper Drive would cost \$775,000. It is

considerably less but there is still demolition work involved and a large amount of landscaping. To repair and relocate Upper Drive in Concept C, this would cost approximately \$1.3 million. This is the most costly of the four options. Lastly, to convert Upper Drive to a sidewalk would cost \$975,000.

Mr. Tinucci concluded his presentation by providing a brief overview of the fundamental principles established with the Board last year when thinking about the criteria used to evaluate each of these concepts. The fundamental principles behind this planning process which have served as the bellwether to each of the concepts are based on safety and security, improving and enhancing the natural environment, maintaining facilities for programming and operations, green and sustainable practices, improved accessibility, efficient infrastructure, durability and maintenance and fiscal responsibility.

President Murdock thanked Mr. Tinucci for his presentation and stated the purpose of the Board's discussion tonight will be reduce the amount of options for circulation plans and obtain feedback on the Board's preferred options from the community. He then opened the floor to public comment. After public comment, President Murdock asked the Consultants to speak regarding Piper Rothschild's alternative walkway. He noted that she had made a comment that the Consultants prefer to keep vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians together. President Murdock stated this was not the intent and asked the Consultants for clarification and information regarding alternative walkways they had considered in the past. Mr. Tinucci advised that throughout the process, the master plan effort has aimed to improve safety and accessibility in the park by contemplating walkways, many of which were poorly received by the community. He explained that the path Ms. Rothschild presented has not been thoroughly vetted as other paths. However, there are concerns. One concern being, in the location her path is drawn it would be less accessible to the letter of the ADA code than the pathway along Harbor Drive because of the grade it would have to traverse. It also adds additional pavement in the park in a way that might be more so than the pathway along Harbor Drive. Her path also includes a section along Middle Drive which is currently being contemplated by the Board. Another portion of her walkway is challenging due to the location of the existing maintenance building behind Wallace Bowl.

Commissioner Anderson asked for clarification regarding the separation between the infrastructure and stormwater costs. Mr. Tinucci explained that both roadways and stormwater management are considered infrastructural as they support all the programming, needs and uses within the park. In the pricing, roadway and circulation systems are the infrastructure or the roads that are visible. Stormwater infrastructure is the subterranean and is the system that moves the stormwater through the site, off the site and off the roadways. The roadways and the circulation systems move the vehicles. Underneath every road is an associated stormwater management system that collects water. Commissioner Anderson asked when the last time the infrastructure at Gillson Park was addressed. President Murdock

advised that staff has been repairing where certain lines collapsed if possible. It has been a piecemeal approach and not comprehensive. He suspects the stormwater system is decades old. Mr. Tinucci agreed and added that there has never been an in-depth inspection because some sewers are completely collapsed.

Commissioner Duffy acknowledged that some residents indicated Middle Drive has never been used for parking. He asked Director Wilson for clarification and if the Park District has been cooperating with MWRD with respect to Upper Drive. Director Wilson advised that Middle Drive has historically not been used for parking which is where the public perception comes from. However, there have been times in which it has been used and it has been used more often in the last two to three years for events at Lakeview Center. Staff also tried to move the congestion from the Sailing Beach closer to the rock pier for trail-in permits and Park District equipment rentals. Commissioners Clarke and Duffy added personal stories from residents who remembered parking on Middle Drive over fifty years ago and for Wallace Bowl events. With respect to Commissioner Duffy's question regarding MWRD cooperation, Director Wilson advised that if the Park District chooses to pursue work within MWRD property that a conversation needs to be had. At the outset of the Comprehensive Plan, the Park District held a stakeholder meeting with MWRD and at that time this concept had not been developed yet so there was no specific conversation regarding moving Upper Drive. There was a conversation regarding the restrictions they require for parking on Upper Drive and sharing property surveys so there is a mutual agreement as to the property lines. If the Park Board is interested in pursuing changes to Upper Drive, Director Wilson agreed that this is a conversation that should be had. Commissioner Duffy asked if the Park District would need permission from MWRD to simply repair Upper Drive or notify. Director Wilson advised that the Park District would need to notify and obtain permission but his understanding from the stakeholder meeting was that MWRD is agreeable. Commissioner Duffy asked if this also applied to moving the entrance off Sheridan. Director Wilson confirmed.

Commissioner Frazier initiated the Board discussion by quoting the Park District's mission statement to "protect open spaces and natural resources for future generations". While change is uncomfortable, Commissioner Frazier believes she was not elected to leave things as they are. She strives to envision things differently. With that said, safety and sustainability are her primary goals. She would prefer a park that reduces vehicular traffic and promotes bicyclist and pedestrian use. She does not intend to support any concept that brings more cars further into the park and is strongly in favor of removing both Upper and Middle Drive. Although she does not see it replacing the Harbor Drive walkway, Commissioner Frazier commended resident Piper Rothschild on her pathway concept and would like to see it implemented in some form. She appreciates natural environments as opposed to open lawn and would like to see this explored further. She reiterated a desire to have a roundabout at the entrance of the park to prevent vehicular traffic from fully entering the park to make an exit. If a single

roadway is preferred, Commissioner Frazier leans towards it being Upper Drive. She feels that if the Park District were to invest in Upper Drive, it should be reconfigured off of MWRD property so that the Park District retains control. President Murdock asked if she would be in favor of Middle Drive being converted to a pedestrian walkway. Commissioner Frazier agreed she would with the exception that it be paved for access purposes.

There was a brief discussion regarding impermeable surfaces and snow during the winter. There was consensus this is the preferred surface to ensure paths are accessible year round.

Commissioner Clarke stated that she does not feel the Board should replace parking that will be lost if a road were to be removed. She does not see the purpose of Middle Drive as a road and can understand converting it to a walkway but questioned the need for it to be 20' or 12' in width with curbs. Citing ecological concerns, she is against converting Middle Drive to a walkway if it were the same width as it exists today. She does agree that the surface must be easily traversable for accessibility purposes. Commissioner Clarke noted that Middle Drive exits onto busy roadways with no stop signs and believes this safety concern should be addressed. As far as Upper Drive is concerned, she believes it is fine as it exists. She does not see the full advantages of relocating it off MWRD property.

Commissioner Kosloskus generally agreed that there is no reason for cars or parking on Middle Drive. Referring back to Ms. Rothschild's pathway concept, she did appreciate the concept of having more meandering opportunities through the park. She compared this pathway to the new pathway at Community Playfields which takes users through areas of the park that they would otherwise not have traversed. She echoed Commissioner Frazier and Commissioner Clarke's comments regarding the size and surface of the pathway on Middle Drive but questioned whether adding some turnarounds at the exits on Middle Drive for safety purposes would take away from the historical integrity of the original design. She suggested that in softening the exits of Middle Drive this may also present an opportunity to plant more native oak trees. With respect to Upper Drive, Commissioner Kosloskus stated that it feels very expensive to restore. She does see the value in moving cars along Upper Drive as compared to sending them through the entire park in order to turn around. As such, she is in favor of keeping Upper Drive as a vehicular road. For the cost differential being contemplated, it also makes sense to her that Upper Drive be reconfigured off MWRD property. She is interested in knowing MWRD's formal position on reconfiguring Upper Drive. If that were to vet out, she indicated she would be comfortable with that plan. She acknowledged that in reconfiguring Upper Drive, trees would be lost. She asked the Board to make a formal commitment to the community that the Board intends to budget for more tree plantings in Gillson Park. President Murdock agreed and advised the public that at the budget meeting, the Board allocated \$25,000 per year in perpetuity specifically for additional tree plantings. This is in addition to funds on the operating side of the budget for significant numbers of new

staff in the Parks and Planning Department to maintain and care for trees. Director Wilson added that the operational budget for the Parks Department included \$8,000 to \$10,000 for tree plantings. The Board added an additional \$25,000 for trees and other plantings. As far as staffing in the Parks Department, the Park District is adding three full-time positions. One of them being a horticulturalist position that will serve as an expert. There is currently an arborist on staff. The Parks Department intends to designate different crews to focus on special disciplines to increase efficiency and allow the Park District to fully implement and maintain landscape plans.

Referring back to the Board discussion, Commissioner Duffy stated he does not have strong feelings one way or the other. He acknowledged the influx of feedback indicating no change is good change. If the Board prefers to convert Middle Drive to a pedestrian walkway, he is fine with this. With respect to Upper Drive, Commissioner Duffy indicated a preference for reconfiguring the roadway off MWRD property for Park District control. If the Board does intend to remove or relocate Upper Drive, he suggested the Board also consider moving the entrance in an attempt to alleviate some traffic congestion. He is in favor of the shared pedestrian walkway along Harbor Drive and is confident that the beautification of the park will begin to take shape as the Board moves towards the overall landscape plan of the park and reimplements the Memorial Tree program. He provided Elmwood Dunes as an example of an area that has been recultivated over time. He believes that plantings in Gillson Park have been neglected due to the failed referendum and lack of a Comprehensive Plan.

A brief discussion ensued regarding parking enforcement on Upper Drive if Upper Drive were reconfigured onto Park District property and parking enforcement throughout the park and surrounding neighborhoods.

Commissioner Anderson acknowledged that the cost estimates were helpful as the Board deliberates and acknowledged resident feedback regarding protecting the historical integrity and natural environment of Gillson Park. She understands through her own community outreach that converting Middle Drive to a pedestrian walkway would be an asset for families and bicyclists. With respect to Upper Drive, she shares the Board's concern over making a significant investment on land that the Park District does not own. However, she does not believe this should preclude the Board from exploring keeping Upper Drive as it exists as an option. She stated conversations with MWRD may reassure the Board moving forward.

Vice President Goebel echoed Commissioner Anderson's statement regarding the cost estimates and thanked her fellow Commissioners and members of the public for their input. She advised she is in favor of either removing and restoring Middle Drive to lawn or converting it to a pedestrian walkway. She agrees that in restoring Upper Drive, it would be beneficial to do so on Park District property. She acknowledged a particular resident comment that expressed a fear of retaliation by MWRD if the Board were to reconfigure Upper Drive off their property by

creating a public parking lot within their property line. She asked Director Wilson for comment. Director Wilson stated he does not see any circumstance in which that would become a reality as he does not believe MWRD would want to do this or would be able to withstand the public pushback. Vice President Goebel noted that eliminating Upper Drive for public parking could lead to increased congestion within the surrounding neighborhood and asked the Board to remain mindful of unintended consequences. In reviewing the cost estimates, she stated there is a minimal difference between the roadway concepts in the scope of a very large project.

President Murdock stated he was struck by how expensive it will be to remove the infrastructure as compared to how cheap it will be to put new infrastructure in. His experience in construction has been the opposite and asked for clarification from the Consultants. Mr. Freres advised that there is a fairly sizable contingency to these numbers but that the demolition costs include the costs to mass excavate the asphalt and base material as well as the trucking involved with the demolition process. Gillson Park is not an easy site to work on as material has to come through residential neighborhoods down Lake Avenue. When the project goes out to bid, there will be the ability to obtain better numbers. There is also a sizeable contingency for the mere purposes of operating within an inflationary period particularly with respect to materials. Lighting costs are included as this will be removed during excavation of the asphalt. President Murdock thanked Mr. Freres for his response. He agreed with other Commissioners in that the Board's number one priority is safety. Harbor Drive is not safe as it currently exists so believes there is Board consensus on converting this to a shared pedestrian walkway. He is in favor of reducing pavement and motorized traffic. He believes that removing pavement will make the park greener and would prefer to see people engage the park on foot as opposed to driving. In terms of the historical context, President Murdock appreciates the history of Gillson Park. However, when this park was built and the circulation patterns were made, America had a love affair with the automobile as it was first becoming widely available to the masses. People are now more aware of ecological concerns and would prefer to walk to the park. With that said, President Murdock is intrigued by the idea of eliminating Upper Drive. He sees Upper Drive as a source of division within the park but would like to obtain broader community input on this. He acknowledged there is general consensus by the Board on converting Middle Drive into a walkway. Comparing cost estimates for Upper Drive, it will cost the Park District \$1 million dollars to restore the road as it exists or \$1.3 million to relocate the road it slightly so that is no longer on MWRD property. President Murdock stated it would be irresponsible from a fiscal perspective to spend \$1 million dollars on an asset the Park District does not own. In relocating Upper Drive, this gives the Park District the ability to correct a mistake that was made decades ago. He referred to the similar example of the Community Playfields bathroom discussion in which staff and the community expressed concerns over the Park District renovating School District 39's bathroom near Community Playfield to satisfy a need for bathrooms there at a lower cost. Through community outreach and Board discussion, it was determined that the investment

should be made in bathrooms the Park District has full control over. President Murdock then opened the floor for a Board discussion as to what the Board intends to seek community feedback on.

Following discussion, there was Board consensus that a circulation survey be sent to the public containing three possible circulation options. One option would leave Upper Drive as it exists and convert Middle Drive to a smaller, pedestrian walkway. The second option would remove Middle Drive entirely and leave Upper Drive as it exists. The third option involves removing Upper and Middle Drive altogether.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

President Murdock acknowledged correspondence within the packet regarding the Gillson Comprehensive Plan and thanked the public for their e-mails.

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Murdock facilitated public comment. The Attendance Sheet will become part of the permanent record.

Peter Babaian, 2105 Greenwood Avenue – Mr. Babaian self-identified as a resident of Wilmette and a Director of Landmarks Illinois. He proceeded to read a letter from Landmarks Illinois to the Park Board regarding their preference for Concept One.

Piper Rothschild, 1046 Elmwood Avenue – Ms. Rothschild formally submitted a path proposal that she stated she previously delivered or discussed with each Board member. She hopes the Board had a chance to review it and believes her proposed path addresses many of the issues the Board is facing in considering the Gillson Comprehensive Plan. It is simple and aligns with residents desires to make minimal changes to Gillson. It also fits well with Concept One which as the Consultants acknowledge is the most popular option. At the same time, it allows the Board to respect the natural and historic character of the park. She stated that the only response she has received from the Board thus far is that the Consultants prefer to keep the cars, bikers and pedestrians together and that the grade of her proposed path is an issue. She does not understand either concern as research shows bikers feel much safer and are more likely to use bike lanes when they are separate from cars. She also does not understand the grade concerns as the new bike path from Washington and Lake is steeply graded. She stated none of the concepts presented enhance or improve the natural environment of Gillson Park. She believes her path proposal does with the addition of a grove of Oak trees and possible added gardens. She urged the Board to commit and fund a plan to plant more trees and add gardens to attract pollinators and other wildlife. She understands the Board intends to adopt a Master Landscaping Plan but expressed concerns over its funding and implementation time. She is not in favor of any concept that cuts down more trees and asked the Board to focus more on the environment than the reconfiguration of roads, parking and picnic shelters.

Mary Shea, 735 Michigan Avenue – Ms. Shea self-identified as a park neighbor and expressed frustration at the Consultants for the initial plans they presented last May. She is saddened by the loss of trees within Gillson Park and the Park District's inability to replace them. She agrees with Director Wilson that Gillson Park is not just for neighboring residents but believes the current concepts do not address park overuse in the summer and create increased traffic congestion, tree removal and safety issues. She urged the Board to retain Middle Drive as a pedestrian link through the park and Upper Drive for traffic flow. She cited a previous traffic study which stated the current traffic flow is optimum. She is against any additional parking within the park or changes to the existing traffic flow. She strongly urged the Board to adopt Concept One.

David Turman, 1420 Sheridan Avenue – Mr. Turman self-identified as a resident of Wilmette for 54 years and a close neighbor to the park. He strongly favors Concept One and appreciates the Board for listening.

Tanya Chevalier, 789 Michigan Avenue – Ms. Chevalier stated she did not hear Mr. Freres answer to Commissioner Kosloskus regarding the infrastructure underneath the roads. Mr. Freres advised that the existing utilities underground can be vacated. However, the subbase must still be removed. There are also manholes within the corridor that transfer stormwater to other parts of the park that must be replaced. In doing so, underdrainage must be built to move water from specific areas of the grading to the overall storm system, regardless if there walkway or not. Ms. Chevalier moved on to a summary of an engineer report of the sewers and roads performed in 2014 by W.B. Olson. She stated the cost estimates to repair and replace the sewers and roads at that time was \$592,000. She advised that in the report, it is noted this cost does not change regardless of if a road is repaired, replaced or removed. As such, she does not understand why there is a cost difference for the infrastructure stormwater system of up to \$150,000 on Middle Drive and \$130,000 on Upper Drive. She believes Middle Drive is in much better shape as it is a road that has not been driven on. She stated that removing roads and adding lawn does not make any of these concepts a green solution. She noted the park has historic integrity and urged the Board not to destroy it.

Mary Seyfarth, 735 Michigan Avenue – Ms. Seyfarth stated she lives in the coach house of 735 Michigan Avenue. While conducting a historical review of Gillson Park formally known as Washington Park, Ms. Seyfarth noticed that there were originally lights on the stone pillars on either side of Washington Avenue towards Michigan Avenue. As a biker, she would appreciate if these lights were returned as she believes this is a dangerous passage.

Alan Golden, 2516 Laurel Lane – Mr. Golden thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. His understanding of the data is that Concept One is the most popular within the Village. He advised he has conducted informal surveys which support

this. As such, he urged the Board to adopt Concept One as it is the simplest plan and fixes what needs to be fixed.

Ross Green, 116 6th Street – Mr. Green stated he has been a resident of Wilmette for more than 30 years. He supports Concept One with one slight modification which would be to include the replacement of Middle Drive with a paved pedestrian walkway. The cost estimates provided tonight for converting Middle Drive are only for a concrete sidewalk. He believes pervious pavers would be consistent with the view of most people within the Village in that Middle Drive is already used as a pedestrian walkway. He is against any additional parking. He questioned why Middle Drive is used in the concept plans baseline parking projections as it is not currently used for parking. He asked the Board to direct the Lakota Group to cease counting the forty parking spaces in their baseline parking projections as it is misleading. Mr. Green also expressed concerns over the legality in connection with the removal of Upper Drive out of MWRD property and asked if anyone on behalf of the Park District has reached out to MWRD to find out what their view would be if the Upper roadway were to be moved and if as a result thereof, the ability of nonresidents to use Upper Drive free of charge.

Rich H., 744 Sheridan Road – Rich stated that he lives at his house with his wife and three young children. He agreed with Mr. Green in that Middle Drive has never been used for parking and that it is directly adjacent to a playground. His family's primary concern is safety. If cars were allowed on Middle Drive, the only safe option would be to fence in the playground. He expressed a preference to convert Middle Drive to a pedestrian pathway and leave Upper Drive as is for accessibility and safety. He noted it is also cheaper to convert Middle Drive as opposed to converting Upper Drive into a pedestrian walkway.

7.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Lakefront Committee Report

Vice President Goebel reported that the Lakefront Committee last met in November to review the yearend report, Langdon Shoreline Protection options and several other items in preparation for the New Year. The Committee did not meet in December but intends to meet in January.

7.2 Golf Operations Committee Report

Commissioner Anderson reported that the Golf Operations Committee last met to discuss golf club facility improvements and receive an update on the golf cart path project. The Committee will meet again on Wednesday, December 15th to receive a final update on the golf cart path and hear Golf Club restaurant proposals. The golf cart path is fully paved. Director Wilson added that there are currently five Request for Proposal submissions.

7.3 Parks and Recreation Committee Report

Commissioner Duffy reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee received an update with respect to the landscape plans as presented in tonight's Board packet for Board approval. Prior to discussing the landscape plans, President Murdock allowed resident Rich Prohov to comment. Mr. Prohov stated he is pleased with the new path at Community Playfields and appreciates that this Board is more sensitive to landscape, horticulture, green space and sustainability. With respect to the landscape plans, Mr. Prohov understands the plans in the packet are a schematic of general plans. He hopes that residents will be allowed input as the specifics are sorted out. He is concerned about the placement of the new trees and how this will effect sightlines from his house. President Murdock asked Director Wilson if the word schematic is a fair description of the landscape plans. Director Wilson agreed. Resident Alan Golden added that he is also pleased with the new fitness path at Community Playfields and that he has noticed it used frequently. He is concerned about maintenance of the path as he believes it is beginning to show signs of wear. He has also seen a large number of people avoid the path to jog on the grass. Director Wilson advised that work on the path was completed last Friday and staff is still working on some restoration work. Commissioner Kosloskus suggested that staff put forth an announcement that the path is open to the public and post signs so people are aware that path can now be used and avoid walking on the newly planted grass.

Commissioner Frazier moved and Commissioner Kosloskus seconded a motion to approve the landscape plans, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Duffy, Anderson, Frazier, Kosloskus, Clarke, Goebel and Murdock. Voting *No*, none. *Absent*, none;
Motion Carried.

7.4 Centennial/Facilities Committee Report

President Murdock reported that the Centennial Committee did not meet in December. However, the Committee did recommend adoption of the West Park Master Plan in October. The Board discussed the Master Plan in depth at the November Board meeting and the Centennial Committee now seeks formal approval.

Commissioner Kosloskus moved and Commissioner Frazier seconded a motion to approve the West Park Master Plan, as recommended by the Centennial Committee.

President Murdock provided a brief overview of the Master Plan that includes a playground in the northwest corner, ten total paddle courts, eight pickleball courts and a hut and deck expansion.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Duffy, Anderson, Frazier, Kosloskus, Clarke, Goebel and Murdock. Voting *No*, none. *Absent*, none;
Motion Carried.

7.5 Financial Planning & Policy Report

Commissioner Clarke reported that the Financial Planning and Policy Committee last met on November 15th. There has been no update with respect to the solar panel RFP as staff is still drafting this document. The Communications Department has added one fulltime staff member to increase communication efforts. The Social Equity Committee continues to work on DEI implementation within the Park District. The Financial Planning and Policy Committee also discussed the Memorial Tree Policy and how to commemorate loved ones through a plaque or something similar. This conversation remains ongoing. The Board Manual has been deferred to next month. The Committee discussed debt scenarios for 2022 and financial statements. Staff remains confident of the 2021 surplus of \$2.953 million dollars. Commissioner Clarke thanked staff and Director Wilson for their achievement. Additionally, the Committee discussed the Capital Expenditure Statement and an issuance of \$2,000 in debt certificates to fund capital projects. The Committee will not meet in December due to the holiday. The Board met as a Committee-of-the-Whole last Wednesday to discuss the proposed 2022 budget.

7.6 Real Estate Committee Report
No report.

7.7 Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee Report
No report.

8.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Wilson reported that in addition to the Tax Levy Hearing prior to tonight's Board meeting, the Board must also issue an Ordinance relating to the tax levy. In combination with the Ordinance, the Board must also pass a Reduction Resolution. This directs the County in the scenario the Park District were to overextend on taxes and advises how the Park District wishes the County to reduce the levy. Both items are routine yearend procedures. Lastly, there is a proposal from Renosys to install a PVC liner in the main pool to address significant leaking issues. Staff is confident they can recoup this expenditure based on water savings over the next two years. This is not a formal bid process because Renosys is a sole provider of the product and there are no competitors. This has been confirmed with the Park Board legal counsel. Vice President Goebel asked if there were any other commercial pool liner manufactures. Director Wilson advised not of this type of product.

9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF TAX LEVY ORDINANCE 2021-O-4

Commissioner Clarke moved and Commissioner Duffy seconded a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-O-4, An Ordinance Providing For The Levy And Assessment Of Taxes For The Wilmette Park District, Cook County, Illinois For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 And Ending December 31, 2022, as recommended by the Financial Planning and Policy Committee.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Duffy, Anderson, Frazier, Kosloskus, Clarke, Goebel and Murdock. Voting *No*, none. *Absent*, none;
Motion Carried.

10.2 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2021-R-6

Vice President Goebel moved and Commissioner Duffy seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2021-R-6, A Resolution Directing The Manner Of Any Reduction Of The Aggregate Extension Of The 2021 Tax Levy Of The Wilmette Park District, Cook County, Illinois In Order To Comply With The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Duffy, Anderson, Frazier, Kosloskus, Clarke, Goebel and Murdock. Voting *No*, none. *Absent*, none;
Motion Carried.

10.3 CONSIDERATION OF RENOSYS PROPOSAL FOR POOL REPAIRS

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Duffy seconded a motion to approve the proposal from Renosys in the amount of \$114,495.00 for pool repairs at Centennial Complex.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Duffy, Anderson, Frazier, Kosloskus, Clarke, Goebel and Murdock. Voting *No*, none. *Absent*, none;
Motion Carried.

11.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business to conduct, Vice President Goebel moved and Commissioner Kosloskus seconded a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes of the discussion of the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel of the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the District or against legal counsel to determine its validity, and to discuss the minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes, in accordance with Sections 2(C)1 and 2(C)21 of the Open Meetings Act.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Duffy, Anderson, Frazier, Kosloskus, Clarke, Goebel and Murdock. Voting *No*, none. *Absent*, none; **Motion Carried.**

12.0 RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There being no further business to conduct, Vice President Goebel moved and President Murdock second a motion to reconvene the Regular Board meeting at 11:32 p.m.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Duffy, Anderson, Frazier, Kosloskus, Clarke, Murdock and Goebel. Voting *No*, none. *Absent*, none; **Motion Carried.**

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Kosloskus moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 11:32 p.m.

By a unanimous voice vote; **Motion Carried.**

Minutes Approved on TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine A. Serbin

Catherine Serbin
Executive Administrative Assistant



Voucher List Presented to the Board of Park Commissioners
At the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022

**Voucher List - Reconciliation
December-21
(Vendor Disbursements Over \$5,000)**

Vendor Name	Amount	Type of Service/Products	#
The Bank of New York Mellon	1,234,743.75	Bond Principal and Income Payments	
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	598,554.00	Bond Principal and Income Payments	
Wintrust Bank	481,146.32	Bond Principal and Income Payments	
PDRMA	103,173.43	Property, Liability, Empl Practice, Workers Comp and Health Insurance	
IL Municipal Retirement Fund	73,156.33	Employee/Employer Contributions	
VILLAGE OF WILMETTE	25,168.12	Charges for PT Attendant	
VILLAGE OF WILMETTE	6,347.41	Water Bills for Various Areas	35,010.88
VILLAGE OF WILMETTE	3,495.35	Misc. Supplies Beach Water Testing	
IMPERIAL SERVICE SYSTE	28,310.00	Cleaning Services for Various Areas	#
ENGIE Resources LLC	23,943.75	Electric Service for Various Areas	#
Gewalt Hamilton Assoc., Inc	22,083.84	Consulting on Various Projects	
Nels Johnson Tree Experts Inc	16,826.25	Trimming and Pruning	
Harrell's LLC	10,333.39	Supplies for Greens	
ALTA CONSTRUCTION EQUI	9,102.04	Supplies and Equipment for Parks	#
JUDYS MAILING SERVIC	8,555.71	Printing of 3 Explore and 1 Gillson postcard	#
Avalon Petroleum Co	7,903.28	Fuel for Various Areas	
Sportskids Inc	7,811.56	Sports Kids Classes Fall I 2021	
Stanton Mechanical, Inc.	7,600.00	ECC Water Heater Project	
Illinois Department of Employment Security	7,289.63	Q3, 2021 Unemployment Contribution	
The Lakota Group	7,068.06	Comprehensive Plan for Gillson	
Amazon	3,231.07	Program Supplies for Various Areas	#
Amazon	1,748.48	Supplies for Various Facilities	#
Amazon	1,299.00	Amazon Prime Business Account Annual Charge	#
Amazon	321.20	Equipment for Various Areas	#
Amazon	279.50	Office Supplies for Various Areas	#
Amazon	141.05	Coffee bar supplies	#
GRAINGER	6,745.42	Repairs for Various Facilities	#
On-The-Go Sports Inc	6,420.40	Services for Various Programs	
Nicor Gas	6,286.60	Gas Service for Various Areas	
Vanguard Energy Services LLC	6,274.83	Gas Service for Various Areas	
General Mechanical	6,087.97	Repairs for Various Areas	
Mission Square Retirement (ICMA) - 457	5,678.41	Employee Contributions	
Payne Sod Farm Inc	5,650.00	Sod	
CHICK-FIL-A #03604	5,307.18	Paddle Match Catering	#
Total	\$ 2,738,083.33		
Other Sundry Services/Products	140,794.42	Details on following page	
Total Voucher List	<u>\$ 2,878,877.75</u>		
Payroll Transfers			
	12/3/2021	\$ 254,574.50	
	12/17/2021	\$ 391,705.53	
	12/31/2021	<u>\$ 240,478.15</u>	
Total Payroll Transfers		<u>\$ 886,758.18</u>	
Total Vouchers and Transfers		<u>\$ 3,765,635.93</u>	

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We, the undersigned Officers of the Wilmette Park District, do hereby singularly approve for payment the above listed and detailed list of bills chargeable for the above stated month and on which further approval was passed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wilmette Park District.

Commissioner-Motion

Commissioner-Second



**Voucher Approval Report
Vendor Disbursements under \$5,000 by amount
Presented to the Board 01/10/2022**

Vendor Name	Amount	Type of Service/Products	#
DIRECT FITNESS SOLUTIO	4,793.35	Equipment and Repairs	
GIFTOGRAM	4,740.00	Staff Appreciation Gifts	#
AT&T	4,605.49	Phone and Internet for Various Areas	
TST* SMOQUE BBQ	4,369.84	Paddle Match Catering	#
A La Carte Catering	4,350.00	Breakfast with Santa	
Signarama Libertyville	3,852.50	Signage for Car Station (partial payment)	
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION O	3,810.00	Conference Registration for Various Employees	#
TBloom, LLC	3,712.37	Remaining Golf Recruitment Consulting Fee	
Golf Mill Ford Inc	3,040.79	Repairs for Various Vehicles	
Fencing Center of Chicago	2,966.75	Late Fall Class	
Evanston Children's Choir/Wilmette Pops Children's Chorale	2,948.08	WPCC Fall Session 2021 - Full & Partial Enrollment	
PLATINUM NATIONAL DANC	2,880.14	2022 Dance Competition Entry Fees	#
Konica Minolta Premier Finance	2,815.52	Copier Leases for Various Areas	
Verizon Wireless	2,780.73	Cell Phone Service for Various Areas	
Leibold Irrigation Inc	2,700.00	Compressor Rental	
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PROD	2,663.96	West Park - Confined spaces safety equipment	#
COMCAST BUSINESS	2,615.16	Comcast Phone and Internet for Various Areas	#
Alan Graham & Asso	2,494.00	Paddle Instruction	
DELICIOUS UNLIMITED CO	2,408.20	Catered lunch for Various Programs	#
IPRA	2,172.00	2022 Dues for Various Employees	#
IN *PURE IMAGINATION,	2,100.00	Yearly website server/hosting fee	#
Wage Works	2,094.27	Flex Spending Account	
The Ultimate School of Guitar	1,994.30	Fall I Guitar	
Reinders Inc	1,986.59	Repairs for Various Areas	
Pupils Vision & Hearing	1,920.00	Vision & Hearing Screening	
Amazing Minds	1,855.70	Fall II 2021 Classes	
Tressler, LLP	1,827.00	Legal Services for WPD	
Tebon's Gas Service	1,801.90	Propane for Various Areas	
National Sports Nets, LLC	1,730.00	Paddle - Court Windscreens	
SERVICE SANITATION	1,716.50	Portables for Various Areas	#
AMERICAN OUTFITTERS LT	1,702.14	Dance Team Uniforms	#
Becker Arena Products Inc	1,690.50	Ice - New Plexiglass Panes for Rink	
Faulks Bros Construction Inc	1,676.49	Greens Topdressing Sand	
StarGuard Elite, LLC	1,610.00	Lifeguard Certifications	
KAYMBU INC.	1,440.00	Parent Engagement Ap - 1 year subscription	#
South Side Control Supply Co	1,433.08	HVAC Repairs for Various Facilities	
VC3, Inc.	1,298.00	Managed Backup Service	
A-1 Roofing Co	1,244.00	Golf - Contract Roof Work	
START Group	1,200.00	Bldgs, Parks & Golf - Confined Spaces Training	
The Sherwin-Williams Co	1,135.75	Paint & Supplies for Various Areas	
GOODE & FRESH PIZZA BA	1,116.45	Catered lunch for Various Programs	#
Gamma Sports Inc	1,080.23	Overgrips, Replacement Grips, Vibration Dampners	
JEWEL OSCO 3456	1,044.12	Food and Supplies for Various Programs	#
IN *SWING KING	983.00	Hole-in-One Insurance	#
Outstanding Graphics	965.00	Photography for Various Programs	
Wilmette Truck & Bus Sales & Service, Inc.	960.00	Safety Test for 2 Axle Vehicles	
USA Fire Protection, Inc	944.41	Pool - Required Sprinkler Repair	
New York Life Insurance Co	931.84	WPD Employee Premiums	
Quill	897.23	Office Supplies for Various Areas	
BTSI	888.00	Tide Paclo Growth Regulator	
POWER SYSTEMS	877.81	Group Fitness equipment repairs/replaced	#
Kone Inc	867.55	Golf - Elevator Maintenance Contract	
PAYPAL *EPPLEY	830.00	GLTPI Training for Various Employees	#
DES PLAINES PARK DISTR	780.00	2022 Dance Competition Entry Fees	#
Sparkles Entertainment Inc	750.00	Breakfast with Santa Updated with Mrs Claus	
WILMETTE/KENILWORTH CH	750.00	2022 Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce Dues	#
Ill. Dept. of Revenue	735.00	11/30/21 Sales Taxes	
Titan CPR Associates(Formerly RH Sanders)	720.00	PS/FD Training & Education	
AFLAC	693.14	Employee Contributions	
Aquatic Ecosystems Mgt Inc	679.45	Pond Service	
SPORTS TUTOR	668.00	Junior Ball Machines	#
WASTE MGMT WM EZPAY	667.87	All Buildings - Trash/recycling	#
THE HOME DEPOT #1902	661.80	Repairs and Supplies for Various Areas	#
Meikem Inc.	606.50	Fitness - Locker Room Supplies	
Czajkowski, Frank	600.00	Costume Rental for Beauty and The Beast	
Polender, Russell	600.00	Paddle Camp Instruction	

TK Elevator	565.75	CRC - Elevator Maintenance	
SP * GOTAGS	560.00	Dog Beach Tags	#
LOWES #02728*	534.83	Supplies for Various Facilities	
GROOT INDUSTRIES INCOR	530.40	All Buildings - Trash/recycling	#
Napa Auto Parts/Genuine Parts Co	526.70	Supplies for Various Areas	
PLUG N PAY TECHNOLOGIE	522.23	Credit Card Fees	#
Midwest Netting Solutions	518.84	CRC/GYMNASTICS MAT	
Jorson & Carlson Co Inc	517.93	Equipment Repairs	
Rush Truck Ctrs	500.00	Parks - Truck 26 Repair/Blower Motor & Resistor	
ROTI IL SKOKIE	453.90	December Committee-of-the-Whole	#
Technology Mgt Rev Fund	450.00	Park District Wide Internet Service	
Fastsigns-Morton Grove	442.82	Printing for Various Areas	
POTAWATOMI INN	423.30	Lodging for GLTPI Training	#
ULINE *SHIP SUPPLIES	414.83	Gingerbread Workshop Supplies	#
Dost Valuation Group	385.00	Appraisal for P.T.A.B. Challenges	
Rack 'M Up Distributors	375.00	West Park - Annual Lift Inspection	
TARGET 00027813	359.75	Staff Appreciation Gifts	#
FOX VALLEY FIRE AND SA	355.00	Fire Alarm Radio Lease for Various Areas	#
Market Access Corp	350.00	November Liquor Liability	
TST* VALLEY LODGE TAVE	350.00	Board and Staff Holiday Gathering	#
PITA INN	348.75	Staff Christmas Luncheon	#
ILIPRA.ORG	330.00	IPRA job post	#
SUN MOUNTAIN SPORTS, I	328.00	Golf Bags for Resale	#
HAIGES MACHINERY	321.18	CRC Fitness - Dryer repair	#
EIG*CONSTANTCONTACT.CO	315.00	Monthly fee for online eblast/enewsletter tool	#
PAYPAL *WONDERIDEA	299.00	Annual fee for online flipbook service	#
FORMS FULFILLMENT CENT	290.77	Forms and envelopes for 2021 IRS Information Rptg	#
Bayhack, Joanie	280.00	BeMoved Instructor Payment	
AAA LOCK AND KEY	268.74	Locks/Keys for Various Areas	#
IN *MID CENTRAL PEST C	260.00	Pest Control for Various Facilities	#
GROWER EQUIPMENT & SUP	239.87	Trimmer Line and Supplies	#
RIDGEVIEW GRILL	238.66	Safety committee holiday breakfast	#
CORNER BAKERY 0125	231.32	Meetings for Various Areas	#
YARD HOUSE 0108308	228.81	Paddle Staff Lunch	#
Midwest Institute of Park Executives	225.00	MIPE - Faculty Meeting/Outing	
STATE CHEMIC*STATE CHE	224.91	CRC air care program	#
TST* 501 LOCAL	224.00	Centennial Team Lunch	#
Chicago Parts & Sound LLC	218.04	Parks Shop - Stock Replacement Batteries	
CHAMPION TEAMWEAR	212.00	Staff shirts	#
AEREX PEST CONTROL SER	200.00	CRC pest control	#
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	197.56	Copier Usage for Various Areas	
WILLSCOT MOBILE MINI	179.03	Winter Storage Sailing Shed Rental	#
Robbins Schwartz	170.06	P.T.A.B. Challenge Services	
Weiss Ace Hardware	166.48	Repairs for Various Areas	
POTBELLY #16	164.97	Parks - Confined spaces training lunch	#
MCMASTER-CARR	158.11	Locker room shower curtains	#
IN *TURN ERIN BRANDS L	155.65	Team Boys uniforms	#
USGA MEMBERSHIP	150.00	2022 Annual USGA Membership - Kwiatkoski	#
CKO*WWW.ISTOCKPHOTO.CO	149.00	Monthly fee for online stock image service	#
Taflove, S	143.50	Canasta and Mah Jongg Lessons	
SEAWAY SUPPLY CO.	140.25	MAL-Fitness Sanitizing Wipes	#
SANGOMA US INC	137.46	District Fax Solution	#
ULOOP INC.	125.00	Recruitment on Uloop	#
DUNKIN #300826 Q35	124.91	Meetings for Parks	#
Ballatin, Luke E	122.98	Reissue Unclaimed Property Check # 219878	
Fink, Margaret C	113.94	Reissue Unclaimed Property - Check # 215732	
TST* FORZA MEATS	110.25	Food for Foundation Meeting	#
BESTBUYCOM806531085181	106.24	Equipment-Portable speaker	#
Mood Media	103.97	Mood Media Recurring Services	
WHENIWORK.COM	101.67	When I Work subscription fee for various areas	#
Northshore Omega	100.00	Pre-Employment Physical (Ryan Kochman)	
FS *BRIGHTPOD.COM	99.00	Marketing Management Software	#
DNR LICENSE OR CAMP SA	97.60	Boat Registration	#
CINTAS CORP	93.74	First Aid Cabinet Service	#
Schmeissing, Benjamin David	90.58	Reissue Unclaimed Property Check # 259995	
TURN IT UP DANCE	90.00	2022 Dance Competition Entry Fees	#
Jaikaran, Nadia	87.70	Reissue Unclaimed Property Check # 257876	
Van Der Perre, Sofia	83.39	Reissue Unclaimed Property Check # 245424	
ZEP PRODUCTS	81.13	West Park - Zep cleaner	#
STAPLES 00116129	81.01	Supplies - Centennial Campus Clubs	#
Gregorian, Alison	76.77	Reissue Unclaimed Property Check # 257016	
Jablonski, Victoria	75.00	Costume Tailoring for Nutcracker	
TARGET 00009282	71.99	Supplies for Various Areas	#
YOURCOURTS SUBSCR	70.00	Court Booking Software	#
S&S WORLDWIDE, INC.	69.33	Supplies-Bead Buckets	#
TST* TACO NANO	68.45	Lunch for Golf Staff	#
Porter Pipe	61.82	Maintenance for Boiler	

From: [Jessica Martinez](#)
To: [Steve Wilson](#); [Catherine Serbin](#)
Cc: [Kara Kosloskus](#); [Allison Frazier](#); [Lindsay Anderson](#); [Mike Murdock](#); [Patrick Duffy](#); [Cecilia Clarke](#); [Julia Goebel](#); [Kristi Solberg](#); ogarap@yahoo.com
Subject: [external] Additional Commentary: Neighborhood Objections to West Park Plans in Advance of January 10, 2022 Vote
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 4:12:57 PM

Afternoon Mr. Wilson,

As the homeowner perhaps most directly impacted by the proposed West Park update, because my property will be closest to the new pickleball courts, I was planning to attend tonight's hearings and reiterate the objections I made at last week's meeting. Unfortunately I cannot attend tonight due to a business conflict.

Please understand, my position remains the same, I am in strong opposition to any of the proposed West Park plans that have been shared at this time. The current courts are a nuisance to the neighboring households (light and sound) and the transplantation of the playground will leave the children of the area with a less safe option for their play time while also limiting our ability to enjoy the grass, trees and natural space that is so frequently embraced year round. I am in support of everything Patrick O'Gara said in his message to the board last week and in the content shared below.

Please do not approve the currently proposed changes to West Park.

Apologies for the short notice in my lack of attendance but be assured I am keenly interested in next steps.

Please confirm receipt of this message and share in all appropriate meetings. Thank you for your time.

With Regards,

Jessica Martinez
745 Laramie Ave

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Patrick O'Gara** <ogarap@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 2:47 PM
Subject: Fwd: Neighborhood Objections to West Park Plans in Advance of January 10, 2022 Vote
To: <chitau920@gmail.com>

Hi Jessica, FYI.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patrick O'Gara <ogarap@yahoo.com>
Date: January 6, 2022 at 4:20:30 PM CST

To: mmurdock@wilpark.org, jgoebel@wilpark.org, landerson@wilpark.org,
cclarke@wilpark.org, pduffy@wilpark.org, afrazier@wilpark.org,
kkosloskus@wilpark.org
Cc: swilson@wilpark.org, cserbin@wilpark.org
**Subject: Neighborhood Objections to West Park Plans in Advance of
January 10, 2022 Vote**

Dear Wilmette Park District Board of Park Commissioners,

Please include this message in the packet for the January 10, 2022 Board meeting and all records relating to both that meeting and the proposals for West Park. Thank you.

The Wilmette Park District's Mission is: "To enrich the quality of community life and promote activities through creative programming for people of all ages and abilities, while protecting open space and natural resources for future generations." The related Statement of Inclusion is: "The Wilmette Park District stands against racism, hate, discrimination, prejudice and intolerance. We are committed to providing a safe, equitable and inclusive environment where all are welcome and treated with dignity and respect. We believe that providing this opportunity for all is core to our mission."

The Park District's Mission and Statement of Inclusion are profoundly violated by the plan to triple the number of full-year lighted outdoor courts for platform/paddle tennis and pickleball in West Park and expand related structures including the players' hut, including the way that plan has been communicated to the neighborhood in which West Park is located and the response given so far to the neighborhood's objections and complaints.

The violations of the Park District's Mission and Statement of Inclusion are demonstrated by the simple facts that the facilities in question are for use only by paying club members and guests interested in these niche athletic offerings, including non-Wilmette residents, while the plans involve: (1) building over the only remaining open natural grass space with trees in West Park; (2) placing new and notoriously noisy pickleball courts, with lights, along the park's eastern border and directly abutting private residential property; and (3) moving the children's playground--the only Park District playground west of the Edens--to an unsafe location far away from any houses and next to parking lots, an access road across which are power lines and decaying railroad tracks, and an unfenced baseball outfield, as well as adjacent to and visible from Lake Avenue while far from any crosswalk and with an eyeline to a convenience/liquor/marijuana store on the other side of that very busy road.

My neighbors and I fervently hope that you, the members of the Wilmette Park District Board of Park Commissioners, will recognize that your duties and the Park District's Mission and Statement of Inclusion are inconsistent with approval of these plans and that such approval would represent a tremendous error in judgement if not municipal negligence.

As the meeting between you and West Park's neighbors on January 4, 2022 demonstrated, we the neighbors are already greatly upset at the existing noise and light disturbances created by the current six courts and players' hut. A contributing factor to these disturbances is the allowed and unsupervised use of alcohol by players in and around the hut, and that players are apparently able to override the automatic shut off of court lights at 11 pm. That 11 pm shutoff is absurdly late as it is, for lights visible from so many homes, regardless of applicable zoning rules. Yet the Park District ignores that players regularly keep the lights on past 11, sometimes leaving them on all night, in order to continue playing and imbibing. As several neighbors pointed out at the January 4 meeting, this happened just the night before that meeting.

The neighborhood opposition to these plans is strong and uniform, and we hope that the Board will do what is responsible and neighborly, as well as consistent with the Park District's Mission and Statement of Inclusion, and the longstanding values of Wilmette as a whole. Please do the right thing and vote against any budget that incorporates these plans for West Park, or any other action to advance these plans, at the January 10, 2022 meeting and thereafter.

Below I've outlined our objection points more fully as well as suggestions for alternative action by the Park District. I and several neighbors plan to speak at the January 10, 2022 meeting and would be happy to discuss our objections and suggestions further with any of you.

-- The West Park Proposals Are Irresponsible, Negligent and Wrong --

West Park is the only significant Wilmette park located west of the Edens Expressway, and it includes the only Park District playground west of the Edens.

The open natural grass space in West Park has been dramatically reduced in phases over the past decade because of the construction of the first four lighted courts and players' hut in 2013 and then the addition of two additional lighted courts, as well as the installation of the astroturf playing field over the underground reservoir at the northern end of the park in 2016. All that land consisted of open natural grass until those changes were made.

As a result, the southeast corner between the astoturf field and the community gardens and next to the existing six courts and hut is now the only natural grass open space with trees in West Park.

That southeast corner includes the playground, which has been

situated in that general area in various iterations for over half a century. Prior to the move of the playground to its current location from an adjacent spot about 20 years ago, that specific location was used for an ice rink every winter. Until the mid 1980s, playground equipment was spread more widely across the southern end of the park, which also included grills, picnic tables and a hill that children enjoyed playing on.

Almost all of this has been taken away from the neighborhood, piece by piece, with the process greatly accelerating since 2013 and the installation of the first four platform/paddle tennis courts and players' hut.

Pickleball play is known to be notoriously noisy, more so than tennis and platform/paddle tennis play, and the proposed plan for West Park involves these being the closest courts to private residential properties--directly abutting at least two.

None of the surrounding communities with pickleball courts are known to have outdoor courts in such proximity to homes.

If Wilmette residents wish to play outdoor pickleball or have access to more platform/paddle tennis courts, there are numerous options a short distance away in neighboring suburbs.

If the Park District had disclosed the possibility of such a dramatic takeover of the entire southern end of West Park with expansions in 2013, the neighborhood opposition then would have been far stronger. Whether the failure to do so was because it was not on the Park District's radar in 2013 or because it was intentionally withheld, the neighborhood cannot and should not be expected to pay this hefty price now.

If the priority is a combined platform/paddle tennis and pickleball facility, the Park District must look elsewhere because there simply is not the space to responsibly create such a facility in the already overwhelmed West Park.

From a review of Park District records it is clear that neither the current noise, light and traffic disturbances experienced by West Park's neighbors, nor the dramatically increased disturbances that would result from the proposed changes, nor the impact on property values, nor most of all the endangerment of children if the playground is treated as an afterthought and moved to the northeast corner near parking lots, Lake Avenue, etc., have been adequately considered.

The response of the Board representatives to neighbors' complaints and concerns at the January 4, 2022 meeting was offensively unsympathetic and demonstrated an apparent lack of regard for the peaceful enjoyment of both residential and park property by homeowners and their children in this neighborhood.

It is disturbing that the Park District only sent its December 22, 2021 letter about the West Park plans and January 4, 2022 meeting to homeowners within 250 feet of the park, rather than all homeowners west of the Edens. Additionally disturbing is that most if not all neighbors had never heard of the plans before that letter.

As several neighbors stated at the January 4, 2022 meeting, if these plans go ahead we fear a dramatic detrimental impact on property values and will have to consider moving in any event due to the increased noise, light and traffic disturbances and child endangerment.

Does the Park District consider the residents of this neighborhood west of the Edens to be second class citizens? Approving these plans despite all these objections would strongly indicate that it does.

-- Alternative Suggestions --

The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order for a proper, thorough, professional analysis of the current noise and light disturbances experienced in the neighborhood as a result of the existing six courts and players' hut.

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proper, thorough, professional analysis of the child safety and noise, light and traffic disturbance implications of these plans for tripling the number of courts and expanding the hut.

The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order for a proper, professional analysis of the impact these plans would have on property values in the neighborhood, including the loss of all open natural grass park space with trees and the relocation of the playground to a far more distant and dangerous location.

The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order to undertake a thorough and professional survey of the all the residents in the neighborhood west of the Edens about their outlook.

The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order for a more proper, thorough and professional analysis of alternative locations for either pickleball courts only, or a combined pickleball and paddle/platform tennis facility, including all the open and unused acreage at Centennial Park. In the latter case, I believe that the residents of this neighborhood would overwhelmingly prefer a complete relocation of the facility and a return of the open, quiet and peaceful natural grass space at the southern end of West Park that was enjoyed so much before 2013.

Sincerely,
Patrick O'Gara
740 Laramie Ave.

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Steve Wilson](#)
Cc: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] West Park proposal to expand platform tennis facility
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 5:53:05 PM

Dear Board,

I missed forwarding this email to Catherine and she reached out to me asking me to include it for the record. I am sending it to you now and Catherine will add it to the packet online.

Thank you.

Steve Wilson
Executive Director
Wilmette Park District
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From: Claire Sullivan <c.sullivan@kinowerks.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:21 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] West Park proposal to expand platform tennis facility

January 6,2022

Dear Park District Board and Commissioners,

Please include this email in the January 10, 2022 Board meeting records. Thank you.

The Wilmette Park District’s Mission is not reflected in the proposal to expand the West Park platform tennis facilities. As residents that attended the meeting on 1/3/22 expressed: The plan to expand the West Park platform tennis facility does not “protect open space and natural resources,” nor does it “provide an equitable inclusive environment where all are treated with dignity and respect,” as stated in your mission. We strongly object to the Park District plans for the West Park expansion of platform tennis and addition of pickleball, and relocation of the children’s playground. **The proposed expansion of the facility is detrimental to the well-being of our neighborhood.**

We have been residents of Wilmette on Laramie Avenue for over 19 years. One of the biggest draws to our property is walking out the backyard gate to an open green space which includes a children’s playground and community gardens. In the past, this space included a small sledding hill, more trees, and the baseball-soccer field was also a green space. The current platform tennis facilities & AstroTurf field have reduced the green space. The amount of light & noise pollution in our yard and home from the existing platform tennis facility is significant. This has reduced our quality of life as

Wilmette residents. If we had known beforehand of the extreme light level and noise level of platform tennis, we would have objected to the initial building of the platform tennis facility in West Park.

The children's playground is currently in a safe location. It is the only playground in our neighborhood. Moving it close to Lake Avenue, a highway with heavy traffic 24/7, is a hazard to the children and families that use it. The speed and amount of traffic on Lake Avenue, the traffic entering the park on the access road, and the hazard of being next to left field of a baseball diamond all ignore the safety and well-being of the children. We find the proposal to move the playground to this location not only inconsiderate but dangerous to our neighborhood and families. We completely reject the proposal to move the playground.

The amount of light and noise pollution from the platform tennis facility is already at an unacceptable level for our quality of life. Our yard backs up directly to West Park. When we are in our yard and our home after dark, the lights are blindingly bright all seasons of the year. The lights are often left on all night. For example, on the nights of both 1/3/22 and 1/4/22, the lights stayed on all night until 6:30 am. This is a common occurrence. The noise level from the platform machinery and tennis players is so loud that it interrupts our yard for gardening, family gatherings and enjoyment of our property. The peace and quiet we once had living next to West Park is already greatly diminished. The proposed increase in the number of tennis courts, and additional pickleball courts, to be built almost up to our property, would decrease our quality of life severely to an unacceptable level. The noise and light levels would be extremely disruptive to our daily lives in our home and our yard. Our property value would be greatly reduced. Please consider our lives and our neighbors' lives when you consider what you are proposing to build next to our homes. Are not residents of Wilmette considered when planning park district changes? We live here 24/7/365. Our daily lives are certainly to be considered versus the desire of a number of persons who wish to enjoy a tennis or pickle ball game. Certainly, a better location could be found (for persons who are willing to pay for privileged activities) that does not diminish the quality of life for the residents of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Claire Sullivan & Christopher Blasingame
735 Laramie Avenue
Wilmette

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] 2 more paddle courts for Wilmette
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:01:35 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Matthew Braatz <braatzmatt@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:53:14 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] 2 more paddle courts for Wilmette

Hi Steve,

Please vote for 2 more paddle courts. I've been a member since inception and it's so difficult to book at court times. Community demand is growing and more capacity for play time is desperately needed.

Best,
Matt Braatz
773-294-7478

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Added Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:41:22 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: John Sbertoli <jms@johnmartincorp.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:41 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Added Paddle Courts

Mr. Wilson,

I was told that WPD was considering adding more paddle courts. I was lucky enough to get into paddle this year and am a huge fan. I recently moved to the North Shore from the city and this type of thing is what keeps me sane (a bit over dramatic) and has been something I look forward to each week. Additional courts would be a huge benefit in my opinion and I fully support the addition of more.

Thanks again for listening. I know you are busy and just wanted to throw my hat in the ring in support of this consideration.

Have a nice weekend.

Jack Sbertoli
President
John Martin Corp
jms@johnmartincorp.com
847-376-1803 (mobile)



From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Additional paddle courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:21:54 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Jackson <jackson.mike.r@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:13:29 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Additional paddle courts

Steve,

I understand that you are deciding about adding paddle courts to the park district. My wife and I both enjoy playing, but struggle to find available court times. We have made many people in the community through paddle and find it a healthy way to get exercise, especially when many indoor activities are limited with COVID.

Having additional courts would enable more people to play and learn the game, more league matches/ teams available (especially for women, who have limited times/nights to play) and would grow the sport to the next generation. I am very supportive of this expenditure from the park district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike and Nora Jackson
2230 Thornwood

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Additional Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:06:31 PM

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From: Lisa Loesel <lisakaegi@hotmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:01:37 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Additional Paddle Courts

Steve,

I understand that the Wilmette Park District is considering the construction of two additional paddle courts. As a member of a WPD paddle team, I strongly support this addition. As you likely know, we have A LOT of avid paddle players in our community and the demand for court time frequently outstrips supply. Given how much of the WPD court time is dedicated to leagues and drills, I find it very difficult to schedule social games during non-working hours (e.g., nights and weekends).

Best,
Lisa Loesel
312.259.3397

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Add'l Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:08:39 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jon Kennett <jbkennett@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:08:08 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Add'l Paddle Courts

Hi Steve:

Just wanted to drop a quick note in support of adding additional paddle courts and improving on the paddle hut in 2022/2023. As a Wilmette resident since 1996, I have greatly enjoyed the addition of the paddle program by the Wilmette Park District. I feel that with a little more investment, the Wilmette Park District could have the premier public program in the country. The board should be proud of the community participation in this elite program.

Also, I wanted to commend the Park District board on the new 1 mile track on the Community playfields. The Community playfields were a little under used asset, outside of kids activities. I have used the new track several times. Getting outdoors during the pandemic and enjoying the park is a great improvement. Thank you. Continue the great work.

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Best Regards

Jon Kennett

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Advocating for additional investment to enhance the Wilmette Platform Tennis facilities
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:27:17 PM
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Begin forwarded message:

From: bret schneider <bschnei66@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:22:51 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: Denise Gurczynski Schneider <denise_schneider@yahoo.com>
Subject: [external] **Advocating for additional investment to enhance the Wilmette Platform Tennis facilities**

Dear Steve,

Platform Tennis in Wilmette has been a wonderful experience over the last year as my family has ramped from almost no play time to multiple memberships, league play and lessons. Our family moved to Wilmette in part with large expectations of the park district. I am writing to express our strong interest in the continued development of the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility.

My family uses the facility on a weekly basis throughout the entire year and we appreciate the associated programs that are offered and pro staff. My wife (Denise cc'd) and I take lessons on Saturdays and my kids enjoy playing also, often with other dad's/kids playing together. We are both member of the Paddle Club and participate in the Chicago/Wilmette Platform Tennis league.

However, demand for platform tennis has grown well beyond the current facility. It's difficult to find available court time. Earlier this week I tried to schedule time to play and nearly every court was booked at every available time. Even with the brutal cold near 0 degree temps, see the completely booked courts for this Sunday, only a few slots for 7am available (typical play is 90 minutes)..

image.png



It would help tremendously to have additional courts available to absorb the high levels of demand. The paddle facility must be one of, if not the most, utilized outdoor park district facilities in terms of all year use. With this in mind, it would make sense that this facility would receive top attention and investment from the Park District.

Given this high level of demand which I witness every time I go onto the Your Courts scheduling app which I shared the screen shot of above, the capacity of the current hut is questionable to align with the demand for the courts, even before the recent social distancing guidelines. It would be valuable to have additional space available on the deck to talk after a match and enjoy watching others play which is a big part of the sport. My dad has come to my matches and watched from the hut as an example of how this brings more people into the hut.

Platform tennis has been a wonderful experience for my family and a tremendous way to meet others in the Wilmette community, many of my neighbors play and it has strengthened our neighborhood. The sport offers exercise, fresh-air, and a unique fun social experience to interact with others, as people hang out for matches and socialize.

The continued development of Wilmette Park District facilities is such a valued and important benefit to our residency.

We **strongly advocate for the progress you're making to expand and improve the benefits that are provided by the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility.** If you need any help with these plans my wife and I would be happy to participate.

Best regards,

Bret and Denise Schneider
1233 Maple Avenue, Wilmette

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Bring more community to the community
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:35:30 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Matthew Singer <matthewelias@yahoo.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:34:41 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] **Bring more community to the community**

Hey there.

We're city transplants and paddle addicts. We did not discover paddle until we came to Wilmette. We knew Wilmette was a great community, but more than school, church, block parties, etc...paddle really connected us to this community because we were able to constantly meet new people and do something together which has built bonds, memories, competition and sparked many of gatherings. We even take our kids out as often as possible to teach them the basics so they can benefit from not just an enjoyable sport, but the potential to build friendships.

It's this reason why we're writing. Because courts are often in high demand. And it's requiring a lot of time to find prime time availability, which no one has. Thus, we're often having to choose between indulging in our own pursuits (parent paddle obsession) or family time. An expansion of court availability would satisfy both...and I bet we're not the only family who would tell such story.

If sharing ours helps to build momentum - happy to do so. So thanks for your effort to bring more community to the community.

Respectfully submitted.

Matthew and Allison Singer
Greenleaf block (when not on the court or in the hut)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Court Expansion support
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:20:12 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wendy Walsh <wwalsh4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:14 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Court Expansion support

Hello Steve,

I wanted to email my support in adding pickleball and platform tennis courts. My husband and I think it's an excellent idea.

Thank you for all you do for Wilmette racket sports,

Wendy Walsh & Imran Nasir
2641 Wilmette Ave
Wilmette, IL 60091

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Expansion of Paddle Tennis and Pickle
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:26:44 PM

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From: Amy Weir <amy.p.weir@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:24 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Expansion of Paddle Tennis and Pickle

Hi Steve,

I wanted to express my support of the expansion of the Wilmette Paddle tennis facility. I play in the womens paddle tennis league and have found the facility to be a wonderful addition to our lives, and a way to get keep us active and outdoors in the Chicago Winter - kind of exactly what a park should do! I can't tell you how much the courts helped us to maintain our sanity during round 1 of covid, and now again in round 2. It has been an great resource for the community, bringining people together, and the expansion would help to ensure that everyone that wants to play, can play!

It is very hard to get courts in it's current form, and the new courts are definitely needed. To also add Pickle ball courts would be amazing!

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Weir
133 Lawndale

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Amy Weir
773-426-7874

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Expansion of Paddle Tennis Courts at West Park
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:59:42 PM

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From: julie sneyd duffy <juliesneydduffy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:56 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Expansion of Paddle Tennis Courts at West Park

Hello Steve,

I am writing to you in support of the expansion of the Platform Tennis Courts and Pickleball Courts at West Park. I have been involved in the Wilmette Park District Platform Tennis community for eight years. In January 2014 I enrolled in a women's beginner's class and like so many other players, I was immediately hooked. Many of the women I met in that beginner's class, now good friends, are involved in league play.

Last fall I persuaded Eric Moran, the Paddle Tennis Pro, to enter a team into the Women's Monday Night League. The Women's North Shore Monday Night League formed in 2019 opened the sport to women who could not play in the traditional day league due to work or having small children at home. The Monday Night league started with 160 women playing for 8 clubs on three courts. Currently there are 680 women playing for 17 clubs on four courts every Monday night across the North Shore. The Wilmette Club has grown from one team in October 2020 to nine teams competing in the Women's Monday Night League. The sport has seen a huge surge in participation not just for working women but in all aspects from school age children to retirees.

The increased interest in Platform Tennis has made it extremely hard to secure court time to practice with teammates or more importantly, to get out and play socially with friends and neighbors. The addition of four more platform tennis courts at West Park is very badly needed to support the demand for court time from the Wilmette residents.

A perfect warm weather complement to paddle tennis is pickleball. I look forward to the Park District adding pickleball courts and believe West Park is the perfect location.

Sincerely,
Julie Sneyd Duffy
932 Illinois Road
Wilmette, IL 60091

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Extra paddle courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 11:59:09 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Craig Notari <csnotari@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 11:57:25 AM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Extra paddle courts

Steve,

How are you? It's been awhile. I hope you are well.

I am writing to ask for your support for the building of the extra two paddle courts. Currently there are not enough courts based on demand. It is very common for me to try and get a court even seven days in advance and cannot find any availability. This is such a great part of the park district and I have made a lot of friends and have really enjoyed using this facility especially in this Covid season we have all had to go through. I think it would be a fantastic investment for the village.

Thanks so much Steve for your work and have a great day.

Craig

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Growth of Wilmette Platform Tennis Community
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:51:19 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jon Powell <powell4444@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:46:55 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Growth of Wilmette Platform Tennis Community

Hi Steve,

I'm writing this letter to express my interest in the continued development of the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility.

I used to be a member of the Winnetka club, and came over to Wilmette last year. I'm a member of the club and a participant in the Chicago Platform Tennis league. My wife has also been part of the paddle program, but plays this year at Winnetka, where it's easier to find a court.

Clearly, demand for platform tennis has grown well beyond the current facility. It's difficult to find available court time. In short, we are dying for additional courts!

Similarly, it would be nice to have additional space available in the hut and on the deck to talk after a match and enjoy watching others play.

We have been in Wilmette for almost 20 years, and platform tennis has been a wonderful experience for us, and a tremendous way to meet others in the Wilmette community, especially in the winter!

The continued development of Wilmette Park District facilities is such a valued and important benefit to our residency and we welcome the progress you're making to expand and improve the benefits that are provided by the Wilmette

Platform Tennis facility.

Kind regards,

Jon and Diane Powell
1306 Ashland Ave, Wilmette

Jon Powell
(847) 903-0815
powell4444@gmail.com

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] I Support Additional Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:13:19 PM

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From: Chris Woehrle <chris.woehrle@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] I Support Additional Paddle Courts

Hi Steve,

I wanted to drop you a quick note to voice my support for the proposed plan to add 2 new paddle courts to our existing facility at West Park. My wife, Stacey, and I are Wilmette residents and are both full members and play in competitive leagues this season.

For over a year now, it has been a challenge to secure a reasonable time to practice out at our courts due to the number of people that have become members through the Park District. Many of us have talked for a while about how nice it would be if we could have more courts to address the demand that has developed. Open slots fill up very quickly, particularly on the weekends.

My wife and I enjoy getting out on the courts, and the addition of these two courts and extending the deck will enhance our experience that much more. We take our family out every once in a while, and have made many new friends along the way as well. I don't know if the plans call for it, but a firepit would also be a nice addition, like so many area facilities have currently.

I very much look forward to the future development of our existing paddle facility.

Warm Regards,

Chris Woehrle

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] In Support of adding new paddle courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:03:53 PM

Steve Wilson
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From: John Grady <jgrady@gradybell.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:45 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] In Support of adding new paddle courts

Hi Steve:

I grew up in Wilmette and now live at 603 Greenleaf. I play paddle on a Wilmette club team and my entire family just loves the sport. The Wilmette paddle courts are a fantastic community resource. They offer a great way to spend time with friends and family and they provide a lot of fun during the bleak winter months. I am 100% in support of adding new paddle courts, and I am confident that the additional courts will be fully used and valued by the community. I urge the Park District to add more courts.

Regards,

John Grady
603 Greenleaf
Cell – 312-735-0886

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Letter of Support - Platform Tennis Court Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:08:51 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Patrick Parmentier <patrick.m.parmentier@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:08:32 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: Maria Parmentier <mlp3131@gmail.com>
Subject: [external] Letter of Support - Platform Tennis Court Expansion

Hi Steve,

I hope all is well and Maria (cc'd) and I both wanted to send you a formal email in support of the proposed platform tennis court expansion at West Park.

We are new to Wilmette and the sport in general (moved here in August 2019 from NYC). Paddle has been a great way for us to get to know others and stay connected with the community, especially in light of the pandemic and colder weather which keeps many inside.

We're both playing in our second seasons and we have our kids taking lessons as well. We hope the sport continues to expand at a rapid pace across the U.S. and happy that Wilmette and the Northshore are leading the way for the sport.

Thanks and have a great weekend,

Patrick & Maria Parmentier
124 Park Ave
Wilmette, IL 60091

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Letter of Support - Platform Tennis Court Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:35:11 PM

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From: "Whitworth, Luke" <luke.whitworth@optioncare.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:32:05 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: Michelle Whitworth <michelle08j@gmail.com>
Subject: [external] Letter of Support - Platform Tennis Court Expansion

Hi Steve,

My name is Luke Whitworth and I'm proudly a Wilmette resident and active platform tennis player. I'm writing to strongly voice my support for the West Park platform tennis court expansion. I've been playing for the past 14 months when Covid began to surge and I needed a safe outlet to stay physically active and build relationships. It's been that and more. I've made incredible friendships with players throughout Wilmette and it's been a great connection point to the community when we moved from Ohio in June 2020. My wife has also taken lessons and met a number of people throughout the process.

I understand that Wilmette is evaluating court expansion at West Park. The current demand for court time is significantly outpacing space and availability. It's been a significant challenge to reserve court time given only 6 courts and a large, active base of players. Additionally, we were not able to form enough weeknight leagues, which directly impacted my ability to play competitively, since Wilmette's ratio of players to court space was too high. I understand there may be objections to less green space and kid play space, but the benefits far outweigh any drawbacks. As a father of three young children, I have no concerns with the court expansion as there are so many parks and green space. The expansion is what makes Wilmette such a vibrant and attractive community where the Park District can offer enough activities/programs to serve the community demand that creates connection, friendships and health. I would also imagine this will provide additional revenue sources given it's one of the fastest growing sports and will allow others to join/play. The recurring revenue source will allow the park district to continue investing back into other facilities and programs.

I couldn't feel more strongly about expanding the West Park courts and know it will further strengthen our great community. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to discuss further.

I appreciate your consideration of this important community matter.

Regards,

Luke & Michelle Whitworth
1350 Greenwood Ave
614-313-7394

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] More courts!
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:04:00 PM

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From: Carrie Moysey <carriemoysey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:56 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] More courts!

Good afternoon,

I was informed of a meeting to discuss the potential of more courts at the Wilmette paddle facility. I am a member of the Wilmette paddle club and play on the series 10 womens team. More courts would be so great!! Please let us know if we can do anything to advocate for more courts!!

Thank you,
Carrie Moysey

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] More paddle courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:00:09 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ritu Jain <ritu.jain@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] More paddle courts

Will be great to have more courts, it's very hard to find play time.

Thanks
Ritu

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Patrick O"Gara](#)
Cc: [Mike Murdock](#); [Julia Goebel](#); [Lindsay Anderson](#); [Cecilia Clarke](#); [Patrick Duffy](#); [Allison Frazier](#); [Kara Kosloskus](#); [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Re: [external] Neighborhood Objections to West Park Plans in Advance of January 10, 2022 Vote
Date: Thursday, January 6, 2022 5:56:52 PM

Patrick,

Thank you for your email. It will be in our packet for Monday. Furthermore, I want to make sure to let you know that prior to our board meeting at 7:30 on Monday, there is a Centennial Committee meeting at 6:30 at Village Hall where the feedback from the Public Hearing will be discussed. Tomorrow I will be contacting other people who I have information for, but please share with them this information as well if you would like.

Thanks.

Steve

> On Jan 6, 2022, at 4:20 PM, Patrick O"Gara <ogarap@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Dear Wilmette Park District Board of Park Commissioners,

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> Please include this message in the packet for the January 10, 2022 Board meeting and all records relating to both that meeting and the proposals for West Park. Thank you.

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> The Wilmette Park District's Mission is: "To enrich the quality of community life and promote activities through creative programming for people of all ages and abilities, while protecting open space and natural resources for future generations." The related Statement of Inclusion is: "The Wilmette Park District stands against racism, hate, discrimination, prejudice and intolerance. We are committed to providing a safe, equitable and inclusive environment where all are welcome and treated with dignity and respect. We believe that providing this opportunity for all is core to our mission."

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> The Park District's Mission and Statement of Inclusion are profoundly violated by the plan to triple the number of full-year lighted outdoor courts for platform/paddle tennis and pickleball in West Park and expand related structures including the players' hut, including the way that plan has been communicated to the neighborhood in which West Park is located and the response given so far to the neighborhood's objections and complaints.

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> The violations of the Park District's Mission and Statement of Inclusion are demonstrated by the simple facts that the facilities in question are for use only by paying club members and guests interested in these niche athletic offerings, including non-Wilmette residents, while the plans involve: (1) building over the only remaining open natural grass space with trees in West Park; (2) placing new and notoriously noisy pickleball courts, with lights, along the park's eastern border and directly abutting private residential property; and (3) moving the children's playground--the only Park District playground west of the Edens--to an unsafe location far away from any houses and next to parking lots, an access road across which are power lines and decaying railroad tracks, and an unfenced baseball outfield, as well as adjacent to and visible from Lake Avenue while far from any crosswalk and with an eyeline to a convenience/liquor/marijuana store on the other side of that very busy road.

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> My neighbors and I fervently hope that you, the members of the Wilmette Park District Board of Park Commissioners, will recognize that your duties and the Park District's Mission and Statement of Inclusion are inconsistent with approval of these plans and that such approval would represent a tremendous error in judgement if not municipal negligence.

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> As the meeting between you and West Park's neighbors on January 4, 2022 demonstrated, we the neighbors are already greatly upset at the existing noise and light disturbances created by the current six courts and players' hut. A contributing factor to these disturbances is the allowed and unsupervised use of alcohol by players in and around the

hut, and that players are apparently able to override the automatic shut off of court lights at 11 pm. That 11 pm shutoff is absurdly late as it is, for lights visible from so many homes, regardless of applicable zoning rules. Yet the Park District ignores that players regularly keep the lights on past 11, sometimes leaving them on all night, in order to continue playing and imbibing. As several neighbors pointed out at the January 4 meeting, this happened just the night before that meeting.

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> The neighborhood opposition to these plans is strong and uniform, and we hope that the Board will do what is responsible and neighborly, as well as consistent with the Park District's Mission and Statement of Inclusion, and the longstanding values of Wilmette as a whole. Please do the right thing and vote against any budget that incorporates these plans for West Park, or any other action to advances these plans, at the January 10, 2022 meeting and thereafter.

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> Below I've outlined our objection points more fully as well as suggestions for alternative action by the Park District. I and several neighbors plan to speak at the January 10, 2022 meeting and would be happy to discuss our objections and suggestions further with any of you.

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> -- The West Park Proposals Are Irresponsible, Negligent and Wrong --

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>> West Park is the only significant Wilmette park located west of the Edens Expressway, and it includes the only Park District playground west of the Edens.

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>> The open natural grass space in West Park has been dramatically reduced in phases over the past decade because of the construction of the first four lighted courts and players' hut in 2013 and then the addition of two additional lighted courts, as well as the installation of the astroturf playing field over the underground reservoir at the northern end of the park in 2016. All that land consisted of open natural grass until those changes were made.

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>> As a result, the southeast corner between the astoturf field and the community gardens and next to the existing six courts and hut is now the only natural grass open space with trees in West Park.

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>> That southeast corner includes the playground, which has been situated in that general area in various iterations for over half a century. Prior to the move of the playground to its current location from an adjacent spot about 20 years ago, that specific location was used for an ice rink every winter. Until the mid 1980s, playground equipment was spread more widely across the southern end of the park, which also included grills, picnic tables and a hill that children enjoyed playing on.

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>> Almost all of this has been taken away from the neighborhood, piece by piece, with the process greatly accelerating since 2013 and the installation of the first four platform/paddle tennis courts and players' hut.

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>> Pickleball play is known to be notoriously noisy, more so than tennis and platform/paddle tennis play, and the proposed plan for West Park involves these being the closest courts to private residential properties--directly abutting at least two.

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>> None of the surrounding communities with pickleball courts are known to have outdoor courts in such proximity to homes.

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>> If Wilmette residents wish to play outdoor pickleball or have access to more platform/paddle tennis courts, there are numerous options a short distance away in neighboring suburbs.

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>> If the Park District had disclosed the possibility of such a dramatic takeover of the entire southern end of West Park with expansions in 2013, the neighborhood opposition then would have been far stronger. Whether the failure to do so was because it was not on the Park District's radar in 2013 or because it was intentionally withheld, the neighborhood cannot and should not be expected to pay this hefty price now.

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>> If the priority is a combined platform/paddle tennis and pickleball facility, the Park District must look elsewhere because there simply is not the space to responsibly create such a facility in the already overwhelmed West Park.

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>> From a review of Park District records it is clear that neither the current noise, light and traffic disturbances experienced by West Park's neighbors, nor the dramatically increased disturbances that would result from the proposed changes, nor the impact on property values, nor most of all the endangerment of children if the playground is treated as an afterthought and moved to the northeast corner near parking lots, Lake Avenue, etc., have been adequately considered.

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>> The response of the Board representatives to neighbors' complaints and concerns at the January 4, 2022 meeting was offensively unsympathetic and demonstrated an apparent lack of regard for the peaceful enjoyment of both residential and park property by homeowners and their children in this neighborhood.

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>> It is disturbing that the Park District only sent its December 22, 2021 letter about the West Park plans and January 4, 2022 meeting to homeowners within 250 feet of the park, rather than all homeowners west of the Edens. Additionally disturbing is that most if not all neighbors had never heard of the plans before that letter.

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>> As several neighbors stated at the January 4, 2022 meeting, if these plans go ahead we fear a dramatic detrimental impact on property values and will have to consider moving in any event due to the increased noise, light and traffic disturbances and child endangerment.

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>> Does the Park District consider the residents of this neighborhood west of the Edens to be second class citizens? Approving these plans despite all these objections would strongly indicate that it does.

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> -- Alternative Suggestions --

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>> The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order for a proper, thorough, professional analysis of the current noise and light disturbances experienced in the neighborhood as a result of the existing six courts and players' hut.

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>> The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order for a proper, thorough, professional analysis of the child safety and noise, light and traffic disturbance implications of these plans for tripling the number of courts and expanding the hut.

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>> The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order for a proper, professional analysis of the impact these plans would have on property values in the neighborhood, including the loss of all open natural grass park space with trees and the relocation of the playground to a far more distant and dangerous location.

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>> The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order to undertake a thorough and professional survey of the all the residents in the neighborhood west of the Edens about their outlook.

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>> The Park District should, at minimum, table these plans in order for a more proper, thorough and professional analysis of alternative locations for either pickleball courts only, or a combined pickleball and paddle/platform tennis facility, including all the open and unused acreage at Centennial Park. In the latter case, I believe that the residents of this neighborhood would overwhelmingly prefer a complete relocation of the facility and a return of the open, quiet and peaceful natural grass space at the southern end of West Park that was enjoyed so much before 2013.

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> Sincerely,

> Patrick O'Gara

> 740 Laramie Ave.

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] New Paddle courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:07:49 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bert Brahm <bbrahm@aldinecapital.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:07:16 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] New Paddle courts

Steve - quick note to express my support for additional paddle courts. We could use 4 but would be pleased with 2. Paddle interest has exploded and spots are extremely limited at all the clubs. I play at Wilmette despite being a member at Michigan Shores due to team and court availability. Even getting the kids out to play.

More courts would be in high demand and great for the community.

Regards
Bert Brahm
312-318-1189.

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] New Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:43:35 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Seth Krantz <sethkrantz@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:40:38 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] New Paddle Courts

Steve,

I am writing to you in order to express my strong support for two additional paddle tennis courts. I began playing paddle last year, and I could not be more happy. It has been a wonderful social opportunity, allowing me to meet people throughout Wilmette and develop friendships. Being a part of a league or a club allows those regular interactions with others that really solidifies friendships that can be otherwise hard to foster as a working adult.

One of the challenges however, has been lack of access to court time. It has become so popular that it is almost impossible to find time to play. This is a sport that promotes fitness, is one of the few group sports that can be played in winter, and one that is family friendly. Wilmette is already a leader in supporting paddle, and I sincerely hope we can continue that trend with additional courts.

Thank you so much.

Seth Krantz
916 Chippewa Ln, Wilmette, IL 60091
847-977-7450

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Objection to West Park Plans
Date: Thursday, December 30, 2021 10:42:53 AM

For public hearing

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From: Judith O'Gara <judith_ogara@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 24, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: paddle@wilpark.org
Subject: [external] Objection to West Park Plans

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Today I received your letter dated December 22, 2021 about the proposed changes to West Park and the hearing scheduled for January 4, 22.

First, I would like to express how disturbing I consider your correspondence being sent and the hearing being held on such short notice in the middle of the holiday season. It seems to have been timed so that the neighbors of the park will have the least time to prepare objections and be available to attend, and I am highly disappointed at this treatment by the Village.

Second, as an elderly resident of 740 Laramie Ave for over 44 years I am already highly disturbed by the impact of the existing paddle courts and consider the proposed changes to be yet another betrayal by the Village. The noise and light disturbance that I currently live with after decades of enjoying use of a much quieter and more pleasant West Park is nothing short of a nuisance. I hear players and deal with the lights of the existing court past 9 pm most nights throughout the year, and some nights the lights are not turned off at all. The idea of the number of courts being doubled and the playground being reduced in size and treated as an afterthought at the opposite corner of the park--far away from any home--is an affront to the taxpaying citizens of this neighborhood and the entire Village.

Third, I request to be provided more details about the proposed changes as I consider the information provided to be highly cursory for such significant redevelopment of the park. The proposed expansion of athletic facilities that are only available for use by residents at a significant cost comes at the expense of existing park land and facilities that have been available for all at no charge for decades. This follows the significant reduction in park land that came from the construction of the existing courts and hut including the previous expansion.

Please send me additional details including as to the hours of use for the proposed new courts and nighttime lighting schedule by December 30, 2021. I would also like to know if any studies have been conducted of the light and noise impact for the neighbors of the park, both of the existing courts and the proposed new ones?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Judith O'Gara

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Paddle court expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:02:51 PM

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From: Noah Rothschild <electricjazz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle court expansion

Hi Steve,

I wanted to throw in a word of encouragement for the park district to approve expansion of the platform tennis facility at west park.

Paddle has taken off recently, and it is often very difficult to find an available court to play on.

Even during the "summer offseason" every court was consistently booked at night.

Wilmette is now the largest platform tennis club in the world, and our village has an opportunity to reinvest in this popular, revenue generating activity that is fun year-round.

Please approve this expansion!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

--
Noah Rothschild
312-451-9435

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Paddle Court Support
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:27:28 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: David Bailey <daveb326@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:23:33 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle Court Support

Steve,

I am Wilmette resident and have been a member of the platform tennis community since the facility first opened. From the beginning, it has been my absolute favorite place in Wilmette to bring my family, get some exercise, and meet other area residents.

I am a very strong proponent of expanding the facility as over the years, the popularity of the sport has grown tremendously and it has become much more challenging to get court time. Most nights and weekends are booked a week in advance, in the popular times fill up within minutes. In order to maintain the momentum that has been built, Wilmette absolutely needs to add more courts.

Thanks,
David Bailey
2507 Greenwood Ave

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Paddle courts - Need two more
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:23:50 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Fred Gerster <gersterf@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:23 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: Fred Gerster <gersterf@gmail.com>
Subject: [external] Paddle courts - Need two more

Steve, I hope you're well.

I wanted to reach out to you to let you know how important a few new paddle courts are to the people of Wilmette.

Paddle is an excellent healthy winter activity, it's also meant so much to the cohesiveness of the guys (and woman) in the community.

I recently moved my family from the Romona district to the McKinzie school district. I immediately knew over 10 families in my new neighborhood because of the time I've spent at the paddle hut meeting new friends. It was an easy transition.

With all that being said, one thing that's happened because of Covid is the need for people to do things outside with friends so they don't go crazy. Paddle is perfect for that and has kept me sane since paddle came back post the first outbreak of Covid.

It's awesome people want to play more paddle the problem is that it's really hard to get paddle courts because they fill up that fast.

I have to have alarm set for 7:55 the week before I want to reserve a court for the chance to get a court, refreshing my phone every second. Even doing that I'm still not assured getting a court. Forget about getting two together.

Please help us get a few new courts. Thanks for your consideration.

Fred Gerster
312.550.7617

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Fwd: Paddle courts at West Park
Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:08:05 AM

For Board Packet.

Steve Wilson
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From: Mark B. Grzymala <mark@grzymalalaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:17 AM
To: paddle@wilpark.org; Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Fwd: Paddle courts at West Park

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Below is an email I sent Monday with respect to the courts at West Park but I apparently mistyped your email address.

-Mark

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From: **Mark B. Grzymala** <mark@grzymalalaw.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 6:26 PM
Subject: Paddle courts at West Park
To: <swilson@wilpark.com>, <paddle@wilpark.com>

Cc: Aneta Grzymala <anetag80@gmail.com>, <plunketts@wilmette.com>

Dear Mr. Wilson,

My wife Aneta and I reside at 744 Laramie Avenue which is directly across the street from West Park. We have lived there for about 12 years. We are both professionals and are happy to call Wilmette our home.

We write in response to your letter dated December 22, 2021, and object to the proposed addition of the new paddle tennis and pickleball courts at West Park in Wilmette, Illinois. Our position is that the park district board is valuing profits for a private club that is constructed on public property over the benefits the park and playground bring to the neighborhood and the families and children that use West Park.

First, we generally object to the timeliness of the notice of the meeting dated December 22, 2021. In the letter you state the board has been working on this for several months yet decided to send the notice at a time when children are on winter break and many families, including ours, were out of town on vacation.

Second, we object to the current placement of the paddle tennis clubhouse (mischaracterized by you as a "hut" when the facility is much more than that and contains restrooms, a full kitchen and bar, television and fireplace). We understand that the clubhouse can be rented and alcohol is allowed to be served. It is ridiculous and reckless that this is even allowed when the clubhouse is in such close proximity to a children's playground.

Third, we object to new courts for health and safety reasons. The lights are currently on well past 9:00pm. This already creates much light pollution and we can see the lights clearly from our house. If more courts are added to the east of the current courts, the lights will be shining right into our home. There is also a lot of noise coming from the current courts late into the night from people playing. Furthermore, adding courts closer to Laramie Avenue will create even more traffic on an already relatively busy street.

Fourth, we object to the proposed movement of the current playground. As it is now, the playground is located in a relatively secluded location and we feel it is a very safe space for our children to play in. We frequently use the playground as do most children in our neighborhood. The playground is also the only one in Wilmette that is located west of the expressway and there are no other Wilmette Park District playgrounds in the area. We believe that property values may be diminished if the playground is relocated or removed.

Upon looking at the proposed map, it appears that the new placement of the playground was merely an afterthought by the board. The new proposed space is the only possible location for a playground if the new courts are built. The new playground space will basically be on the access road to the courts and, of course there will be more traffic which presents a danger to the children who would play there. It is also placed next to a baseball field. Did the board consider the possibility of a child getting whacked on the head while playing an errant baseball? The board clearly did not take these issues into consideration. Based on this map alone, I assume the board will never even bother erecting a new playground.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this email. I look forward to seeing you

on Tuesday.

Sincerely,
Mark Grzymala

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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Paddle Courts at Wilmette
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:21:38 PM

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From: ron.weiland@yahoo.com
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:12:30 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: ron.weiland@yahoo.com
Subject: [external] Paddle Courts at Wilmette

Hi Steve,

I heard there is going to be an upcoming meeting to discuss the possibility of adding more Paddle Courts at the Wilmette paddle facility. My family and I have been residents of Wilmette since 2013 and only discovered paddle three years ago. We love the Wilmette community and all the friends we have made. However, if it were not for paddle, our experience here would be much different. My wife and I have met so many new friends and families as a result of being part of the paddle community. I literally have over 60 friends (I just counted them in my contact list on my phone) that I have met as a result of paddle! My wife can say the same. As a result, Wilmette doesn't just feel like a city we live in, but now rather a close knit community where we know loads of families who we now call our friends. It is hard enough meeting people and making friends, paddle is one of those activities that brings our community closer together.

The frustration though is that since paddle is so popular in Wilmette, it is very difficult to get court time. My wife and I use the facilities along with our children who are age 8 and 10, they have done several classes with the pro and love to come out and hit around with us. Not only are my wife and I in the women/mens leagues, but we love to go out and play couples paddle. Since there are so many families who also share this passion, we bring our kids along when we play couple paddle. Our kids absolutely love it as the other families bring their kids along as well and all the kids play together while the parents play paddle. It is a great all around family activity! Our kids are always bugging us to actually go play paddle on Friday and Saturday evenings – a great bonus for us! However, as mentioned above, we struggle to find court times in many

cases.

We also are very active in many other park district activities and love everything Wilmette has to offer. But, hands down, paddle is the best park district perk offered, we'd just love to be able to see it more available to everyone. Sadly, an overwhelming majority of paddle members are complaining about the lack of court time and are frustrated. If you'd like to hear from others, I can certainly get a large petition started, just let me know as I would be more than happy to help.

Adding two more courts would be a huge perk to all of the people who enjoy the paddle facilities as well as allow new members to join. Thank you for listening and your consideration.

Regards,
Ron Weiland
773-531-1268

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:51:28 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Endre <michael.endre@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:47:52 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle Courts

Steve

I'm writing to lend support to the plans to add two additional paddle courts to the Park District facilities. I have played paddle for almost two years now in a variety of settings including with my kids, wife, socially and in league play. It has been extremely helpful to stay active outdoors during the winter months while dealing with a pandemic. That is in addition to the obvious health benefits of staying active. The sense of fellowship within the paddle community has also been a pleasant surprise that has allowed to meet numerous good people. The two courts are also necessary as the sport is growing exponentially especially within the north shore. Unfortunately, due to high demand for league play, it can be very difficult to get court times. Two additional courts would free up significant more opportunities. Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

Sincerely,

MikeEndre
223 Heather Ln
847 571 5236

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:28:33 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Andrew Gustafson <asgustafs@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:28:08 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle Courts

Steve, hope all is well. I just wanted to send a quick note in support of upgrading the paddle facilities and adding new courts. I've been a member of the Wilmette Paddle facilities for the last five years as well as in the men's league. I've really enjoyed the facilities and commend Wilmette on building them. That said, the interest in paddle exploded during the pandemic and is not subsiding. As such, there is too much demand and not enough supply. Courts are constantly booked. If you don't reserve a court within the first ten seconds of becoming available...they are gone. Two additional courts would help significantly (and four would be even better).

I'm also very much in favor of expanding the paddle hut. It was built for four courts. If we add two more, we'll have eight and the hut will be too small for the capacity, especially on league nights.

This is a great amenity for Wilmette and we just need to keep it up to date and inline with demand. It also should be a good revenue generator for the park district and the Village given the demand. I'd be supportive of increasing dues to fund these improvements. I'd further be supportive of increasing dues more meaningfully for non-resident members, in order to make sure that supply / demand imbalance is tilted in favor of residents. There are many residents who got demoted in league play due to many teams having a significant amount of non-resident players, which doesn't make sense to me given these are a Village amenity.

Thanks for your consideration!

Andrew Gustafson
720 Park Ave

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:33:48 PM

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From: Matthew Krakover <matt.krakover@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 3:32:56 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle Courts

Steve,

Happy New Year! I have been a resident of Wilmette for 7 years, and I became an avid platform paddle tennis player a few years ago. It is such a great sport, and it has been a huge benefit to my social and physical well-being since the pandemic started in 2020. I play a few times a week, and I have met many friends through the leagues and pick-up play.

The Wilmette Platform Tennis facility is wonderful, but it would be much better if we had more courts available. The demand for courts has increased exponentially during the pandemic, and it has been difficult to reserve courts and the league could not accommodate many players that wanted to play this past season due to the lack of courts available.

I understand that the Wilmette Park District is voting on a proposal to add more courts, and I support that proposal. It would be a great investment for the community, as I know that the sport is only going to increase in popularity over the next few years. Please vote 'yes' to add more courts!

Thank you very much, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Matt Krakover

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Matthew S. Krakover
Direct: (312) 502-3898

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Paddle Hut & Court Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:10:53 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: william sardegna <sardegnavill@hotmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 4:10:24 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle Hut & Court Expansion

Hi Steve,

As you know, there are 30+ series in the league and it is an absolute struggle to get practice times during the week and weekends with only 6 available courts.

Simple math tells the story better. With an average of 10 people per team with approximately 30 series, equals 300+ people searching for practice times in between scheduled league play and reserved training sessions. This is for just the men's league. I am not sure how many participants there are for the women's league, but add that number in too...I'm guessing at least 200+.

With six courts this allows for approximately 15 hours (8am-11pm) divided by 1.5 hour sessions, so about 10 sessions per court or 60 sessions with 6 courts. However, during prime hours (4-10pm), we have about 6 hours to work around so this number drops to only 24 available sessions or 96 members that can play/practice. At the current count, the availability is below one-fifth of the members that use these courts.

This league is a tremendous outlet for exercise and connecting with fellow community members in the area in both certain and uncertain times. All of my teammates (10 individuals) support the expansion of the courts and paddle hut in Wilmette as we continue to grow in this sport.

Keep me informed on the status of this project.

Thank you,
Bill Sardegna

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Paddle Tennis Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 11:29:35 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Andy Kulick <andykulick@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 11:27:20 AM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle Tennis Expansion

Hi Steve,

My name is Andy Kulick and I've lived in Wilmette for 16 years now. I wanted to write you a note in support of expanding the Wilmette Paddle Tennis setup, including adding another 4 courts and expanding the deck and hut arrangement.

I played tennis growing up and had always wanted to try out paddle but didn't do so until 4 years ago and it's become a huge part of my life now, both from an exercise standpoint as well as socially. I kind of felt that I knew so many people in Wilmette, but until playing paddle, I realized there were so many more people who I didn't previously know and are now my friends.

It's become extremely challenging with the growing popularity of paddle in Wilmette to find court time. Basically, you need to try and reserve courts immediately when the weekly reservations open up and that is difficult to do and has become frustrating. Paddle is such a great and growing part of the Wilmette community that it is unfortunate that it has become so difficult to get courts. All of the lessons/drills with Eric and the other pros are awesome as well (our team does drills) but that also makes it harder to find court time.

Hopefully the village will approve the additional 4 courts and expansion of the hut and decking and it can only help make Wilmette a more appealing place to live or move to!!

Thanks!
Andy Kulick

Andy Kulick
andykulick@gmail.com

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Paddle Tennis
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:40:19 PM

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From: Jeff Doblin <jeff_doblin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:39 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle Tennis

Hi Steve,

I suspect you have received a few of these emails today.

I'm writing this letter to express my interest in the continued development of the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility.

My family uses the facility regularly. I was actually just there playing in 10-degree weather.

There is not a ton of demand on a Friday at noon in freezing cold weather, but this is the exception, not the rule. Try to book court time on a weekend, or a weeknight, and it gets very difficult.

We've also found the capacity of the current hut is limited, even before the recent social distancing guidelines. It would be nice to have additional space available on the deck to talk after a match and enjoy watching others play.

I would love it if we could add some additional courts and increase the size, as well as amenities that our paddle hut has to offer.

Thanks for your consideration, and have a great weekend.

Regards,

Jeff Doblin
1307 Maple Ave

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Paddle
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:16:10 PM

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From: Peter denberg <peter.denberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Paddle

Mr. Wilson,

I urge you to support the building of additional paddle courts. It is extremely difficult to get court time currently. Additionally, my team was tossed out of league play for lack of space. I strongly believe that a thriving paddle community at the park district would be a substantial draw for young families. The benefits of the proposed construction far outweigh the small loss of green space.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Peter Denberg MD

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Pickle ball court
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 10:00:23 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Megan Cusick <cusickmegan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 9:57 AM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Pickle ball court

I am writing in support of building a pickle ball court(s) near the paddle hut.
Thank you,
Megan Cusick
Wilmette resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Pickle Ball
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 10:02:50 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Szokarski <basiaszokarski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Pickle Ball

Good Morning Steve

I would like to express my support for the pickle ball courts in the paddle tennis area. There is such a huge interest in PB in our community but we are lacking in court availability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Basia szokarski
2635 wilmette ave
Wilmette
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Pickleball Courts at South Park
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:35:47 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Joel I Feinstein <joelifeinstei@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:35:21 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Pickleball Courts at South Park

I strongly support the WPD constructing dedicated pickleball courts!

I also would like to see some tennis courts converted to pickleball in Centennial Park indoors.

Regards,

Joel Feinstein
(He/him)
407 Wilshire Dr W, Wilmette, IL 60091
847.251.8923

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Pickleball courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 9:45:06 AM

For board packet.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Reo <ann_reo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 9:43 AM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Pickleball courts

Hi Steve, I am a Wilmette resident with 2 children at Highcrest. I am also on the Womens Wilmette Tennis team and will serve as Secretary this year and President the following year.

I am very tuned in to the wimette residents that play tennis as I am also on the the north shore summer tennis leagues. Which includes hundreds of players.

All that said, I know I can speak for many that love racket sports in Wimette. Most of the racket sports lovers also play paddle and Pickleball. Since Pickleball is easier and also the fastest growing sport in the US, I am constantly hearing that people wish we had Pickleball courts in Wilmette. It seems like the West Park location is perfect given the existing Hut and the fact that we are all used to going to that park for paddle. The parking is great and there seems to be enough land to build the courts. I am sure land space is a problem for other areas in Wilmette.

I hear from my Glenview friends that their Pickleball facility is awesome. It's a family friendly sport that does not require a lot of skill. Grandparents and children can play with Parents that might have more experience playing tennis and paddle.

Making the Pickleball courts a real destination could even be a moneymaker for Wilmette if other amenities are offered.

I sincerely hope Wilmette makes the decision to provide nice Pickleball courts at West Park.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Ann Reo Shugrue
C: 847.999.8981

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Pickleball
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:44:12 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Rosenbaum <mdanhan@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:43:57 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Pickleball

I am writing in support of new dedicated pickleball courts at South Park.
Thanks,
Michael Rosenbaum

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Platform Tennis Court Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:00:18 PM

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From: Christopher Kozak <christopher.kozak@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:59 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Platform Tennis Court Expansion

Hi Steve,

My wife and I are relatively new residents of Wilmette (moved in October 2019 from Lakeview). Paddle has served as a primary method for us to meet other Wilmette folks and has been a great way to socialize with others in an active, outdoor environment.

Due to the difficulty in reserving court time, we would like to extend our support of the proposed expansion of the platform tennis facility at West Park. The new courts will alleviate some of the scheduling pressures, and make the sport even more accessible to residents of our town.

Thank you,

Chris & Jennifer Kozak
338 Greenleaf Ave
Wilmette IL

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Platform tennis courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:01:53 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Daniel Krashin <danielkrashin@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:57:11 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Platform tennis courts

Hi Steve,

I am emailing to request the building of 2 more platform tennis/paddle courts. I have met many new friends in Wilmette through this and there really is not another adult social sport like it. It is unique for Wilmette to offer this and will only foster community and fun for adult residents and even kids now as well. I hope they can build the new courts as sometimes it can be hard to get a court when needed. Thank you for your time.

-Danie Krashin-Wilmette resident

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Platform Tennis Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:12:56 PM

Steve Wilson
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From: Kirk Brown <brokirk@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:14 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Platform Tennis Expansion

I am in full support of this expansion. The sport continues to grow and more courts are desperately needed. I've played for over 45 years and it has continued to keep me active and healthy.

I was able to view the expansion that Winnetka is planning. The plans are clearly posted in their warming hut and it looks like an excellent plan. Perhaps the plans and options could be posted in the Wilmette hut as well. (forgive me if you have already posted these, as I have been out of commission for the last 6 weeks and haven't visited Wilmette hut recently).

Yes, there will always be push back from neighbors that are adjacent to any park when change is proposed. I feel they should be willing to accept both the good and the bad that goes with living so close to a park. They should have already factored into their housing choice the chance that change may occur. Perhaps there can be additional trees planted, as well as wind/ sound screening to help offset any light and noise concerns of the very few neighbors who would be affected by the proposed expansion.

If not here, then where?

Thank you,

Kirk Brown
Team 15

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Platform Tennis Growth
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 11:58:51 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Luke Sundheim <lukesundheim@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 11:57:03 AM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Platform Tennis Growth

Steve,

I hope all is well and I've been a Wilmette resident for the last 5+ years. I've been an avid paddle player for the past four. We've seen huge growth in the community and it's created an amazing network of people. I've build countless friendships and met new people by getting out and playing. With that said it is near impossible to get a court between September and March. We pay quite a bit for paddle membership and you have to be in the system the second that times open in order to get access to a court. I think that's a good problem, as we have incredible demand to play. With that said we need more courts. It's essential and people will continue to fill them as the demand is so high. We also have probably the worst paddle hut of any of the clubs. It's not as big of a deal due to Covid but it would be nice to have an updated facility including more outdoor space.

Thanks for taking the lead in exploring new paddle facilities and I can stress enough how much demand is out there and how much revenue is lost by not having more courts.

Thanks,
Luke

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] platform tennis
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:03:08 PM

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From: Marty Schwartz <martyschwartz1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] platform tennis

Steve

Just wanted to add my comment regarding the addition of 2 more platform tennis courts.

I think it is a good idea seeing that it is difficult during many months to secure a court, especially in the evening.

The game is gaining momentum and more and more people are playing. Great clubhouse, that will be used more as Covid dies down.

Many friends made during the playing of the game.

Thank you

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marty schwartz
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Wilmette, IL 60091
847-921-1542 cell
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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Please support new paddle courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:59:47 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Roy Davis <rdavis103@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:56 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Please support new paddle courts

Hi, I'm a Wilmette platform tennis member and I want to strongly encourage you to support the building of additional platform tennis courts.

We have the need for courts because there are often not enough available for members that wish to play.

Additional courts will allow more members to participate and benefit from the exercise, social opportunities and competition that the great sport of platform tennis provides to us all.

Thank you for your attention and time.

Take care and stay well,

Roy Davis
3129090742

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Proposal to Build Two more Courts at Wilmette Paddle Center
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:27:42 PM

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From: rickbaer2112@gmail.com
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:25:35 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: Eric Moran <emoran@wilpark.org>, Craig Notari <csnotari@gmail.com>, Steve Urban <surban@ufinadv.com>, Paul Kopecki <pkopecki21@gmail.com>, Ben Schmitt <benjaminlschmitt@yahoo.com>, AJ Laneza <llaneza.andrew@gmail.com>, Anu Goel <agoel@spins.com>, Charles Shenk <cshenk21@gmail.com>, Mitchell Friedman <mitchfriedman123@gmail.com>, Robert Fogarty <fogartj@gmail.com>, Marc Zisook <mzisook@aol.com>, Paul Kopecki <pkopecki21@gmail.com>, Komnenich John <john@komnenich.com>
Subject: [external] Proposal to Build Two more Courts at Wilmette Paddle Center

Steve:

I understand from our club pro Eric Moran that the Park District is considering building another two paddle courts to the existing courts at Wilmette. I endorse this idea wholeheartedly.

For the climate in Chicago, paddle is the ideal outdoor winter sport, for men, women and children, that can be played socially or competitively. Since I started playing paddle 8 years ago when Wilmette opened its courts, I've never looked at winter in the same way. Instead of dreading the cold and gray, I play paddle with friends and family, and have found it a great way to enjoy the winter for exercise and social interaction.

Additionally, Eric's success in growing the paddle program significantly is resulting less access to the courts by members who want to practice and play socially. Given the growth experienced over the past two years, two additional courts are needed to accommodate the increased number of paddle players in Wilmette.

Copied on this email are my teammates from Series 23 who may want to share their comments and thoughts.

Regards,

Rick

Rick Baer

312.519.9236

rickbaer2112@gmail.com

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Sarkis](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] RE: Letter of Support - Platform Tennis Court Expansion
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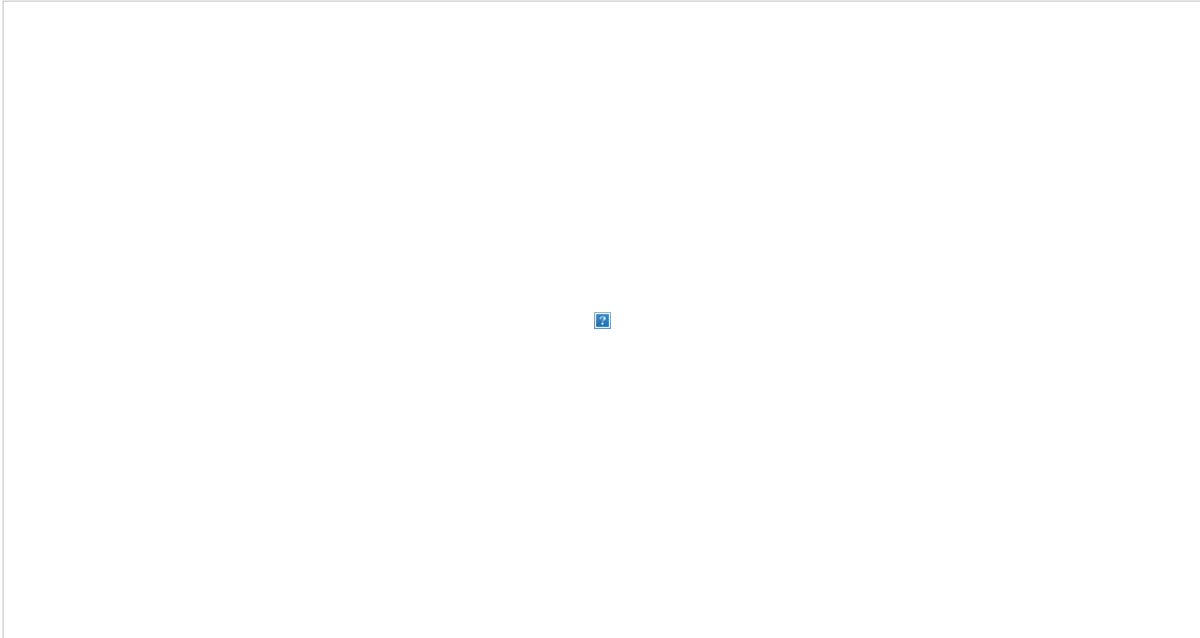
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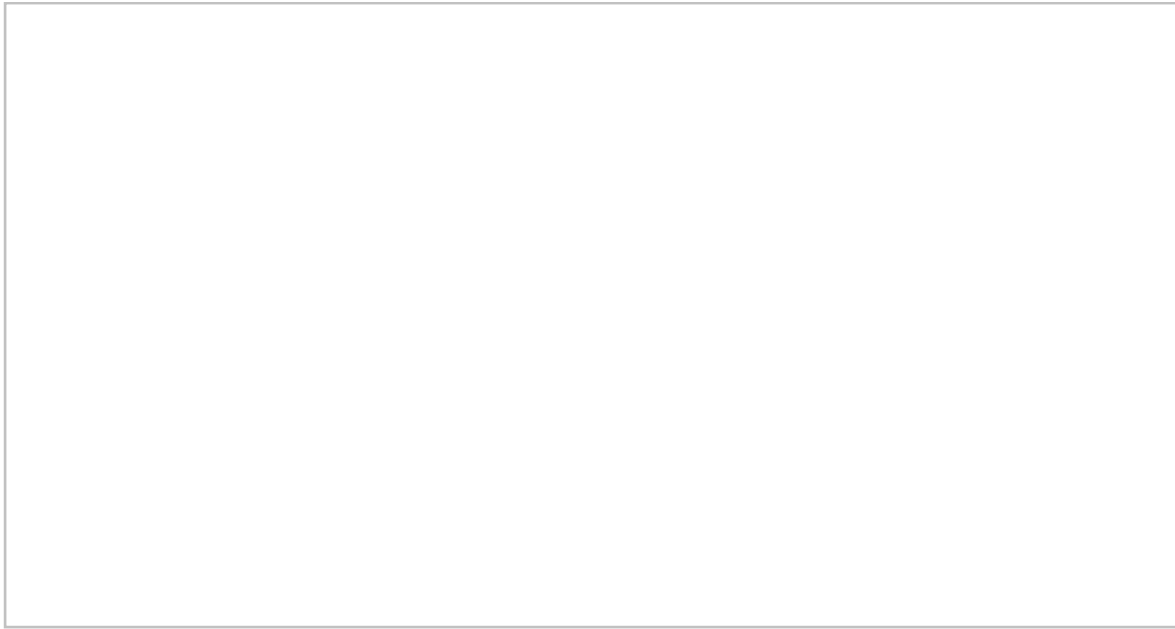
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From: "Whitworth, Luke" <luke.whitworth@optioncare.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:50:55 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] RE: Letter of Support - Platform Tennis Court Expansion

Hi Steve – to further highlight my point...I have a busy professional career and only have time to play on the weekends and evenings. Below is the court availability from Sat 1/8 to Tues 1/11. There is basically limited to no available times for me or my friends to play. The courts are 98%+ booked outside business hours and in many cases there is 150% demand versus capacity. I've been to nearly every park with my kids and at most they are 10-15% capacity, so there is clearly an imbalance when you look at both sides of this issue. As a taxpayer, I truly hope my dollars will go to areas where there is a demonstrated community need and benefit. Thanks!

Luke Whitworth





From: Whitworth, Luke
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:32 PM
To: swilson@wilpark.org
Cc: Michelle Whitworth <michelle08j@gmail.com>
Subject: Letter of Support - Platform Tennis Court Expansion

Hi Steve,

My name is Luke Whitworth and I'm proudly a Wilmette resident and active platform tennis player. I'm writing to strongly voice my support for the West Park platform tennis court expansion. I've been playing for the past 14 months when Covid began to surge and I needed a safe outlet to stay physically active and build relationships. It's been that and more. I've made incredible friendships with players throughout Wilmette and it's been a great connection point to the community when we moved from Ohio in June 2020. My wife has also taken lessons and met a number of people throughout the process.

I understand that Wilmette is evaluating court expansion at West Park. The current demand for court time is significantly outpacing space and availability. It's been a significant challenge to reserve court time given only 6 courts and a large, active base of players. Additionally, we were not able to form enough weeknight leagues, which directly impacted my ability to play competitively, since Wilmette's ratio of players to court space was too high. I understand there may be objections to less green space and kid play space, but the benefits far outweigh any drawbacks. As a father of three young children, I have no concerns with the court expansion as there are so many parks and green space. The expansion is what makes Wilmette such a vibrant and attractive community where the Park District can offer enough activities/programs to serve the community demand that creates connection, friendships and health. I would also imagine this will provide additional revenue sources given it's one of the fastest growing sports and will allow others to join/play. The recurring revenue source will allow the park district to continue investing back into other facilities and programs.

I couldn't feel more strongly about expanding the West Park courts and know it will further strengthen our great community. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to discuss further.

I appreciate your consideration of this important community matter.

Regards,

Luke & Michelle Whitworth
1350 Greenwood Ave
614-313-7394

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Re: Proposal to Build Two more Courts at Wilmette Paddle Center
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:03:23 PM

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From: Paul Kopecki <pkopecki21@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:27 PM
To: rickbaer2112@gmail.com
Cc: AJ Laneza <llaneza.andrew@gmail.com>; Anu Goel <agoel@spins.com>; Ben Schmitt <benjaminlschmitt@yahoo.com>; Charles Shenk <cshenk21@gmail.com>; Craig Notari <csnotari@gmail.com>; Eric Moran <emoran@wilpark.org>; Komnenich John <john@komnenich.com>; Marc Zisook <mzisook@aol.com>; Mitchell Friedman <mitchfriedman123@gmail.com>; Robert Fogarty <Fogartjr@gmail.com>; Steve Urban <surban@ufinadv.com>; Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Re: Proposal to Build Two more Courts at Wilmette Paddle Center

Steve, for winter sporting activity, our crown jewel is paddle tennis. Sue and I have been Wilmette residents and heavy park district users for over 34 years. One reason we have not fled behind the cheddar curtain or to a sunnier clime are the many park district facilities that allow us to lead an active sporting life in retirement, chief among them the paddle club. Two additional paddle courts would help greatly in our quest for court time.
Paul & Sue Kopecki

On Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at 12:25 PM <rickbaer2112@gmail.com> wrote:

Steve:

I understand from our club pro Eric Moran that the Park District is considering building another two paddle courts to the existing courts at Wilmette. I endorse this idea wholeheartedly.

For the climate in Chicago, paddle is the ideal outdoor winter sport, for men, women and children, that can be played socially or competitively. Since I started playing paddle 8 years ago when Wilmette opened its courts, I've never looked at winter in the same way. Instead of dreading the cold and gray, I play paddle with friends and family, and have found it a great way to enjoy the winter for exercise and social interaction.

Additionally, Eric's success in growing the paddle program significantly is resulting less access to the courts by members who want to practice and play socially. Given the growth experienced over the past two years, two additional courts are needed to accommodate the increased number of paddle players in Wilmette.

Copied on this email are my teammates from Series 23 who may want to share their comments and thoughts.

Regards,

Rick

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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Re: Support For Paddle Facility Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:45:13 PM

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From: Jenine Peters <jeninepeters@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:42 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Re: Support For Paddle Facility Expansion

Hi Steve,

I just wanted to reiterate what my husband Owen Tubergen said in his email. Paddle has been such a great addition to my life over the last 2 years. I have enjoyed meeting amazing women on the court and it has translated over to great new friendships. We have also had wonderful paddle events and parties at the hut and think improving the facilities would really enhance this in the future.

Wilmette paddle has a lot to offer and the potential to expand to have more courts and outdoor space would be amazing for the village and its residents. I also heard there might be pickle courts in the future which is also one of my favorite games outside of paddle. In addition, the ladies do get cold after matches and having a fire pit or fireplaces like so many of the other clubs would be wonderful.

Thanks,
Jenine Tubergen
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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Support for adding 2 New Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:12:47 PM

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From: John Todd <johntodd789@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:11 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support for adding 2 New Paddle Courts

Dear Steve,

I am writing to you in support of adding two new paddle courts to the West Park location. I have been playing paddle now for 3 years and a member of the Wilmette club for the last two.

In that short period of time, the popularity of the sport in Wilmette has exploded. It has become the center of social life for me and my wife, especially during the long winter months (we also play in the summer). Unfortunately, the availability of court time has become extremely limited, due to the sport's growth in popularity.

Like many families in the community, we have recently signed our kids up for paddle drills and they absolutely love it. As our children take up the sport, the demand for available court times will only continue to grow. This is a family friendly activity that we can all enjoy together - if there are enough courts available.

I have heard some people say that the growth in popularity is temporary due to COVID and people not traveling as much, however, I totally disagree. The pandemic may have led to more people trying paddle for the first time, but once you play, you are hooked for life, so the demand for court time will only continue to grow.

I am hopeful the park district will find a way to build the additional courts. Thank you.

Sincerely,
John T. Todd
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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Support for adding two new paddle courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:46:34 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Ubersox <subersox@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:46:17 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support for adding two new paddle courts

Hi Steve,

I am writing this email to express my support for adding two new paddle courts to the Wilmette Paddle Facility. Paddle has been a huge outlet for my wife and me over the past two years. Being an outdoor activity, especially during the winter months, is huge for physical and social wellness.

I have personally introduced at least 10 people to paddle over the last two years and those folks have introduced it to more people. The popularity continues to gain momentum and it shows through the consistent use of the existing courts.

In my opinion there is definitely a need for more courts. High demand court times require reserving a week in advance and even off-hour times are becoming harder to secure. Definitely not a life-or-death situation, just more of a barometer for how much courts are used.

Thank you for your consideration and I appreciate your time.

Scott Ubersox

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Support for additional Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:43:48 PM
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Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:43:30 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support for additional Paddle Courts

Dear Mr. Wilson:

My name is Seth Darmstadter, I am a Wilmette resident and member of the Paddle Club. I write in support of adding additional courts. Wilmette's paddle program is wildly popular, awesome for the community, exceptionally well utilized, and in need of expansion. While our facilities are solid, they are insufficient for the volume of use, and demand. It is extremely difficult to get court time, almost impossible for teams to practice for league play because the Court are always full during peak use times (basically, the only times there are courts available are when everyone is at work).

The Paddle community is large, tight knit, supportive of one another, and a great part of this town. It's a meeting place, a social place, a charitable place, and healthy athletic place, and has been a savior during Covid.

As an aside, Eric Moran is a spectacular face of the program. Eric is exceptionally responsive to calls and emails, he's hard working, he cares for the program and its members, he is dedicated to training, building community, and the growth of the program unlike anyone I've ever met. He knows everyone's name – he's fair minded – he is known and well respected around the Paddle community outside of Wilmette, and he's a true gentleman and professional.

If I could make two recommendations to Wilmette's fine Park District re: Paddle, they would be (1) build more courts; and (2) do whatever it takes to keep Eric happy and retain him long term. He's the best of the best.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Seth

Seth Darmstadter, Esq.



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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Support for More Paddle Courts in Wilmette
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:27:52 PM

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From: "Brian Geiger (US - Deals)" <brian.geiger@pwc.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:25:54 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support for More Paddle Courts in Wilmette

Hi Steve - I don't believe we have met but I am a Wilmette resident and I wanted to send a quick note expressing my support for adding more paddle courts in Wilmette. I have been playing paddle now for about 5 years and I can truly say that playing paddle is easily the best way for Wilmette residents (and in some cases non-residents) to meet other people in the community and to more easily establish deeper connections to our neighbors. The problem is that given the demand for the sport and the lack of available court space it is very difficult to reserve courts to be able to make that happen. In addition, over the past few years my wife, three kids, and I have used it regularly as a way to be active outdoors, but even that has been difficult at best given the capacity constraints.

Anyway, I could go on to describe all the benefits that our Wilmette residents would receive by adding court space, but I think you get the point and so I will stop there. Also, my contact information is below and would always be open to discussing if it would help.

Thanks for all you do.

Brian

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To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Support For Paddle Facility Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:03:57 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Owen <otuberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:52 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support For Paddle Facility Expansion

Hi Steve,

My name is Owen Tubergen and I have been a Wilmette resident for over 10 years, and grew up here as well. My wife, 3 children and I love the close knit neighborhood feel, the park district accommodations, the lake and of course paddle tennis! It has been a tremendous way to keep active and meet new people in a fun and welcoming environment for us over the last few years. With covid this became an even more important outlet as it allowed a safe outdoor environment to socialize and play.

I heard you are considering a possible expansion to the paddle facility and wanted to share my support in favor of increasing and improving the facility. We have had many friends join with us over the last few years and it is getting harder to schedule play time with the increased demand on the existing courts. It is a race when court times open to book a slot - especially for weekends - so more courts would definitely help and they would be utilized by the members. Personally, I would also like to see more outdoor space to socialize and prepare for matches at the facility as well. The hut and deck area can get tight during league play, and with covid I think many people would prefer to be outside when not on the courts. We have also hosted a few paddle parties and school/charity events at the hut and would be able to expand those with more deck space and possibly heating elements.

Paddle has truly become a passion for many in Wilmette. When you meet someone, many time the conversation turns to which club and series you are in and mutual acquaintances from the courts. Would love to see us embrace this community activity and expand on the facilities to match the passion.

Really appreciate you considering this opportunity, and I hope to see an expansion planned for the future.

Thanks,
Owen Tubergen
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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Support for the continued development of the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:40:56 PM

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From: Andrew Warner <andywarner0@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:40 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support for the continued development of the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility

Dear Steve,

I'm writing this letter to support the continued development of the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility.

My family uses the facility year round. I'm a member of the club and a participant in the Chicago Platform Tennis league. My wife and kids also take lessons and can see the growth of this sport for everyone...

Men/Women/children. As platform tennis grows in popularity(along with pickleball) it seems the current facility is not able to keep up with demand which has made available court time difficult to come by. Recently I've tried to schedule time to play and I found it was booked at every time I'm able to play. Only times available were very inconvenient to my day-time work schedule. It would help greatly to have additional courts available to ease demand from 4pm and later. The size of the hut and deck space is also limited, even before the recent social distancing guidelines. It would be nice to have additional space available on the deck to talk after a match and enjoy watching others play.

The continued development of Wilmette Park District facilities is such a valued and important benefit to our residency and we welcome the progress you're making to expand and improve the benefits that are provided by the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility.

Regards,

Andy Warner series 18

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Support for the new paddle courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 11:24:43 AM

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From: Steve Weir <steveweir@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 11:22:40 AM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support for the new paddle courts

Steve,

I spoke with you briefly before the public hearing on Tuesday. I would have loved to sit in on it, but, was scheduled to play paddle at that time - and it is so hard to get a court time!

. . and that is why I'm writing. I want to make sure you know you have my full support for the idea of adding new courts to the facility. The courts are badly needed, as it is nearly impossible to get a court time during the season. It's not just me, my wife is a regular player, but, really it's everyone on our whole block of Lawndale street. More and more people have picked up the sport, which is great, but, obviously, makes it harder to find a time.

In my opinion, its a valuable addition to our midwestern lifestyle. . . . it's great to be able to get outside and play, and do something in our cold winters. It helps me to stay healthy (or at least healthier than I would have otherwise), and it really does foster a greater sense of community - I've met a ton of people through the leagues, and the ability to have parties at the club and such is great.

My wife and I, our neighbors, and everyone on the team are big fans of the Paddle Tennis Club, and have struggled to find court times. We all think that expanding the # of courts would be so beneficial to the community!

Thanks,
Steve Weir
133 Lawndale Street

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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Support of adding two additional Platform Tennis Courts at West Park
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:01:43 PM

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From: Emily Buerger <emwetta@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:54:43 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support of adding two additional Platform Tennis Courts at West Park

Dear Wilmette Park District Park Board,

I am writing in support of adding two additional platform tennis courts at West Park. I started playing paddle in 2020 and it has been an amazing way for me to meet new friends in the community and stay active during the winter. Furthermore, my children take paddle lessons through the park district. It has been a wonderful activity for them to be outside with their friends and learn a lifelong sport, especially during COVID when indoor activities are not always available. Myself and our Family would utilize the courts more on nights and weekends in the winter but because of the popularity of the sport, it is increasingly difficult to reserve a court even as a member. The addition of two courts (and hopefully more in the future) is a needed action to keep up with demand for a growing sport and keep Wilmette's park district offerings strong!

Cheers,
The Buerger Family
1224 Elmwood Ave.

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Support of Platform Tennis and Pickleball Facility Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:05:13 PM

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From: Tom Gates <thomaspates@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 4:04:49 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Support of Platform Tennis and Pickleball Facility Expansion

Steve, Happy New Year. Let's hope for a good one. Word is circulating among the Wilmette Paddle community that there might be some uncertainty about the level of public support for the expansion and improvement to the Wilmette Platform Tennis facility and the addition of Pickleball courts at West Park. Please add the unequivocal and enthusiastic voice of my family and me in support of the expansion package.

I think the positive impact of the West Park facility to the Wilmette community and to me, personally, cannot be easily overstated. I've enjoyed living in Wilmette for more than 35 years. My wife and I have raised and educated three children here, and met many long-term friends along the way. However, since joining the WPD Paddle Club about eight years ago, I have gotten to know many hundreds more fellow Wilmette residents, many of whom I would likely have never otherwise met. I don't think there is another facility or program in the Wilmette Park District that can match that level of socializing and community building.

Paddle is a healthy outdoor winter time activity for my whole family as well as many other Wilmette families. Women, men, children. It doesn't require much skill or experience to have fun. Come to the courts in late afternoons to see primary and high school kids taking lessons, learning the lifetime sport. Stay a little longer into early evenings on certain weekdays and witness dozens of women enthusiastically flying around the courts. On weekends, the courts are packed with players from all demographics. It's a great way to stay healthy and active all year round, but especially in Winter.

In fact, the facility is a "victim" of its popularity. Demand for courts far exceeds availability on weekends and primetime weekdays. The addition of at least two more courts will help but my guess is current demand will absorb these easily and then some.

The long-anticipated addition of Pickleball courts at West Park will serve the Wilmette community in the same very positive ways as paddle, only in complimentary seasons. As evidenced by pickle court usage in our surrounding communities, the sport enjoys wide participation by all age groups. It is also a very "accessible" athletic activity with the same social and community-building attributes as paddle. Providing additional warm season utilization for our beautiful paddle hut, I am sure the pickleball courts will quickly become another highly desired amenity for Wilmette. Thanks for your attention and service to our community.

Best Regards,

Tom Gates

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312-925-4950 (c)

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] West Park Paddle Park expansion
Date: Thursday, December 30, 2021 10:43:06 AM

For public hearing

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From: Matt Hirschfeld <matt@matthirschfeld.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 1:28 PM
To: paddle@wilpark.org; Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: kaitlin.mckeague@gmail.com; Mike Murdock <mmurdock@wilpark.org>;
plunketts@wilmette.com
Subject: [external] West Park Paddle Park expansion

Hello Stephen,

I am a new homeowner at 736 Laramie Ave. and I recently received the letter from the Park District in regards to the addition of twelve new paddle ball/pickle ball courts to West Park. I have to say I'm fairly disappointed with this drastic proposal as I feel that there are already plenty of courts in the Park. I usually walk by the area with my dog and will notice that (with the exception of a couple nights) there will be several courts open and not in use. Building twelve more would make for an eye sore and overwhelm the small park. However, my biggest complaint is removing the playground and repositioning it all the way on the other side of the ball field. When my wife and I first moved into our home, one of the great selling points was having a secluded playground across the street that we could easily walk with our children to one day. Now the playground will be repositioned much further away from us and in between the left field foul line of the ball field and in front of the parking lot.

In closing I am against the proposed expansion and, if possible, will try my best to attend the January 4th meeting to voice my concern. I very much appreciate the heads up you gave to us on this project and hopefully we can come up with a better alternative than to this radical redesign.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hirschfeld
736 Laramie Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Wilmette Paddle Club 5 Stars
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:03:43 PM

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From: Gregory Reese <greg@hharvest.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Paddle Club 5 Stars

Steve,

Thank, you, the Village, and overwhelming community support for everything associated with the Wilmette Paddle Club!!! What a wonderful safe outdoor activity for paddle players and their families during this challenging pandemic.

The Reese Family is extremely grateful to be part of the Club. We have forged new friendships, introduced Paddle to our young daughters, and have thoroughly enjoyed the healthy physical outlet in a safe outdoor environment.

This Winter and last, finding a safe facility to exercise has been very challenging. The Wilmette Paddle Club is a real diamond in the rough. Please let me know if you need my support in any way to encourage continued community success and growth.

Appreciatively,

Greg

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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Wilmette Paddle Court Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:26:52 PM

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From: Ryan Schirmang <rschirmang@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:22:49 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Paddle Court Expansion

Hi Steve,

I have been playing paddle at Wilmette PD for 5 years and it is what gets me through the Chicago winters. The sport has become so popular and the only drawback is not having enough courts to play with friends and family outside of league matches. I hope we can get additional courts built to keep up with the growing interest in the sport. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ryan Schirmang

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Wilmette Paddle Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:07:35 PM

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From: Steve Curtis <curtis.sgc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:06 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Paddle Expansion

Steve,

Thanks for your efforts on behalf of Wilmette residents! When I moved to Wilmette a few years ago I had never heard of paddle but now it's a disproportionate amount of my free time! The park district courts make that possible but for the last 3 years it has become very difficult to get a court time and the hut has become pretty crowded.

Given the interest level and its importance in keeping us outdoors and moving during the winter time, any investment into expanding the paddle facilities is very appreciated.

Thanks,

Steve

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Wilmette Paddle Facility
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 11:58:21 AM

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Date: January 7, 2022 at 11:54:44 AM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Paddle Facility

Hi Steve,

I wanted to send a quick note on how much we love the Wilmette Paddle facility and wish it could be expanded. I captain one of the women's night teams and when we started in September 2020 none of us had ever played paddle before. Over the last 18 months playing paddle and the people we have meet has been an enormous benefit to our lives (my team thank me regularly for getting them started). I am particularly interested in ways that the women's teams can get more time on the courts! In Wilmette the men have taken up most of the court time and with increased membership that has not changed. There are many working women and mothers that need the flexibility to play outside of work hours and on the weekends and the only way around that is more courts! There is a huge paddle community in Wilmette and with ours kids hanging out while we play (and taking lessons) I only see that continuing in the future.

Hoping the facility can expand so we can include even more players. This is a great community building sport!

Thanks for reading!

Natalie Weiland

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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Wilmette Paddle is a Great Experience
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:03:36 PM

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From: Jim Blomberg <jblomberg511@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:35 PM
To: Tom G <thomaspgates@gmail.com>; Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Paddle is a Great Experience

Steve,

In a short period of time Wilmette has launched a compelling and growing Paddle Community - Well Done! In addition, it would be great to generate the same level of passion for Pickleball - instead of going to Skokie, Glenview or Northfield...

Thanks for all you do to support Wilmette's vibrant and growing Paddle and Pickle community!!

Jim Blomberg
511 Greenleaf Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Wilmette Paddle
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:00:03 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Moran <emoran@wilpark.org>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:57 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: FW: [external] Wilmette Paddle

Steve,

The email below was sent to me, but intended for you.

Thank you,

Eric

Eric Moran
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From: Dan Rosenberg <Danrosenberg@buildingequityre.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:38 PM
To: Eric Moran <emoran@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Paddle

Dear Eric: As you are well aware my family spends a lot of time on the paddle courts. It is our favorite activity to do. During the cold winter months it is a great way to stay sane and exercise which is important for our well being. Over the last 3 years we have developed close friends through the paddle community. There seems to be a new local paddle player I meet every week. Over the last 2 years while folks have been hunkering down due to the virus they have been desperate to find a safe way to stay active. On my block alone I know of 5 new paddle players who started playing during the COVID years. While it's great that there are more players it has become challenging to book court time. I've heard there are plans to build more courts and I would strongly encourage to do so. It would allow further growth of the sport and relieve scheduling challenges. I hope the Village moves forward with the development of new courts.

Regards,

Dan Rosenberg

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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Wilmette Park District Paddle Courts
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:20:17 PM

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From: Gemp, Kyle <KGemp@sscinc.com>
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To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Cc: 'Kyle P. Gemp' <kylepatrickgemp@hotmail.com>; Megan Gemp <mpgemp@icloud.com>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Park District Paddle Courts

Hi Steve,

My wife Megan and I wanted to send you a note indicating our full support for the Park District to expand upon the Paddle Courts. Our Park District program is excellent and a great part of the village community. Our entire family of six utilize and enjoy the benefits of the facilities, especially during these times where outside activities are in demand. Given the growth of our series and inability to find court times many folks have had to join other clubs and/or have been turned away from our district due to court limitations. While the facilities are good, they are not large enough to fill the demand of the community the district is to serve. We would absolutely like to remain members of the program and would welcome anything we may do to assist moving forward with the proposed expansion plans. Our current understanding is there may be concerns moving forward. As the additional courts will essentially be within the same footprint of the existing park area, we would be curious to understand any reluctance to move forward on something that would be a huge improvement for the village and more specifically our park district programs.

Kindly let us know if you need any additional information or we may help in any way.

Kind Regards,

Kyle & Megan Gemp
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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Wilmette Platform Tennis Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:22:36 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Zarch <stevezarch@yahoo.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:19:18 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Platform Tennis Expansion
Reply-To: Steve Zarch <stevezarch@yahoo.com>

I understand Wilmette is considering expansion of the platform tennis facility. As a Wilmette resident I'm writing this note to offer my support. My family and I have enjoyed the use of the facility over the years. But with the increased popularity of platform tennis it has become a significant challenge to reserve a court and we've had to look elsewhere. I believe expanding the facility through adding additional courts would provide a significant and welcome benefit to our community.

-Steve Zarch
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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Wilmette Platform Tennis Facility Expansion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:35:19 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Todd Grossnickle <tkg5@mac.com>
Date: January 7, 2022 at 12:33:18 PM CST
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Platform Tennis Facility Expansion

Steve,

Good afternoon. I am writing to you on behalf of my family and my Series 14 teammates at Wilmette and in support of the proposed expansion of the Wilmette Platform Tennis facilities.

The hut and courts have been an important place for our family. We moved to Wilmette (from the city) 3 years ago and we absolutely love this community. One of my first experiences in Wilmette actually took place at the paddle courts as I was invited by friends to join them for some afternoon paddle - this took place shortly after the courts were initially built. I fell for the game right away and recall thinking to myself about how cool it was that Wilmette had invested in a facility to bring people together to enjoy each other and to contribute to a fast-growing sport. Over the last 3 years, several great things have happened on site and a result our our membership. At a Trinity Church Nursery School fundraiser at the "hut", we met several families who have become some of our best friends. Our son Henrik (7) has taken lessons from Alan Graham, a Platform Tennis Hall-of-Famer. My son, daughter and I got out of the house several times during the pandemic to be in the sun and to "hit around" together.

While it has been great for our family, I have been the most significant beneficiary as a member of our platform tennis community. I joined a team shortly after our move and have since "moved up" as coaching and commitment have led to improvements in my game. My Series 14 teammates have become a tight group of friends and we have made a ton of memories practicing, competing in matches and hanging together. In addition, due to the culture of the program, we consistently compete against men (and women) from other teams and we have established new networks through our common affiliation. I enjoy the camaraderie and benefit greatly from a health perspective as the game is great

exercise.

The facility is good now but we have the opportunity to make it something great. Wilmette has established a reputation for a really strong program of teams and players. There are a lot of factors that contribute to that including very good coaching, high levels of competition, and access to courts (like all sports, practice is vital to improvement and paddle is a game that is hard to practice away from a designated facility). The game has become so popular that court time is becoming more of a challenge. The expansion would help mitigate this issue and would provide more opportunities for individuals and families to benefit like we have. In addition, a “hut” expansion/upgrade would give us every competitive advantage that the private clubs have resulting in not only the highest quality paddle but also the highest quality experience for the members and our guests.

I would be happy to write more or to attend in-person meetings if that would be of any help to the process.

All the best.

Todd Grossnickle
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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Wilmette Resident paddle advocate
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:23:46 PM

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From: Dave Sawdey <davesawdey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:23 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Wilmette Resident paddle advocate

Steve,

I have been playing paddle for 15+ years and I have been a member of the Wilmette PD program since day one. Wilmette has built a first class program and facility that has been an asset to the Wilmette community. The growing interest in paddle and the increased demand are signs of that success.

Paddle gets us all outside exercising during the cold winter months and is a very social sport that has allowed me to meet neighbors and fellow residents.

In my opinion, expanding and investing in programs like paddle add to the great Wilmette experience and lifestyle that attracted many of us to Wilmette in the first place.

This is a successful asset that we should expand to make available to more residents.

Thanks,

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Dave Sawdey



DIRECTOR'S REPORT *January 2022*

PUBLIC HEARING: BOND ISSUANCE NOTIFICATION ACT (BINA)

Prior to the Park Board meeting being called to order on Monday night, there will be a hearing for the issuance of bonds, per the Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA). As discussed in the Financial Planning and Board meetings over the past couple months, the District has budgeted for and planned to issue both tax supported and non-tax supported debt. The tax supported debt is what is called Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) and is something the District issues in multi-year increments to support the ongoing capital needs of the District while being more efficient with the associated issuance costs. The non-tax supported debt is issued as a Debt Certificate and is typically used to support the ongoing capital needs of the district, especially when there are capital projects that will provide new and additional revenue that can be used for the repayment of the debt.

The plan is to issue the debt in February to take advantage of DSEB debt that would expire by the end of that month.

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Prior to the Park Board meeting being called to order on Monday night, there will be a hearing for the 2021 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

On Wednesday, December 8, 2021 the Committee of the Whole met again to participate in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Workshop.

The Fiscal Year 2022 budget totals approximately \$25.6 million in total operating revenue and other proceeds, while operating expenditures and other expenses are approximately \$19.3 million. A resulting surplus from operations of \$6.4 million is budgeted. Adding to the operating surplus are bond proceeds in the amount of \$3.1 million and offsetting the operating surplus are Capital Expenditures of \$11.4 million and Debt Service of \$1.2 million, resulting in a bottom line deficit of \$3.1 million. This deficit is representative of the district catching up on deferred capital from the first year of COVID along with many substantial investments in the assets of the District such as Gillson Park, West Park, and the Wilmette Golf Club.

Attached is the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance which has been available to the public at our Administrative Office since early December. It is required by law to conduct a public hearing prior to adoption of the ordinance. Upon completion of the hearing, the Board may adopt the Ordinance during the course of the regular monthly meeting. A memo from Superintendent Foy about the ordinance is attached to this report and the agenda item can be found under New Business.

COOK COUNTY COVID MITIGATIONS

As of now, we are about to conclude the first work week with the Cook County COVID mitigations in effect. When the initial mitigations were announced just before Christmas, the language was broad and would have had a significant impact on our operations and the members of our community. Over time, the County listened to feedback from the parks and recreation industry, as well as members of the public, and made many modifications that reduced the scope of the mitigations, therefore reducing the impact the mitigations have on members of the community. While the mitigations as they are written still upset many people, ultimately, we are responsible for the compliance with the mitigations or risk fines from the County that would cost taxpayer dollars. Ultimately, my expectation is that the mitigations will be short-lived and we will return to operating as we had at the start of December.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

As is the case a few times a year, staff has identified propriety that is no longer useful or necessary. To dispose of this property the board must pass an ordinance declaring the property to be surplus. This is the case this month. Please see the attached ordinance for more information.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

On the Consent Agenda you will find an employment contract for approval for me as the Executive Director. This contract codifies the employment and related compensation I have been receiving in the form of a contract that is intended to provide stability to both the District and the employee. Please find the employment contract attached to this report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

You may notice that we are missing the department head reports this month. The staff of the district has been impacted by COVID either by infection for the employee, an employee's family member, or by having to cover additional responsibilities due to a coworker's absence. To that end, the Department Heads were given a reprieve on their board reports this month, which happens to coincide with the month of December's activities, which is a rather slow month.

Attachments:

- 1) Bond Presentation from Piper Sandler
- 2) Ordinance 2022-O-1: Budget & Appropriations
- 3) Ordinance 2022-O-2: Surplus Property
- 4) Employment Contract for Executive Director



Options for Issuance of
Limited Park Bonds, Series 2022

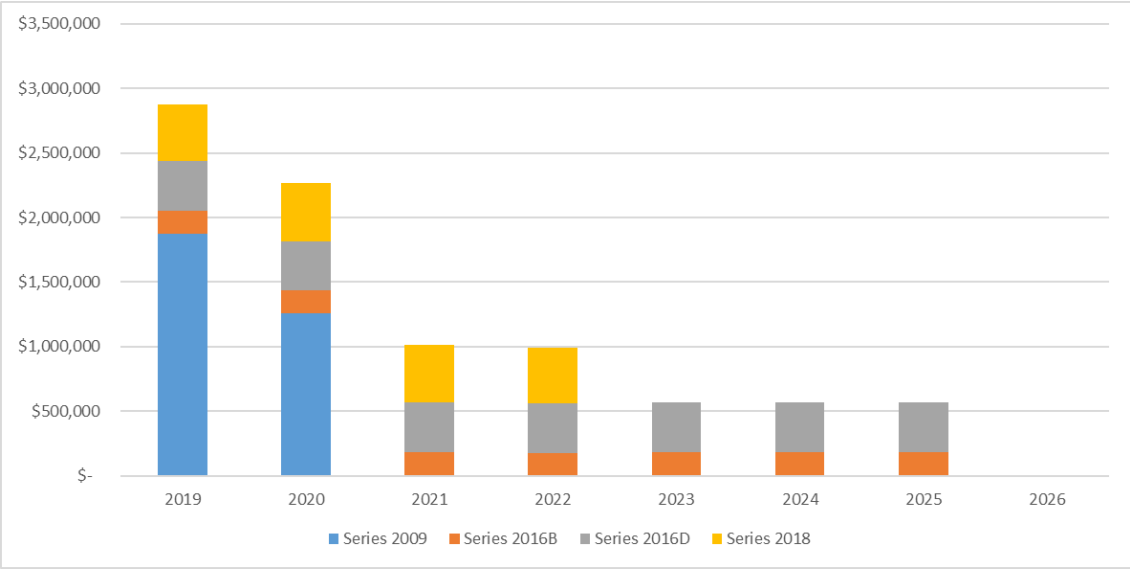
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Existing Levied Debt Service

District Has Three Park Bonds Outstanding After Retiring Series 2009 Bonds in December, 2021

Unlimited Tax Bond Levies			Limited Tax Bond Levies			Total Bond Levies	
Levy Year	Series 2009	Series 2016B	Total ULT Bond Levies	Series 2016D	Series 2018		Total LT Bond Levies
2019	\$ 1,877,338	\$ 175,826	\$ 2,053,164	\$ 387,250	\$ 438,852	\$ 826,102	\$ 2,879,266
2020	1,254,488	178,067	1,432,555	380,824	457,347	838,171	2,270,726
2021	-	180,219	180,219	384,398	449,957	834,355	1,014,574
2022	-	177,282	177,282	382,783	433,419	816,202	993,484
2023	-	179,345	179,345	386,073	-	386,073	565,418
2024	-	181,319	181,319	384,175	-	384,175	565,494
2025	-	183,204	183,204	387,182	-	387,182	570,386
2026	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 3,131,826	\$ 1,255,262	\$ 4,387,088	\$ 2,692,685	\$ 1,779,575	\$ 4,472,260	\$ 8,859,348

← Current tax year



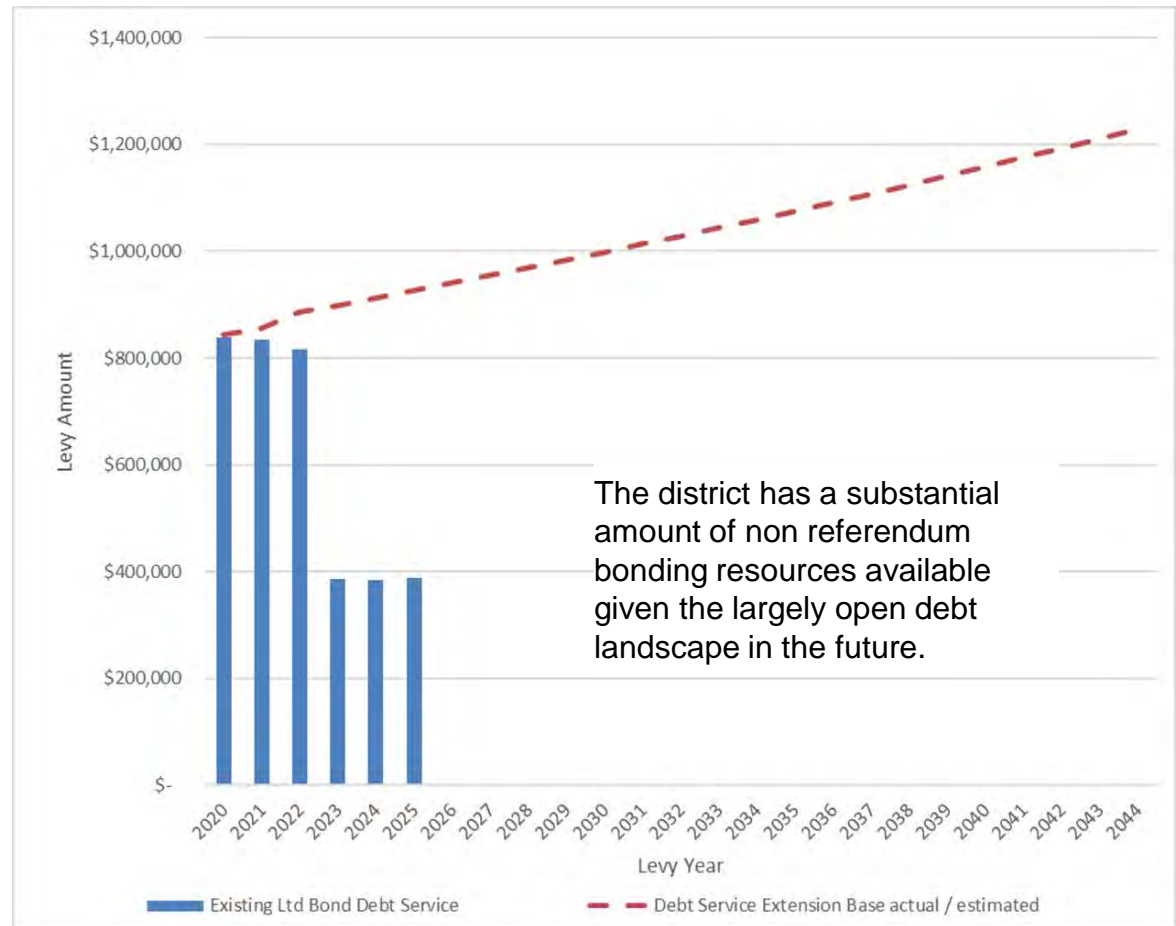
The District's debt profile that is taxed via property tax levies is structured to decline meaningfully in levy year 2021 as referendum debt is retired.

Any new issuances of Limited Park Bonds would reduce the amount by which the bond and interest levy is currently scheduled to decline beginning in levy year 2023. The District's debt profile overall is very short in total duration, a credit positive and supportive of the District's current Aa1 bond rating.

Debt Service Extension Base

District Has Substantial DSEB Remaining

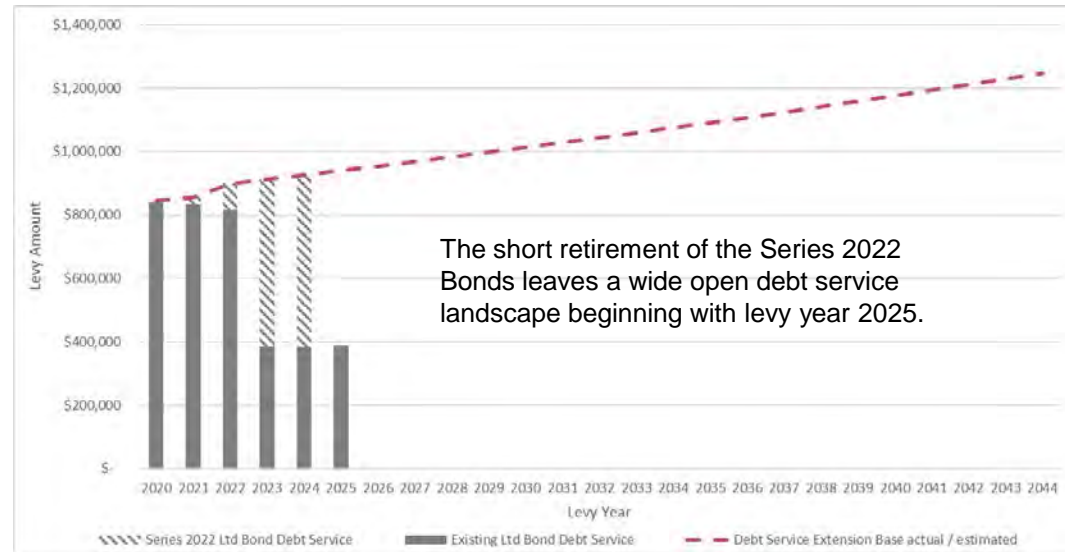
Levy Year	CPI	Debt Service Extension Base actual / estimated	Existing Ltd Bond Debt Service	DSEB Remaining
2020	2.3%	\$ 844,337	\$ 838,171	n/a
2021	1.4%	856,159	834,355	21,804
2022	5.0%	898,967	816,158	82,809
2023	1.5%	912,452	386,073	526,379
2024	1.5%	926,138	384,175	541,963
2025	1.5%	940,031	387,182	552,849
2026	1.5%	954,131	-	954,131
2027	1.5%	968,443	-	968,443
2028	1.5%	982,970	-	982,970
2029	1.5%	997,714	-	997,714
2030	1.5%	1,012,680	-	1,012,680
2031	1.5%	1,027,870	-	1,027,870
2032	1.5%	1,043,288	-	1,043,288
2033	1.5%	1,058,937	-	1,058,937
2034	1.5%	1,074,821	-	1,074,821
2035	1.5%	1,090,944	-	1,090,944
2036	1.5%	1,107,308	-	1,107,308
2037	1.5%	1,123,918	-	1,123,918
2038	1.5%	1,140,776	-	1,140,776
2039	1.5%	1,157,888	-	1,157,888
2040	1.5%	1,175,256	-	1,175,256
2041	1.5%	1,192,885	-	1,192,885
2042	1.5%	1,210,778	-	1,210,778
2043	1.5%	1,228,940	-	1,228,940
2044	1.5%	1,247,374	-	1,247,374
Totals, LY21-44		\$ 25,330,670	\$ 2,807,943	\$ 22,522,727



A 5.0% CPI for 2021 is very likely. A revisiting of assumed future CPI of 1.5% is appropriate given the recent inflation statistics and proposed bond issuance.

Option One - ~\$1.113MM / 4 year retirement

Levy Year	CPI	Debt Service Extension Base actual / estimated	Existing Ltd Bond Debt Service	Series 2022 Ltd Bond Debt Service	DSEB Remaining
2020	2.3%	\$ 844,337	\$ 838,171	\$ -	n/a
2021	1.4%	856,159	834,355	20,521	1,283
2022	5.0%	898,967	816,158	81,575	1,234
2023	1.5%	912,452	386,073	525,600	779
2024	1.5%	926,138	384,175	537,950	4,013
2025	1.5%	940,031	387,182	-	552,849
2026	1.5%	954,131	-	-	954,131
2027	1.5%	968,443	-	-	968,443
2028	1.5%	982,970	-	-	982,970
2029	1.5%	997,714	-	-	997,714
2030	1.5%	1,012,680	-	-	1,012,680
2031	1.5%	1,027,870	-	-	1,027,870
2032	1.5%	1,043,288	-	-	1,043,288
2033	1.5%	1,058,937	-	-	1,058,937
2034	1.5%	1,074,821	-	-	1,074,821
2035	1.5%	1,090,944	-	-	1,090,944
2036	1.5%	1,107,308	-	-	1,107,308
2037	1.5%	1,123,918	-	-	1,123,918
2038	1.5%	1,140,776	-	-	1,140,776
2039	1.5%	1,157,888	-	-	1,157,888
2040	1.5%	1,175,256	-	-	1,175,256
2041	1.5%	1,192,885	-	-	1,192,885
2042	1.5%	1,210,778	-	-	1,210,778
2043	1.5%	1,228,940	-	-	1,228,940
2044	1.5%	1,247,374	-	-	1,247,374
Totals, LY21-44		\$ 25,330,670	\$ 2,807,943	\$ 1,165,646	\$ 21,357,081



Shown here using a rate of 1.50% and using CPI as shown. Actual CPI for 2021 will be known on January 14, 2022.

The district would issue an estimated \$1,113,000 of bonds, receiving an estimated \$1,098,500 in net proceeds for projects.

The district's next planned entry into the capital market would be in late 2025 or early 2026.

Initial DSEB Exposure on ~\$1.113MM / 4 year retirement

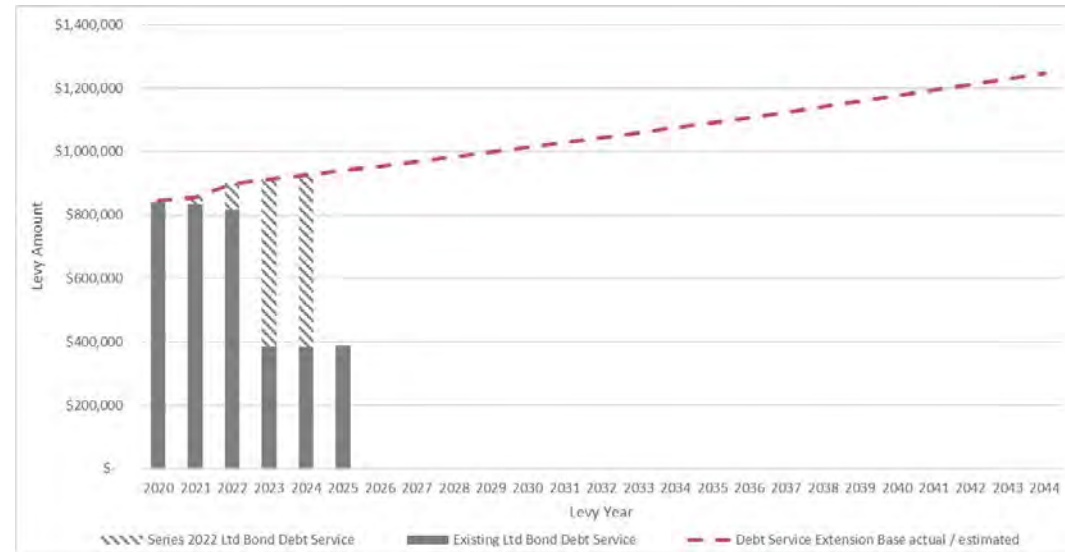
When the district issues bonds for a retirement period greater than one year, it anticipates what CPI might be in the future when structure the debt to fall within the taxing limits allowed via tax caps. Because of the uncertainty of future CPI, it is wise to set aside a portion of the funds received to make payment of debt service should the ability to tax not hold true to expectations when the bonds are originally issued. Below is a calculator that shows the exposure the district would have over time with a structure that anticipates CPI at 1.5% in each of the levy years 2023 and 2024, after assuming a 5.0% increase for levy year 2022.

Levy Year	CPI	Debt Service Extension Base actual / estimated	Existing Ltd Bond Debt Service	Series 2022 Ltd Bond Debt Service	DSEB Remaining	Initial DSEB Exposure
2020	2.3%	\$ 844,337	\$ 838,171	\$ -	n/a	n/a
2021	1.4%	856,158	834,355	20,521	1,281	-
2022	5.0%	898,966	816,158	81,575	1,233	-
2023	1.5%	912,450	386,073	525,600	777	12,707
2024	1.5%	926,137	384,175	537,950	4,012	23,159
2025	1.5%	940,029	387,182	-	552,847	-
				\$ 1,165,646	Totals	\$ 35,867

A modest and manageable original exposure of ~\$36,000 is produced after the results of the Series 2022 Bonds if issued at 1.50%. This exposure is reduced as new CPI figures become known in the future. If CPI is 1.5% or greater in calendar years 2022 and 2023, the district will have no exposure.

Option Two - ~\$1.201MM / 4 year retirement

Levy Year	CPI	Debt Service Extension Base actual / estimated	Existing Ltd Bond Debt Service	Series 2022 Ltd Bond Debt Service	DSEB Remaining
2020	2.3%	\$ 844,337	\$ 838,171	\$ -	n/a
2021	1.4%	856,159	834,355	21,272	532
2022	5.0%	898,967	816,158	81,241	1,568
2023	5.0%	943,916	386,073	556,363	1,480
2024	5.0%	991,111	384,175	605,060	1,876
2025	1.5%	1,005,978	387,182	-	618,796
2026	1.5%	1,021,068	-	-	1,021,068
2027	1.5%	1,036,384	-	-	1,036,384
2028	1.5%	1,051,929	-	-	1,051,929
2029	1.5%	1,067,708	-	-	1,067,708
2030	1.5%	1,083,724	-	-	1,083,724
2031	1.5%	1,099,980	-	-	1,099,980
2032	1.5%	1,116,480	-	-	1,116,480
2033	1.5%	1,133,227	-	-	1,133,227
2034	1.5%	1,150,225	-	-	1,150,225
2035	1.5%	1,167,479	-	-	1,167,479
2036	1.5%	1,184,991	-	-	1,184,991
2037	1.5%	1,202,766	-	-	1,202,766
2038	1.5%	1,220,807	-	-	1,220,807
2039	1.5%	1,239,119	-	-	1,239,119
2040	1.5%	1,257,706	-	-	1,257,706
2041	1.5%	1,276,572	-	-	1,276,572
2042	1.5%	1,295,720	-	-	1,295,720
2043	1.5%	1,315,156	-	-	1,315,156
2044	1.5%	<u>1,334,883</u>	-	-	<u>1,334,883</u>
Totals, LY21-44		\$ 26,952,053	\$ 2,807,943	\$ 1,263,936	\$ 22,880,174



Shown here using a rate of 1.50% and using CPI as shown. Actual CPI for 2021 will be known on January 14, 2022.

The district would issue an estimated \$1,201,000 of bonds, receiving an estimated \$1,185,000 in net proceeds for projects.

The district's next planned entry into the capital market would be in late 2025 or early 2026.

Initial DSEB Exposure on ~\$1.201MM / 4 year retirement

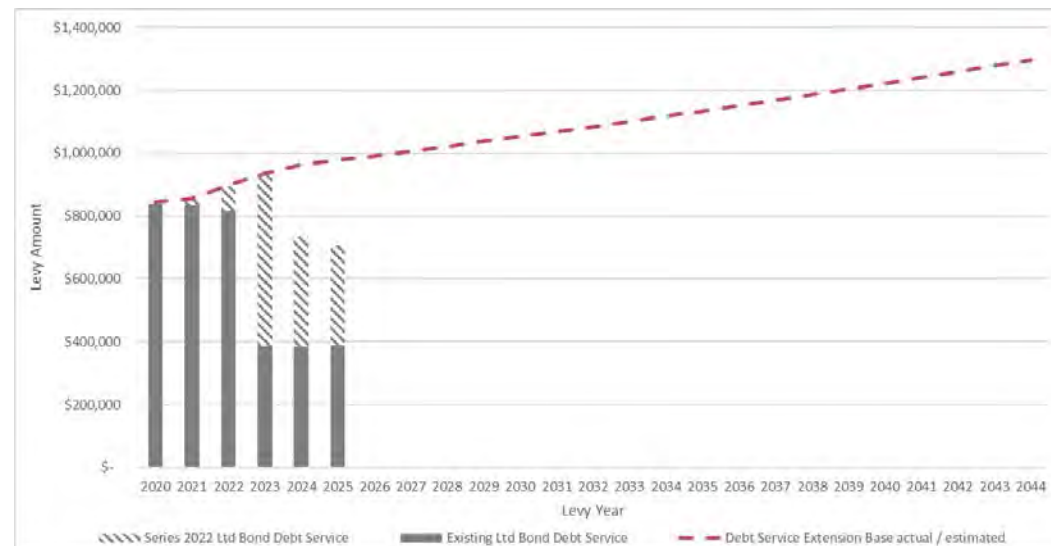
Below is the same exposure analysis, this time using a 5.0% CPI rate in each of the levy years 2023 and 2024 when structuring the Series 2022 Bonds. As a result of the new assumptions, the district can issue \$89,000 more in principal in the Series 2022 Bond, for a par value of \$1,201,000:

Levy Year	CPI	Debt Service Extension Base actual / estimated	<u>Existing</u> Ltd Bond Debt Service	<u>Series 2022</u> Ltd Bond Debt Service	DSEB Remaining	<i>Initial DSEB Exposure</i>
2020	2.3%	\$ 844,337	\$ 838,171	\$ -	n/a	n/a
2021	1.4%	856,158	834,355	20,521	1,281	-
2022	5.0%	898,966	816,158	81,575	1,233	-
2023	5.0%	943,914	386,073	557,000	841	44,107
2024	5.0%	991,110	384,175	605,000	1,935	90,209
2025	1.5%	1,005,976	387,182	-	618,794	-
				<u>\$ 1,264,096</u>	Totals	\$ 134,317

A much higher original exposure of ~\$134,000 is produced after the results of the Series 2022 Bonds – about \$98,000 higher than the original scenario. This exposure is likewise reduced as new CPI figures become known in the future, but require two additional years of 5.0% CPI in order to fully eliminate the exposure. Any shortfall in the districts ability to tax to the actual debt service incurred on the bonds would be paid from other revenue sources, including unexpended bond proceeds or general funds.

Option Three - \$1.25MM / 5 year retirement

Levy Year	CPI	Debt Service Extension Base actual / estimated	Existing Ltd Bond Debt Service	Series 2022 Ltd Bond Debt Service	DSEB Remaining
2020	2.3%	\$ 844,337	\$ 838,171	\$ -	n/a
2021	1.4%	856,159	834,355	19,063	2,742
2022	5.0%	898,967	816,158	78,675	4,134
2023	4.0%	934,926	386,073	547,775	1,078
2024	3.0%	962,974	384,175	349,825	228,974
2025	1.5%	977,418	387,182	319,725	270,511
2026	1.5%	992,080	-	-	992,080
2027	1.5%	1,006,961	-	-	1,006,961
2028	1.5%	1,022,065	-	-	1,022,065
2029	1.5%	1,037,396	-	-	1,037,396
2030	1.5%	1,052,957	-	-	1,052,957
2031	1.5%	1,068,751	-	-	1,068,751
2032	1.5%	1,084,783	-	-	1,084,783
2033	1.5%	1,101,054	-	-	1,101,054
2034	1.5%	1,117,570	-	-	1,117,570
2035	1.5%	1,134,334	-	-	1,134,334
2036	1.5%	1,151,349	-	-	1,151,349
2037	1.5%	1,168,619	-	-	1,168,619
2038	1.5%	1,186,148	-	-	1,186,148
2039	1.5%	1,203,941	-	-	1,203,941
2040	1.5%	1,222,000	-	-	1,222,000
2041	1.5%	1,240,330	-	-	1,240,330
2042	1.5%	1,258,935	-	-	1,258,935
2043	1.5%	1,277,819	-	-	1,277,819
2044	1.5%	1,296,986	-	-	1,296,986
Totals, LY21-44		\$ 26,254,520	\$ 2,807,943	\$ 1,315,063	\$ 22,131,514



This alternative uses a 4.0% CPI rate in levy year 2023, while adding another year of retirement to fully capture the \$1,250,000 authorized by BINA, lower the original DSEB exposure amounts, and enable the next issuance of bonds for capital projects a year earlier than the four year retirement plans previously shown.

Initial DSEB Exposure on \$1.25MM / 5 year retirement

Levy Year	CPI	Debt Service Extension Base actual / estimated	Existing Ltd Bond Debt Service	Series 2022 Ltd Bond Debt Service	DSEB Remaining	Initial DSEB Exposure
2020	2.3%	\$ 844,337	\$ 838,171	\$ -	n/a	n/a
2021	1.4%	856,158	834,355	21,000	803	-
2022	5.0%	898,966	816,158	78,904	3,904	-
2023	4.0%	934,924	386,073	548,960	(109)	36,067
2024	1.5%	948,948	384,175	345,480	219,293	-
2025	1.5%	963,182	387,182	325,120	250,880	-
				\$ 1,319,464	Totals	\$ 36,067

To the left is the same analysis, this time using a 4.0% CPI rate in levy year 2023, while adding another year of retirement to fully capture the \$1,250,000 authorized by BINA. A much lower original exposure of ~\$36,000 is produced after the results of the Series 2022 Bonds – much lower due to the bond structure, especially in levy year 2024. This alternative allows the district to fully raise the \$1,250,000 if desired, while meaningfully lowering its exposure and allowing for the next issuance one year earlier than the other options showed, with a target next issuance of late 2024/early 2025.

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2020	2.3%	\$ 844,337	\$ 838,171	\$ -	n/a	n/a
2021	1.4%	856,158	834,355	20,000	1,803	-
2022	5.0%	898,966	816,158	79,920	2,888	-
2023	3.0%	925,935	386,073	538,960	902	26,067
2024	1.5%	939,824	384,175	345,640	210,009	-
2025	1.5%	953,921	387,182	335,280	231,459	-
				\$ 1,319,800	Totals	\$ 26,067

A 3.0% CPI assumption in levy year 2023 further lowers exposure while modestly increasing debt service as shown on the left.

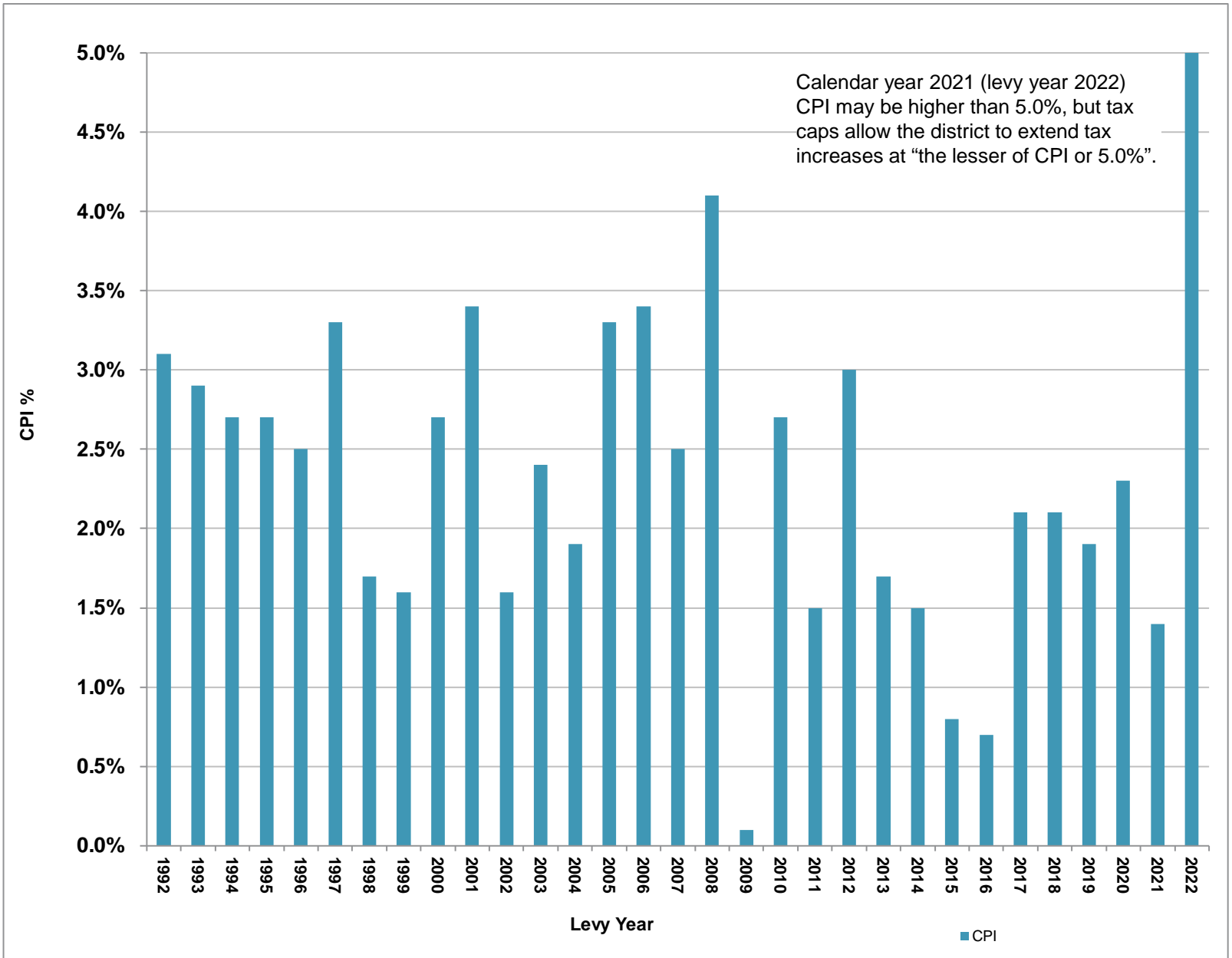
CPI History Since 1991

CPI Will Likely Be At Maximum Rate of 5.0% for Levy Year 2022 – First Time During Tax Caps

Calendar Year	Levy Year	CPI
1991	1992	3.1%
1992	1993	2.9%
1993	1994	2.7%
1994	1995	2.7%
1995	1996	2.5%
1996	1997	3.3%
1997	1998	1.7%
1998	1999	1.6%
1999	2000	2.7%
2000	2001	3.4%
2001	2002	1.6%
2002	2003	2.4%
2003	2004	1.9%
2004	2005	3.3%
2005	2006	3.4%
2006	2007	2.5%
2007	2008	4.1%
2008	2009	0.1%
2009	2010	2.7%
2010	2011	1.5%
2011	2012	3.0%
2012	2013	1.7%
2013	2014	1.5%
2014	2015	0.8%
2015	2016	0.7%
2016	2017	2.1%
2017	2018	2.1%
2018	2019	1.9%
2019	2020	2.3%
2020	2021	1.4%
2021	2022	5.0%

Average Values	
5 Year	2.5%
10 Year	2.0%
15 Year	2.1%
20 Year	2.2%

Since collar-county tax caps (1991)	2.3%
Since tax caps (1994)	2.3%



Timetable of Major Events to Issue Limited Park Bonds

Proposed Execution Timetable

Date	Event or Action
October 25, 2021	Finance Committee update
November 8, 2021	Review funding / bond issuance plan Call for BfINA hearing by Board of Park Commissioners
January 10, 2022	Conduct BINA Hearing Final approval of funding plan
January 14, 2022	CPI for 2021 (LY2022) announced
February 14, 2022	Board of Park Commissioners adopt bond sale ordinance
March 1, 2022	Bond closing – proceeds advanced

Committee and Board Meetings

Board Meetings
January 10
February 14

Federal Reserve Meetings
January 26/27

Bond levies affecting levy year 2021 (collection year 2022) must be filed with the Cook County Clerk by February 27, 2022. The district must reasonably expect that 85% of the borrowed proceeds will be spent within a three year period.

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**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT
ORDINANCE 2022-O-1**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING A COMBINED ANNUAL
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE
WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE
1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 AND ENDING ON THE
31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022**

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ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022**

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wilmette Park District has caused to be prepared in tentative form a combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance and the Secretary of the Board has made same conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at 7:30 p.m. at the regular monthly meeting place of the Wilmette Park District on the 10th day of January, 2022, notice of said hearing having been given by publication at least one (1) week prior thereto as required by law and all other legal requirements having been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The amounts herein set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law and as may be needed are hereby budgeted and appropriated for the following purposes of the Wilmette Park District, Cook County, Illinois to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of said Park District, as specified in Section 2 for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2022, and ending on December 31, 2022.

SECTION 2: The budgeted and appropriated for each object or purpose as follows:

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
I. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for Corporate Purposes:		
Salaries and Wages	\$2,842,537	\$3,268,918
Employee Benefits	625,709	719,565
Contract Services	601,225	691,409
Utilities	163,451	187,969
Supplies	228,110	262,327
Repairs	95,500	109,825
Other Operating Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total amount Budgeted for Corporate Fund	\$4,556,532	
Total amount Appropriated for Corporate Fund		\$5,240,012
II. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for Recreation Purposes:		
Salaries and Wages	\$7,439,224	\$8,555,108
Employee Benefits	724,532	833,212
Contract Services	2,210,535	2,542,115
Utilities	855,244	983,531
Supplies	860,717	989,825
Repairs	263,455	302,973
Other Operating Expenditures (Debt Certificates)	<u>119,038</u>	<u>136,894</u>
Total amount Budgeted for Recreation Fund	\$12,472,745	
Total amount Appropriated for Recreation Fund		\$14,343,657
III. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for Insurance Purposes Pursuant to Section 9-107 of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act:		
Intergovernmental Pool Insurance Premium	\$283,077	\$325,539
Risk Management Expenditures	<u>84,577</u>	<u>97,264</u>
Total amount Budgeted for the Liability Insurance Fund		
Total amount Appropriated for the Liability Insurance Fund	\$367,654	\$422,802
IV. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for Pension Purposes: Social Security		
Cost of Participation in the Federal Social Security Insurance Program	<u>\$745,848</u>	<u>\$857,725</u>
Total amount Budgeted for Social Security Fund	\$745,848	
Total amount Appropriated for Social Security Fund		\$857,725

**V. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for
Pension Purposes: Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund**

IMRF Employer Contribution	<u>\$700,000</u>	<u>\$805,000</u>
Total amount Budgeted for IMRF Fund	\$700,000	
Total amount Appropriated for IMRF Fund		\$805,000

**VI. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for the
Audit Fund:**

Auditing Expenditures	<u>\$24,150</u>	<u>\$27,773</u>
Total amount Budgeted for the Audit Fund	\$24,150	
Total amount Appropriated for the Audit Fund		\$27,773

**VII. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for the
organization and maintenance of a Police System
within the parks and playgrounds:**

Salaries and Wages	\$0	\$0
Contract Services	<u>40,000</u>	<u>46,000</u>
Total amount Budgeted for the Security Fund	\$40,000	
Total amount Appropriated for the Security Fund		\$46,000

**VIII. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for District's
Share of Expenses of Joint Recreational Programs
for the Handicapped (Special Recreation):**

Special Recreation Programs for the Disabled (NSSRA Contribution)	\$277,969	\$319,664
Special Recreation Companions for the Disabled (NSSRA Companion Fees)	175,935	202,325
Contract Services	2,000	2,300
NSSRA Authorized - Accessibility for the Disabled (Facility and Program Accessibility Costs)	<u>300,000</u>	<u>345,000</u>
Total amount Budgeted for Special Recreation Fund	\$755,904	
Total amount Appropriated for Special Recreation Fund		\$869,290

**IX. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for the
Capital Projects Fund:**

Park Repair and Improvements	7,569,000	\$9,461,250
Facility Repair and Improvements	2,044,000	2,555,000
Equipment Replacement	<u>1,517,773</u>	<u>1,897,216</u>
Total amount Budgeted for the Capital Projects Fund	\$11,130,773	
Total amount Appropriated for the Capital Projects Fund		\$13,913,466

X. The amount Budgeted and Appropriated for the Bond and Interest Fund:

Bond Principal	\$950,000	\$1,092,500
Bond Interest	85,696	98,550
Issuance Costs	<u>22,000</u>	<u>25,300</u>
Total amount Budgeted for the Bond and Interest Fund	\$1,057,696	
Total amount Appropriated for the Bond and Interest Fund		\$1,216,350

Summary of Funds Budgeted and Appropriated:

I. Corporate Fund	\$4,556,532	\$5,240,012
II. Recreation Fund	12,472,745	14,343,657
III. Liability Insurance Fund	367,654	422,802
IV. Social Security Fund	745,848	857,725
V. IMRF Fund	700,000	805,000
VI. Audit Fund	24,150	27,773
VII. Security Fund	40,000	46,000
VIII. Special Recreation Fund	755,904	869,290
IX. Capital Projects Fund	11,130,773	13,913,466
X. Bond and Interest Fund	<u>1,057,696</u>	<u>1,216,350</u>
Total Budgeted Funds for Fiscal Year 2021	<u>\$31,851,302</u>	
Total Appropriated Funds for Fiscal Year 2021		<u>\$37,742,075</u>

Each of said sums of money and the aggregate thereof are deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners of the WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the aforesaid Park District during the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of January, 2022, and ending the 31st day of December, 2022, for the respective purposes set forth.

SECTION 3: All unexpended balances of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of December, 2021, and prior years to the extent not otherwise re-appropriated for other purposes herein are hereby specifically re-appropriated for the same general purposes for which they were originally made and may be expended in making up any insufficiency of any other items provided in this appropriation ordinance, pursuant to law. All receipts and revenue not specifically appropriated, and all unexpended balances from preceding fiscal years not required for the purpose for which they were appropriated and levied shall constitute the general fund and shall be placed to the credit of such fund.

SECTION 4: Pursuant to law the following determinations have been and are hereby made a part of aforesaid budget:

- (a) Cash on hand and short term investments at the beginning of the fiscal year: \$10,206,682
- (b) Estimate of cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources:.....\$ 28,740,248
- (c) Estimate of expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year:.....\$ 31,851,302
- (d) Estimated cash and short term investments expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year:.....\$ 7,095,628

SECTION 5: All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby modified or repealed. If any item or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of such item or the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance is not intended or required to be in support of or in relation to any tax levy made by the Park District during the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of January, 2022, and ending the 31st day of December, 2022, or any other fiscal year.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval according to law. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, together with the certificate of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Park District certifying revenues by source anticipated to be received by the Park District, within thirty (30) days after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2022 pursuant to roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

ATTEST:

**Secretary
Wilmette Park District
Wilmette, Illinois**

**President
Wilmette Park District
Wilmette, Illinois**

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WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT
Cook County, Illinois

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**CERTIFICATE OF CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER AS TO ESTIMATE OF REVENUES
BY SOURCE ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED DURING FISCAL YEAR OF
JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022
SECTION 162 OF THE REVENUE ACT OF 1939**

The undersigned, Sheila Foy, the Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer of the Wilmette Park District, does hereby certify the estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the Wilmette Park District, Cook County, State of Illinois, in the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of January, 2022, and ending the 31st day of December, 2022, are as follows:

General real estate tax revenues	\$ 6,586,520
Personal property replacement tax revenue	249,892
Program user fees revenue	15,932,279
Bond Proceeds.....	3,120,000
Rental revenue	2,447,134
Retail sales	215,882
Interest revenue	3,816
Miscellaneous revenue	<u>184,725</u>
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$ <u>28,740,248</u>

The above is certified this 10th day of January, 2022

TREASURER AND CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER
Wilmette Park District
Cook County, Illinois

The above certification was filed with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois
Karen A. Yarbrough
County Clerk of Cook County

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**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT
ORDINANCE 2022-O-2**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Wilmette Park District, Cook County, Illinois (“Park District”) owns the following items of personal property (“Property”):

Various Electronic Equipment, see attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-22 of the Park District Code (70 ILCS 1205/8-22), every park district is authorized to sell or convey any personal property that in the opinion of three-fifths of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners (“Park Board”) then holding office is no longer necessary, useful to, or for the best interests of the park district.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wilmette Park District as follows:

Section 1. The Park Board hereby finds and determines that the Property is no longer necessary, useful to, or for the best interests of the Park District and hereby declares said Property to be surplus.

Section 2. The Park Board hereby further declares that it is in the best interests of the Park District and its residents to dispose of the Property as set forth in Section 3 below, subject to the execution by the recipient, as and if appropriate, of an instrument whereby the recipient acknowledges that it is acquiring the Property used, as is, without any warranties of any kind whatsoever, assumes all liabilities in connection with its use of the Property, and releases, indemnifies and holds harmless the Park District and its park commissioners, officers, officials, and employees against and from any and all such liabilities associated with its acquisition and use of said Property.

Section 3. The Park Board hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director, or his or her designee, to dispose of the Property in any manner he or she sees fit, which may include sale, auction, donation, disposal, or any other lawful means, with or without advertisement, at any time following the adoption of this Ordinance, and to take such other actions as the Executive Director, or his or her designee, shall deem necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent and effect the provisions and purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption as provided by law.

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2022 , by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____

President, Board of Park Commissioners
Wilmette Park District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners
Wilmette Park District

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Stephen P. Wilson, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wilmette Park District, Cook County, Illinois and as such, I am keeper of the records, ordinances, files and seal of said Park District; and

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2022-O-2:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT

adopted at a duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wilmette Park District held at 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois at 7:30 p.m. on the 10th day of January 2022.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said ordinance were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto affix my official signature and the seal of said Wilmette Park District at Wilmette, Illinois, this 10th day of January, 2022.

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners
Wilmette Park District

[SEAL]

Exhibit A

Qty	Make	Model	Serial #	Item/Description
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1	Shoretel	IP230g	00-10-49-11-25-48	ip phone
1	Shoretel	IP230g	00-10-49-11-37-65	ip phone
1	Shoretel	IP115	00-10-49-11-77-59	ip phone
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1	Shoretel	IP115	00-10-49-11-77-58	ip phone
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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into as of this 10th day of January, 2022, by and between the **WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT**, Cook County, Illinois ("District") and **STEPHEN P. WILSON** ("Wilson"). District and Wilson are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as "Party" and together as the "Parties."

In consideration of the promises hereinafter contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each of the Parties, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Employment.

- a. The District hereby appoints and employs Wilson as the Executive Director of the District, commencing January 1, 2022 ("Effective Date"), subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and in the District's *Personnel Policy Manual*. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the *Personnel Policy Manual*, the provisions of this Agreement shall control. The District reserves the right to alter, modify or amend the terms of the *Personnel Policy Manual* as they affect any duties, obligations or benefits of employees of the District including the Executive Director, or otherwise, at any time in its sole discretion.
- b. As the Executive Director, Wilson will be the chief administrative and executive officer of the District having all of the responsibilities, duties, powers and authority normally associated with that position in the State of Illinois, and such other or different duties as are provided in this Agreement and the Executive Director Job Description attached and incorporated in Exhibit A. In general, Wilson shall be responsible for directing all operations of the District as authorized by and in accordance with the directives and policy determinations of the District's Board of Park Commissioners ("Park Board"), and shall be in charge of the hiring, firing, management, and discipline of all District personnel.

2. Compensation.

- a. Commencing on the Effective Date, the District will pay Wilson a salary at the rate of \$171,847.78 per annum in accordance with the District's regular payroll practices. Thereafter, Wilson's salary shall be subject to review and possible adjustment at the discretion of the Park Board. Wilson may be eligible to receive merit-based increases each year based upon his job performance, as determined by reference to the duties described in Exhibit A, and subject to the District's own assessment of its financial condition. Such adjustment shall be determined by the Park Board in its good faith discretion considering Wilson's performance, the District's financial condition, other financial commitments, and other staff level increases. The additional salary amount, if any, shall be paid in accordance with the District's regular payroll practices. Based on its evaluation of Wilson's performance, the Park Board may also, in its sole discretion,

determine to pay a bonus to Wilson. Any such bonus shall be paid to Wilson in a lump sum.

3. **Benefits.**

- a. **Vacation & Sick Days:** Wilson shall be entitled to receive 25 vacation days (200 hours) and 12 sick days (96 hours) during each year of his employment with the District, which shall accrue and shall otherwise be administered as provided in the District's *Personnel Policy Manual*. Wilson shall be entitled to take his vacation at any time during the year subject to the prior approval of the Board President or, if the President is unavailable, subject to the prior approval of the Board Vice President, and further provided that: (i) Wilson shall not take all of the vacation days to which he is entitled at one time, unless approved in advance by the Park Board; and (ii) Wilson shall use his best efforts to schedule his vacation days at such times and in such increments during the year so as to minimize any possible adverse impact on District operations. In the event that Wilson does not use his allotted vacation during each year of his employment, he may carry over any unused time to the next year in accordance with District policy.
- b. **Automobile:** The District shall provide Wilson with a District fleet vehicle for business and personal use, with all related costs, including but limited to license, registration, insurance, gasoline, regular maintenance, and repairs paid for by the District. The District shall not, at any time, bear the costs of any tickets, traffic offenses, or fines of any kind. Nor shall the District be responsible to pay any costs incurred as a result of the misuse or negligent use of the vehicle; any such costs shall be Wilson's sole responsibility. Wilson shall bear all the personal tax consequences of the allocation of a vehicle to his benefit. Wilson agrees that the personal use of the District's vehicle will result in imputed income to Wilson, and at the end of each calendar year, the District and its accountants shall reasonably determine the amount of such income to be included in Wilson's compensation in connection with the personal use of the District vehicle. Wilson agrees that he shall be responsible for any and all taxes imposed on such imputed income.
- c. **Health Insurance:** Wilson shall be entitled to participate in the District's group medical, dental, and vision insurance plans, if and as provided to its other full-time employees, and on the same basis, including exercising an option to have family coverage for a spouse and eligible dependents in accordance with the District's summary plan description.
- d. **Other Benefits and Benefit Plans:** Wilson shall be entitled to receive all other benefits and participate in all other benefit plans provided generally to all full-time employees of the District.

4. **Evaluation.**

- a. It is the intention of the Park Board to evaluate Wilson's performance on an annual basis in or around January of each year, beginning in January 2022.
- b. Wilson shall cooperate with the Park Board in establishing specific goals, objectives and timelines against which Wilson's performance will be measured and evaluated.
- c. The failure of the Park Board to meet the timelines established in this Paragraph 4 shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

5. **Professional Development and Business Expenses.**

- a. As long as Wilson remains employed as the District's Executive Director, and subject to a prior appropriation of sufficient funds, Wilson is authorized to incur reasonable expenses in the performance of his duties hereunder, may avail himself of continuing education opportunities and subscriptions to professional publications, and may participate in professional, community service organizations, and other organizations related to the field of parks and recreation, in order to further develop expertise, acquire new skills and ideas, and establish a community presence, which will assist Wilson in successfully carrying out his duties as Executive Director. Accordingly, subject to a prior appropriation of funds allocated for such purposes and subject to prior Park Board authorization, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, the District shall, in accordance with District policy, provide payment of reasonable expense reimbursement for such activities upon presentation of the usual and customary proof of such expenditures.

6. **Term.**

- a. Wilson's employment shall be for a term of three (3) years, beginning on the Effective Date and continuing through December 31, 2024, unless Wilson's employment is sooner terminated by Wilson or the District pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement. Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the District will notify Wilson if it does not intend to enter into a new employment agreement with him. Although the District may enter into a new employment agreement with Wilson upon the expiration of this Agreement, Wilson acknowledges and agrees that the District has no obligation to enter into such a new employment agreement under any terms or conditions, or to continue his employment under any terms or conditions upon the expiration of the term of this Agreement or any subsequent agreement with Wilson.
- b. **Termination for Just Cause.** The District may terminate Wilson's employment for just cause. As used in this Agreement, just cause shall include, but is not limited to, any one or more of the following:
 - Conviction of a felony under State or Federal Law, or conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or official misconduct as defined under State Law.

- Violating any ordinance, regulation, order, policy or rule of the District, or failing to obey any lawful direction given to him by the District's Board of Park Commissioners when such violation or failure to obey amounts to insubordination or serious breach of discipline that may reasonably be expected to result in lower morale in the organization or to result in loss, inconvenience, or injury to the District or the public.
- Deliberately and improperly using, destroying or damaging District, public or employee property.
- Falsifying personnel or other District records, including employment applications, accident records, work records, purchase orders, time sheets, or any other report, record or application required in connection with one's employment.
- Providing information to the Board of Park Commissioners that Wilson knows to be false or misleading.
- Intentionally furnishing false information to the District for records or on a request for leave.
- Making false claims or misrepresentations in an attempt to obtain accident benefits, worker's compensation, or unemployment insurance benefits.
- Possessing or using firearms, explosives or weapons on District property in violation of applicable state and federal laws.
- Theft of District or employee property.
- Unlawful, immoral, indecent or otherwise clearly inappropriate conduct or behavior, either on or off the job, which is of such a nature that a reasonable person would conclude that it would have the effect of materially adversely affecting Wilson's ability to perform the essential functions of his position, or his relationship with fellow workers, or his or the District's reputation or good will in the community.
- Intentionally taking for personal use a fee, gift or other thing of value in the course of his duties or in connection with performing such duties, if unlawful under the Gift Ban Act, without reporting its receipt to the President of the Park Board.
- Using, possessing or selling illegal drugs and/or controlled substances.
- Reporting to work or being on District property while legally intoxicated by alcoholic beverages or under the influence of illegal drugs and/or controlled substances.
- The persistent failure to properly perform the essential responsibilities and duties of his position despite notice from the Park Board of such deficiencies and a reasonable opportunity to correct same.
- Failing to return from an authorized leave of absence on the scheduled return date without prior notice to and approval from the Park Board or for other valid reason authorized by law.
- Violating the District's policies on political activity contained in its *Personnel Policy Manual*.
- Violating the District's Equal Opportunity or Sexual Harassment Policies as set forth in the *Personnel Policy Manual*.

- Death or any disability that prevents Wilson from performing the essential functions of his job with reasonable accommodation following the expiration of any disability leave, or any other applicable leave, required or permitted to be given to District employees under the District's *Personnel Policy Manual* or under applicable law.
- "Misconduct," as that term is defined in Section 5 of the Government Severance Pay Act (5 ILCS 415/5, as amended).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, except for termination as the result of a conviction of a felony under State or Federal Law, conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or official misconduct defined under State Law, death, or disability that prevents Wilson from performing the essential functions of his job with reasonable accommodation following the expiration of any disability leave required to be given to District employees under the District's *Personnel Policy Manual* or under applicable law, the Park Board shall not terminate the employment of Wilson without having first given him a written statement of the reasons for the termination of his employment and affording him a reasonable opportunity to respond in writing, or in person at a closed session of the Park Board, to the reasons given for the termination of his employment.

Wilson will have no right of appeal from any such termination, but reserves all other rights and remedies available to him under law not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

- c. **Termination Based Upon Performance.** Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Parties agree for their mutual benefit and protection that the District may terminate Wilson's employment, upon no less than a 5/7ths vote of the Park Board, if he fails to perform his assigned duties and responsibilities in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Park Board, or if he fails to meet the standards of performance as set and determined by the Park Board, provided that, prior to termination of Wilson pursuant to this subparagraph, the Park Board shall give Wilson written notice of the proposed termination, setting forth with reasonable specificity the Park Board's reasons for the proposed termination and further provided that Wilson shall have sixty (60) days within which to remedy to the satisfaction of the Park Board, the performance deficiencies set forth in such notice, or, if these deficiencies are not capable of being remedied within 60 days, he shall have 60 days within which to make diligent efforts to remedy and thereafter promptly complete such remedy to the satisfaction of the Park Board. In the event the noted deficiencies have not been completely remedied within a thirty (30) day period from the date of such notice, the Park Board shall meet with Wilson as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable and provide Wilson with a review of his progress in remedying the deficiencies. In the event of Wilson's failure to affect such remedy as hereinabove provided, the Park Board may immediately terminate Wilson's employment upon written notice. Wilson will have no right of appeal from any such termination, but reserves all other rights and remedies available to him by law not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

- d. **Resignation.** Wilson may terminate his employment with the District upon not less than sixty (60) days' prior written notice. In such event, unless otherwise determined by the Park Board, he will continue to render his services in accordance with this Agreement and receive his normal compensation until the date of his termination.
- e. **Payment on Termination.** Upon termination of Wilson's employment pursuant to any subparagraph of this Paragraph 6, the District shall pay Wilson for all earned and accrued but unused and unpaid vacation days to which he is entitled by District policy and all other or additional amounts to which any other full time employee of the District would generally be entitled upon termination of employment by District policy, on terms no less favorable than those provided to such employees. Such payments shall be made within the time required by law.
- f. **Severance for Termination without Cause.** In the event of the termination of Wilson's employment based on performance pursuant to Subparagraph 6(c) by the Park Board prior to expiration of the term of this Agreement, Wilson shall be entitled to the compensation earned by him prior to termination computed pro rata up to and including his termination date, and all other payments required by law and District policy. Except as otherwise provided herein, if terminated pursuant to Subparagraph 6(c), Wilson shall also be entitled to receive a cash severance payment in an amount equal to twenty (20) weeks of his annual salary in effect at the time of the separation. Wilson's final check and his check for severance pay, if any, will be paid to Wilson on the first day of the month following the month in which Wilson's last day of employment with the District occurs. Applicable withholding for taxes and other deductions required by law or court order or requested in writing by Wilson will be deducted. Wilson shall not be entitled to receive severance pay if he is terminated for just cause as defined in Subparagraph 6(b), if he terminates his employment relationship with the Park District as provided in Subparagraph 6(d), or if this Agreement expires and is not renewed.

7. **Miscellaneous.**

- a. Any notice required to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed properly given if in writing and delivered by hand or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested if to Wilson, to his last known residence address and, if to the District, to the address of the District's principal administrative office, to the attention of the President of the Board of Park Commissioners.
- b. If any provision of the Agreement shall be or become illegal or unenforceable in whole or in part for any reason whatsoever, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless be deemed valid, binding and subsisting.
- c. The waiver by either Party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver or any subsequent breach or violation thereof.

- d. This writing represents the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof; it may not be altered or amended except by a subsequent agreement in writing signed by both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT

STEPHEN P. WILSON

By: _____
President, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:

By: _____
Vice President, Board of Park Commissioners

EXHIBIT A

Executive Director's Job Description