



## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

### Board of Park Commissioners

April 27, 2026

6:30 PM – Mallinckrodt

**1.0 Committee of the Whole Called to Order**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**2.0 Communications and Correspondence**

**3.0 Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors**

**4.0 Old Business**

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 March 2026 Financial Update**

**5.2 Racquets Update – Jason Stanislaw, Racquets General Manager**

**5.3 Centennial Cooling Tower Update**

**6.0 Adjournment to Closed Session**

Move to Adjourn to Closed Session for the discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Park District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired as well as the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, in accordance with Sections 2(c)5 and 2(c)6 of the Open Meetings Act.

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## Wilmette Park District Policy for Public Comment

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

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

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

*Approved February 13, 2023*

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

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

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

*Approved June 12, 2023*



## Memorandum

Date: April 21, 2026  
To: Chris Lindgren, Executive Director  
From: Sheila Foy, Superintendent of Finance  
Re: March, 2026 Financials

The results of operations through March 31, 2026 is \$6.3m compared to a YTD budget of \$5.1m. The District is \$1.2m ahead of budget.

### Revenues:

- Property tax collections in 2026 are \$417k ahead of budget. Property tax collections through April 21 are just over \$3.8m. The budget through April is \$4.5m. As of April 21<sup>st</sup>, the District has collected 84.4% of the first installment (55%) of the 2025 tax levy. Last week, the District received a copy of a memo sent from the Cook County Treasurers office to the Cook County Board of Commissioners discussing property tax due dates. Per state law, the first installment due date is the first business date in March and the second installment *should be* the beginning of August. Since 1978, the second installment due date was consistently late for 33 years out of 48. I read an article in the Tribune titled “... Cook County tax bills will be late this summer, officials predict”
- I will be collecting variance information from the staff regarding the other revenue variances and will publish that information in my May Board report.

### Expenses:

- All categories of expenses are behind budget. Variance explanations should be available in my May Board report.
- Electricity expense continues to trail budget. YTD expenses (excluding ComEd CRC bills) is \$61.7k. Projected ComEd billing for CRC should be about \$21k which brings the total electricity expense to \$82.7 compared to a budget of \$111.3k. Electricity usage is down about 23% from Q1 last year to Q1 this year. We are still waiting on those bills from ComEd for the CRC and we will have a better picture or where we are.



## STAFF MEMO

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### **Capital – material variances only:**

- CRC project is behind budget by \$96.6k. Spending is slower than anticipated.
- Driving Range mats were budgeted for in February and have not yet been paid for - \$17k.
- Range Netting Pole/Fence Maintenance were budgeted for in March, have not been paid for \$43k.
- 10k lb Equipment Lift was budgeted for in March has not been paid for \$22k.
- Golf Well was budgeted for in March, it's going out to bid \$45k
- Golf cart path repairs budgeted for in March have not been paid for \$18k
- Medium / Lite Duty Utility Vehicles had been ordered, budgeted for in March - \$50k
- Software Spending is trailing budget by \$18k.

These are all timing differences.



**Wilmette Park District  
Revenue and Expense Statement  
For the Month Ending March 31, 2026**

<b>Total District</b>	Through March 31			YTD Variance		Total Year Budget 2026
	Actual 2025	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Actual to Budget		
				\$	%	
<b>Revenue</b>						
Property Taxes	\$3,604,883	\$1,594,426	\$1,177,662	\$416,764	35.4%	\$8,428,929
Daily Fees	195,579	174,436	193,192	(18,756)	-9.7%	2,929,958
Fee Revenue	6,493,784	6,460,379	6,695,125	(234,747)	-3.5%	14,343,721
Membership Fees	1,562,273	1,680,042	1,616,766	63,276	3.9%	3,337,526
Rental Revenue	1,124,568	1,209,745	1,175,766	33,979	2.9%	2,876,916
Retail Sales	28,458	20,454	26,222	(5,768)	-22.0%	239,569
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>146,616</u>	<u>138,052</u>	<u>133,074</u>	<u>4,978</u>	3.7%	<u>996,896</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$13,156,160</b>	<b>\$11,277,534</b>	<b>\$11,017,807</b>	<b>\$259,727</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>\$33,153,514</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salaries & Wages	\$2,521,177	\$2,533,421	\$2,745,690	(212,269)	-7.7%	\$14,232,714
Employee Benefits	663,116	691,476	749,987	(58,511)	-7.8%	3,701,369
Contract Services	937,014	885,612	1,055,780	(170,168)	-16.1%	5,354,798
Utilities	130,299	136,474	206,219	(69,745)	-33.8%	1,193,881
Supplies	275,866	276,268	327,705	(51,437)	-15.7%	1,689,578
Equipment and Repairs	<u>112,809</u>	<u>54,229</u>	<u>92,836</u>	<u>(38,608)</u>	-41.6%	<u>469,605</u>
Operating Expenses	\$4,640,281	\$4,577,480	\$5,178,217	(\$600,737)	-11.6%	\$26,641,946
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$8,515,878</b>	<b>\$6,700,054</b>	<b>\$5,839,590</b>	<b>\$860,464</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>\$6,511,568</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenue</b>						
Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Capital Reimbursement	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	N/A	<u>0</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
<b>Non-Operating Expenses</b>						
Capital	497,161	384,242	724,217	(339,975)	-46.9%	5,327,694
Capital - Special Recreation	24,850	19,055	25,000	(5,945)	-23.8%	175,000
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	N/A	1,618,310
Capital Transfer	0	0	0	0		0
Overhead Transfer	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$522,012	\$403,297	\$749,217	(\$345,920)	-46.2%	\$7,121,004
Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$522,012)	(\$403,297)	(\$749,217)	\$345,920	-46.2%	(\$7,121,004)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$5,162,293</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,980,777</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,927,434</u></b>	<b><u>(\$946,657)</u></b>	<b>-16.0%</b>	<b><u>\$33,762,950</u></b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$7,993,867</b>	<b>\$6,296,757</b>	<b>\$5,090,373</b>	<b>\$1,206,385</b>	<b>23.70%</b>	<b>(\$609,436)</b>

**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT  
2026 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Location	Location	Operational or Non-operational	SNLC -	Project Name	Project Description	2026	Carryover from 2025	2026 Unbudgeted Spending	YTD Spending	Projected Remaining Spend	Type	Owner	March Update
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Administration	Non-operational	Critical	Facility Condition Assessment Process	CRC, Centennial, Golf and Big Tree Master Plan creation to include Public Input and Consulting Expenses	250,000				250,000	Building Improvements	Chris	Planning Phase
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Administration	Operational	Critical	Computer Hardware	Computer hardware (Laptops, Desktops, Servers and etc.)	78,260			41,605	36,655	Equipment	Bill	ongoing
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Administration	Operational	Critical	Computer Software	Computer software (MS Office and etc.)	188,731			128,254	60,477	Licenses and Software	Bill	ongoing
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Administration	Operational	Semi Critical	Camera Project	Add/replace cameras around the District	42,000				42,000	Equipment	Bill	
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Operational	Critical	Ice Maker	parts no longer available for the current unit	7,000				7,000	Equipment	Dave	
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Operational	Critical	Pool Gutters	Repair 105' of pool gutters 2026	50,000				50,000	Equipment	Josh	Evaluation in process should be complete by end of May
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Operational	Critical	Pool Slides	Repair pool slides based on 2023 evaluation	60,000				60,000	Equipment	Josh	Projecting fall completion
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Operational	Critical	Replace Pool Vacuum Dive Well	Old vac has been repaired multiple times. End of life	7,000				7,000	Equipment	Dave	
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Operational	Critical	Replace Russell Condenser 1	RUSSELL/ MLH165L44PD/CON 1	14,000				14,000	Equipment	Josh	
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Operational	Critical	Replace Russell Condenser 2	RUSSELL/172729/CON 2	14,000				14,000	Equipment	Josh	
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Building	Operational	Critical	General Upkeep of Facility	Ongoing maintenance for replacing windows, broken floor tiles, broken doors, etc	15,000				15,000	Building Improvements	Josh	
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Building	Operational	Critical	Centennial Floor machine									
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Ice	Non-operational	Semi Critical	Renovate locker rooms and benches in lobby	Replacing existing partitions and benches	35,000				35,000	Building Improvements	Josh	Planning phase with GM
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Ice	Operational	Critical	Centennial Roof Project/ Cooling Tower	Partial Roof Replacement after Cooling Tower Move and ComEd move	2,052,000			12,500	2,039,500	Building Improvements	Josh	In progress
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Auditorium	Operational	Critical	Aisle lighting/carpet replacement	Floor lighting for safety	21,000				21,000	Building Improvements	Dave	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Auditorium	Operational	Critical	Seat Repair	Phased repair/replacement of damaged seats	25,000				25,000	Furniture and Fixtures	Dave	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Auditorium	Operational	Critical	Theatre lightboard replacement	1990's device-using floppy discs for backup-portable unit that could be used at Wallace Bowl	20,000				20,000	Equipment	Dave	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Center Fitness Club	Operational	Critical	Facility Improvements and Equipment Replacement	Ongoing replacement of equipment and updates	20,000				20,000	Building Improvements	Dave	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Operational	Critical	2025 CRC Project	Damage from the sprinkler accident and repairing the rest of the building	350,000	128,483		43,370	435,113	Building Improvements	Josh	Awarded carpet contract on 3/9
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Operational	Critical	Adjustable Basketball Goals	Add adjustable goals to gymnasium	41,000				41,000	Equipment	Dave	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Operational	Semi Critical	Dance floor replacement, both studios & Marley	Room floor replacement	10,000				10,000	Building Improvements	Dave	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Gymnastics	Operational	Critical	Facility Improvements and Equipment Replacement	Ongoing replacement of equipment and updates	15,000				15,000	Equipment	Dave	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Gymnastics	Non-operational	Critical	Gymnastics waiting room update-furniture	Floor, paint walls, build viewing platform, furniture	10,000				10,000	Building Improvements	Josh	
GILLSON PARK	Dog Beach	Operational	Critical	Dog Beach Fence	Refencing of the dog beach including gate replacement	50,000			3,440	46,560	Outdoor equipment	Josh	Working on permitting
GILLSON PARK	Park	<b>Critical</b>	Lakefront Infrastructure Design Work	Comprehensive Plan Development		-	10,000		840	9,160	Land Improvements	Josh	Waiting on MWRD for permits

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GILLSON PARK	Park	Critical	Lakefront Infrastructure Implementation	Roads, sewers and sidewalks		-	234,495	-	213	234,282	Land Improvements	Josh	Abbey removed stones from dirt and planted grass. We are waiting on it to establish. Complete asphalt work when weather warms up
GILLSON PARK	Lakeview Maintenance	Operational	Critical	Lakeview Improvement	Ongoing maintenance for replacing windows, broken floor tiles, broken doors, etc	5,000				5,000	Building Improvements	Josh	
GILLSON PARK	Sailing	Operational	Critical	Aquatics and Sailing Camp Equipment	Repairs and replacement of aquatics and sailing camp equipment	6,000				6,000	Equipment	Dave	
GILLSON PARK	Sailing	Operational	Critical	Sailing Shack, Shed Design	Design amount only	122,953				122,953	Building Improvements	Josh	Accepting quotes
GILLSON PARK	Wallace Bowl	Non-operational	Critical	General upkeep of the area	Design and implement the future of Wallace Bowl - to include current year repairs	50,000				50,000	Land Improvements	Josh	Planning phase
MALLINCKRODT CENTER	General Building	Operational	Critical	HVAC Replace Trane Units	Trane/K06K18126A-Lockinvar KBN-500	130,000				130,000	Equipment	Josh	Contract awarded. ETA April/May install
MALLINCKRODT CENTER	Smoke Stack	Operational	Critical	Smoke Stack tuck pointing		75,000				75,000	Building Improvements	Josh	Planning phase
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Facilities	Non-operational	Critical	LED Light Upgrades	For various facilities	25,000			1,335	23,665	Building Improvements	Josh	ongoing
PARKS DEPARTMENT	General Building	Operational	Not Critical	Seal Coat Parking Lots	Golf, Centennial, Mali, Golf House,CRC	80,000				80,000	Land Improvements	Josh	Planning phase
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Maple Park	Operational	Not Critical	Playground Replacement	Playground replacement per schedule	15,000				15,000	Equipment	Josh	Planning/design phase
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Parks	Operational	Not Critical	Fencing	Update XXXXXX fencing	5,000				5,000	Outdoor equipment	Josh	ongoing
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Parks	Operational	Semi Critical	Landscape Work	Implementing landscape plans	30,000				30,000	Land Improvements	Josh	Planning/design phase
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Various Locations	Non-operational	Critical	Add or update signage	Replacing and updating current signage	15,000				15,000	Equipment	Josh	Planning phase
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Various Locations	Operational	Critical	Door replacement schedule	Replace exterior doors and hardware	30,000				30,000	Building Improvements	Josh	Accepting quotes
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Various Locations	Operational	Semi Critical	Garbage Can, Park Benches and Water Fountain Replacements	For upkeep on the replacement schedules	45,000				45,000	Equipment	Josh	Accepting quotes
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Hibbard	Critical	Hibbard Park Master Plan	ADA Improvements, Tot Lot Replacement, Ball Field Improvements, Landscaping and Picnic Shelter (net of requested grant)	Finishing the project at Hibbard		91,867	-		91,867	Land Improvements	Josh	Ongoing - targeting a late fall completion and then we deal with the wind down of the project. Project cost \$1,273,804
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Vattmann Park	Operational	Not Critical	Tennis Court Renovation	Reconcile slope, surface and drainage issues.	5,000				5,000	Land Improvements	Josh	ongoing
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Vehicles	Operational	Semi Critical	F-250 Building Maintenance truck	Replacement of Parks truck, with Maverick	35,000				35,000	Vehicles	Josh	
PARKS DEPARTMENT	Vehicles	Operational	Critical	Truck 27	Salt Truck Replacement	85,000				85,000	Vehicles	Josh	Ordered - eta August
PARKS DEPARTMENT	West Park	Non-operational	Critical	Key System	Converting all District locks to a new system that the District controls - 2026	19,250				19,250	Building Improvements	Josh	Planning purchase
PARKS DEPARTMENT	West Park	Non-operational	Critical	Key System	Converting all District locks to a new system that the District controls - 2025		18,883			18,883	Building Improvements	Josh	26 week lead time - eta August
PLATFORM TENNIS	Platform	Operational	Semi Critical	Gas Lines and Heaters	Keeps the deck dry	25,000				25,000	Building Improvements	Josh	
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Clubhouse	Operational	Critical	HVAC Replace RTU's (5 & 3)	Replace rooftop units #5 & #3 #2	90,000				90,000	Equipment	Josh	Contract awarded. ETA April/May install
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	Clubhouse	Non-operational	Critical	New Exterior Door	Connect patio to kitchen	15,000				15,000	Building Improvements	Josh	Scheduling completion for April/May



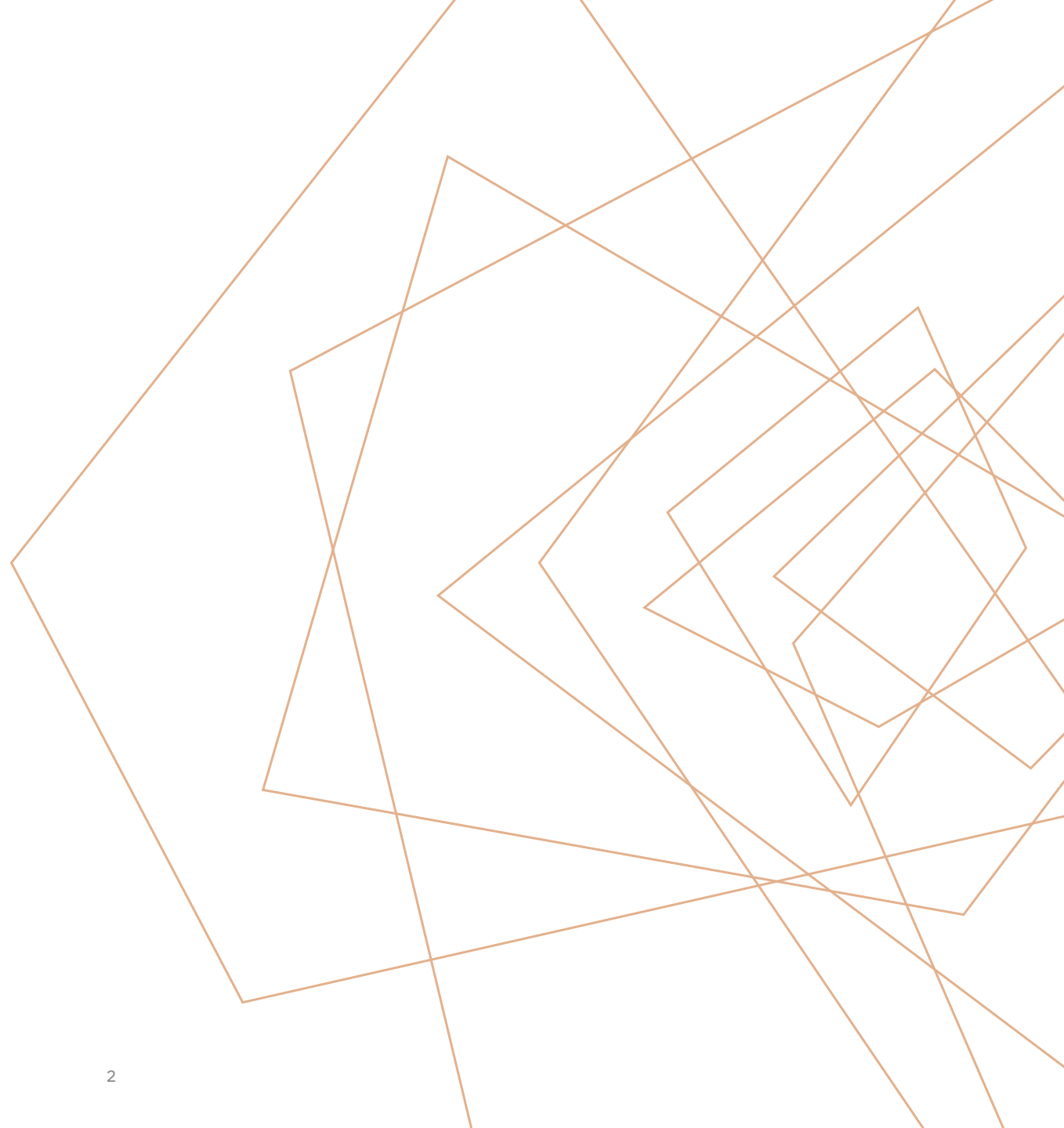
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# RACQUET SPORTS UPDATE 2026

Jason Stanislaw

# RACQUET SPORTS INTEGRATION MODEL

Underlying all the racquet sports activity is the concept that racquet sports complement each other more than they compete. The communities in each racquet sport overlap particularly in a village our size.



## TENNIS

Community based play primarily focused on the start of players' experience. Lessons are the largest driver of this segment.

## PLATFORM

Driven by team league play more than any other factor. Membership is the largest driver of this segment.

## PICKLEBALL

Park based activity organized most like outdoor tennis court reservations. Usage and play are the largest drivers of this segment.

## PADEL

No WPD in the segment.

# MARKET POSITIONS



# TENNIS LESSON AND PROGRAMMING INITIATIVES

## Reinvent Travel League Segment

Restructured practices. Practice court hours have doubled.

2026 landed 2 out of 5 teams in playoffs.

## Apprentice Program

Started second year with first candidate. Work has been focused on U10 instruction.

Poised to bring on second candidate in late spring.

## Restructure U10 Instruction

Restructured entry level junior tennis to align with USTA U10 competitive pathways.

Program segment grew 20% in the 2025/26.

Introduced USTA Junior Team Tennis.

## 2026 Restructure Junior Excellence

Programming plan is in the works for indoor 2026/27 season.



# PLATFORM

## TEAM ASSORTMENT

Grew to 61 teams for 2025/26 season

Expanded rosters to accommodate more players

## ADDED VOLLEY MACHINE

Operated as a membership upgrade

Charged quarterly

## SPRING LEAGUE

Reformatted to accommodate 400 players

Increased fees to cover pro involvement

# PICKLEBALL

## FACILITIES

Converted 3 tennis courts to 8 pickleball at Community Playfields.

Converted 2 tennis courts to 6 pickleball at Hibbard Park.

## PROGRAMMING

Open Play Mon-Sun at Community Playfields.

Outdoor lesson programming at Hibbard Park.

## PARTNERSHIP

Working closely with Wilmette Pickleball Player Association has allowed staff to follow needs, trends, and preferences for Wilmette players.

Has served a source of fundraising around court amenities.

# PADEL

## NATIONAL TREND

2023 less than 100,000 players

2025 500,000 players

2019 20 padel courts

2025 650 padel courts

## LOCAL ACTIVITY

Private clubs in Mundelein,  
Glenview, Logan Square, West  
Loop

Court at Saddle and Cycle

3 public courts operating with  
the Park District of Highland  
Park

## MARKET POSITION

Few competitors

Targeting high end of the  
racquets market

Hourly rates range between  
\$120 and \$160 per hour (\$30-40  
per player playing doubles)

# FINANCIALS

Operating Budget History					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
<b>PLATFORM</b>					
Revenue	\$ 842,814.00	\$ 714,047.00	\$ 1,003,458.00	\$ 1,113,381.00	
Operating Expense	\$ 542,158.00	\$ 604,823.00	\$ 753,669.00	\$ 798,073.00	
Operating Net	\$ 300,656.00	\$ 109,223.00	\$ 249,789.00	\$ 315,308.00	
		36%	15%	25%	28%
<b>TENNIS</b>					
Revenue	\$ 1,893,755.00	\$ 1,718,055.00	\$ 1,820,090.00	\$ 1,980,277.00	
Operating Expense	\$ 1,168,111.00	\$ 1,287,219.00	\$ 1,270,627.00	\$ 1,269,315.00	
Operating Net	\$ 725,645.00	\$ 430,836.00	\$ 549,463.00	\$ 710,962.00	
		38%	25%	30%	36%



## Memorandum

Date: April 27, 2026  
To: Board of Park Commissioners  
From: Josh Wallace, Superintendent of Parks & Planning  
Re: Centennial Ice Cooling Tower Replacement

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### Statement

The Park District went out for bid for the cooling tower replacement project at the Centennial Ice Arena. Two bids were submitted; the bids came in within budget. Staff are currently working through final pricing as the scope, design, and engineering are refined. Final numbers will be brought forward once those adjustments are complete, with the intent of presenting this item at the next Board Meeting for consideration.

Coordination with ComEd has been required for this project, as the main electrical feed serving the facility needs to be moved to accommodate the newly proposed cooling tower location. Significant progress has been made with ComEd, and staff believe there is a workable schedule in place that aligns with operational needs and allows the project to proceed later this summer.

During the electrical work, there will be a temporary loss of power to the ice arena portion of the Centennial facility. The building is served by three separate ComEd feeders, one for the ice arena, one for tennis, and one for the pool. The outage will be isolated to the ice arena feed only. A backup generator will be in place to maintain the ice during this period to avoid loss of the sheet.

The need for this project is supported by prior structural evaluations of the facility, which identified ongoing deterioration and corrosion of the roof framing and components surrounding the current cooling tower area.

### Financial Summary

The submitted bids are currently within the approved FY 2026 CIP amounts. Final contract value is pending completion of scope and design adjustments.

### Closing

Due to the coordination required with ComEd, ongoing design refinements, and final pricing adjustments, staff will return to the Board with a complete project recommendation at the May Board Meeting.