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ADDISON PARK DISTRICT PROFILE

MISSION

To provide the highest quality recreational opportunities and open space for everyone.

OVERVIEW

The Addison Park District (APD) covers nearly 9 square miles and serves a population of nearly approximately 37,000 residents. The boundaries of APD are largely co-terminus with those of the Village of Addison, with limited exceptions. The District maintains 281 areas of land that includes 25 parks and numerous facilities that meet special recreation needs throughout the District. Facilities include Links & Tees Golf Facility, Centennial Rec Center, Community Rec Center, Club Fitness and the Family Aquatic Center.

APD faces many challenges, but none more important than funding for both daily operations and for capital improvements. Because the community largely built-out, and with limited opportunities for expansion, maintaining and enhancing the existing parks and facilities are a key priority in the community. There are many capital improvement needs both large and small, and there seems to be a cycle of the community sometimes being critical of the quality of parks and facilities, yet voting down referendums to improves those parks and facilities.



The Addison Park District parks and facilities are generally in good condition and offer great recreational opportunities for the community, but there are many problems in specific facilities and others that are system-wide within the parks. In these cases it is the often need for more ongoing proactive maintenance that is required, but the District is trying to do a lot with limited resources. Balancing the maintenance needs of the parks and facilities with the enhancement needs is of primary importance.

The maintenance of parks and facilities is generally very good, but additional operational funding, more trained staff, better equipment and a more centralized maintenance facility are all needed in order to truly better the condition of the parks and facilities. Playgrounds, site furnishings and other amenities are replaced as needed, with many amenities on a cyclical schedule for replacement.

Continuing to address park and facility accessibility through compliance with the guidelines established through the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is another area that the District has taken a proactive approach, with the recent completion of an Accessibility Audit to identify needed improvements.

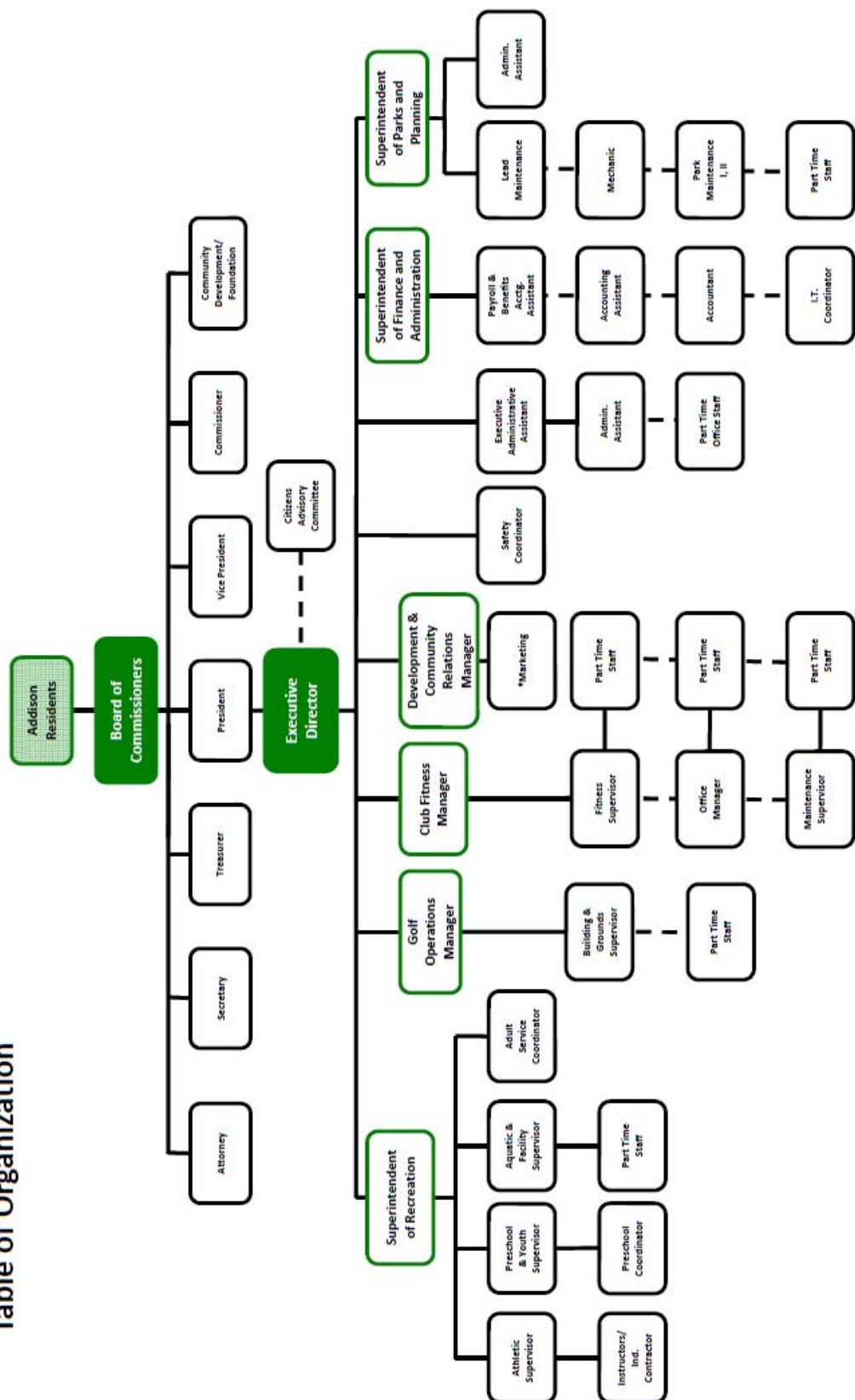
ORGANIZATION

The Addison Park District is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners. Commissioners are elected by the residents of the District to six-year terms that stagger every two years. The Board provides the policy direction of the District, and employs an Executive Director and administrative staff to administer the day to day operations of the District.

The organizational structure of the staff is a modified pyramid structure, where three Superintendents of Finance/Administration, Parks and Recreation, and three Managers of Communications, Fitness and Golf Operations report to the Executive Director. There is a very open door policy within the District that transcends the management levels. APD staff members are empowered to use their own creativity in their jobs and to participate in developing a cross-understanding that broadens their knowledge of the District. The APD staff seems to promote an excitement about their work and the agency that they represent.

There are approximately 28 full time APD staff members, many in administrative and supervisory roles, finance, communications, operations, planning and programs, plus the staff of Links & Tees Golf Facility, Club Fitness and other facilities. During the summer season, the staff swells to over 250, including seasonal full and part-time staff that fill roles in maintenance, aquatic safety, concessions and various other operational needs. An organization chart is shown on the following page.

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Table of Organization**



HISTORY

When Addison voters approved a referendum on April 5, 1969 to form a park district, an era of expansion was born for the Village's park system.

The formation of a park district meant that a new taxing body would become responsible for the purchase and development of new park sites and the initiation of new recreation programs. The formation also ended decades where Addison's parks were operated with little money and were maintained largely with the help of hundreds of neighborhood volunteers.



These volunteers came from the many homeowners associations in the Village. In 1958, several of these citizens took the first step toward formally organizing Addison's parks by forming a Central Park Committee. The committee included at least one representative from each of the seven neighborhoods in Addison which had a park. The committee assured that the parks were properly maintained and made recommendations to the Village Board concerning park related projects. Until the District was formed in 1969, the Village Board was the official governing body for Addison's parks.

In order to help file its charter as an official body of the Village, the committee acquired the services of a young attorney who was new to the Village. Hubert "Bud" Loftus helped the committee file an official charter and aided the group in two of its early projects. Loftus was instrumental in negotiations to persuade real estate developers not to build on the 40 acres of land behind Oak School. The committee felt this would be an ideal site for a community park, which it became in 1971. Loftus also helped the committee file a 1960 referendum, asking the voters of Addison to form a park district.

The committee worked for over a year to convince Addison voters that a district was needed to ensure the recreational needs of the community were properly met. Every Addison newspaper and most every community leader supported the measure. It was explained that the district would only cost homeowners \$4 for every \$10,000 assessed valuation on their house.

Although there was little public opposition to the referendum, with the exception of a few letters to the editor, the resolution was soundly defeated 738 to 211. Perhaps the referendum's worst enemy was its own timing. Two weeks before going to the polls, Addison residents received their tax bills, which included hefty increases. Since most of Addison's homes had large yards, and the schools had many ball diamonds and playground facilities, it was felt the Park District would be duplicating services.

The committee was not beaten by the referendum; it continued to keep Addison's parks beautiful by painting equipment, mowing, and collecting litter. The committee also continued making recommendations to the Village Board which would bring money into the system.

In 1964, the Village Board acted upon a recommendation and appointed a five member Park Commission on a two year trial basis. The Commission's goals were to find a full-time recreation director, design a recreation program, provide limited maintenance to the seven park sites, and build toward a referendum whereby the Village could levy an extra tax to support the parks.

The Commission was chaired by Pete Ogilvie and included Angelo Chrysogelos, Don Chassee, Evelyn Sherritz and Joe Kubicek. The Commission used donations and money from the community chest to fund its early projects. Raising money, both by the park committee and commission was a continuous process. Money came from bake sales, street dances, caroling, and the annual July 4th fireworks display at Westview Park.



The commission had \$15,000 to use upon its formation. Half of it was used to pay the salary of a full-time administrator, Art Peterson. Peterson came to Addison from Michigan and stayed with the park department until shortly after 1969.

On December 11, 1965, Addison's voters were again asked to provide for their parks with taxes. A referendum to form a park and playground department, under the fiscal guidance of the Village Board, was approved handily. With the help of these tax dollars, (\$33,000 the first year) the Commission was able to buy \$11,700 in new equipment, and spend \$13,000 on recreation programs in 1967. Among the projects undertaken by the Commission and Park and Playground Department was a

refreshment stand at Oak Park (known now as Community Park) for baseball games, backstops for baseball, courts for basketball in the neighborhood parks, and the creation of many indoor recreation programs. These programs were held in the Park Department offices next to the municipal building, where the police station is presently located.

Throughout this period of operation, the Commission was working toward another vote for a park district. As the community continued to grow, the need for more park sites and expanded recreation facilities was becoming more apparent. Since the commission's funds were extremely limited, it spearheaded the drive to file another referendum.

During the campaign for voter approval, the Commission promised to acquire federal funds to purchase and develop a community park with a recreation complex and swimming pool. In April, 1969, the resolution was passed by a two to one margin. The first Park District Board of Commissioners was also elected. It included Archie Neil, Angelo Chrysogelos (the only member of the original commission elected), Rudolph Ahrweiler, Joseph Gallina and William Chrysokos.

Today, the Addison Park District has realized significant growth in the number of parks, facilities and variety of recreational programs and activities offered to the public. The Park District owns a total of 24 park sites, some of which include an indoor Senior Leisure Center, outdoor aquatic center, golf operation (driving range, nine-hole course and miniature golf course), two community centers, a nature center, numerous playgrounds, tennis courts and ball fields.



COLLABORATION

The Addison Park District has positive relationships with many agencies, organizations and businesses that work collaboratively for the betterment of the community. Public agencies serving the same community have a unique opportunity to work together to address common goals and needs, and to work in a collaborative manner to make things happen. Agencies serving different communities, likewise, often find that collaborative efforts fill a need in their community. And business collaboration can provide a way for park and recreation agencies to. As such, the Addison Park District strives to maintain strong and open relationships with the Village of Addison, DuPage High School District 88, Addison Elementary School District 4, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA), Addison Rec Club, Athletico and other governmental units and public/private organizations that serve the residents of the District. As the need for land and facilities continue to be a common need of many agencies, the collaboration between all governmental units and organizations becomes ever more important.

The Addison Park District, Village of Addison and the two school districts enjoy a strong working relationship with significant respect between the agencies. There are quarterly intergovernmental meetings attended by representatives of the Village, Police Department, Fire Department, Schools, Library, Park District and various other agencies to assist in developing collaborative opportunities and addressing common community issues. The public relations arms of these various agencies also meet bi-monthly to provide a greater understanding of the community needs. And APD Community Relations and Recreation managers participate in monthly PTO/PTA meetings with the school districts.

Some of the specific agreements between the Addison Park District and these other agencies/organizations are described below.



Addendum Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Addison Park District, 53 Trails Estates Park District, School District 4 and School District 88 for the Maintenance of Army Trail Nature Center

July 2008

The four agencies entered into agreement to create a more viable means to collaboratively maintain the park.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Bloomingdale, Glen Ellyn and Wood Dale Park Districts

May 2008

The four park districts entered into an agreement to hire and share the costs of an IT Administrator, with the Glen Ellyn Park District acting as the 'Administrative District.'

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Bloomingdale, Medinah and Wood Dale Park Districts

September 2007

The four park districts entered into an agreement to hire and share the costs of a Safety Coordinator with the Bloomingdale Park District acting as the 'Administrative District.'

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District for Transfer of Flood-Prone Property

April 2007

The Village transferred ownership of a parcel of land adjacent to Mill Meadows Park, allowing expansion of the park to build a soccer field.

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District Regarding Use of District Facilities in the Event of Emergency

August 2004

This agreement provides that District facilities and vehicles are available to the community in disaster and emergency situations.

Lease Agreement Between the Addison Park District and Athletico, LLC

May 2004

This agreement provides for the use of space at the Centennial Park Building for physical and occupational therapy, orthopedic rehabilitation, massage therapy and other similar treatments.



Intergovernmental Agreement Between Addison School District 4 and the Addison Park District for Improvements at Stone School

May 2004

The School District and Park District agreed to jointly develop a playground at Stone School, with SD4 responsible for the acquisition of materials and maintenance of the playground and the Park District for the construction.

Intergovernmental Agreement Between Addison School District 4 and the Addison Park District for Improvements at Fullerton School

May 2004

The School District and Park District agreed to jointly develop a playground at Fullerton School, with SD4 responsible for the acquisition of materials and maintenance of the playground and the Park District for the construction.

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District for Improvements to Green Oaks Park

February 2003

The Village and District agreed to apply for a grant and jointly develop the property in accordance with design plans for the parcel, with the land deeded to the District.



Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District for Construction of Berm

June 2002

To accommodate expanded stormwater management capacity at the Fischer Detention Pond at the Links and Tees property, the Village and District entered into an agreement for access, construction and maintenance of the pond.

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District for Improvements to Lake Manor Park

September 2001

To accommodate expanded stormwater management capacity at the Lake Manor Park, the Village and District entered into an agreement for improvements to the shoreline depth, granting access to the Village for construction and maintenance of the pond.



Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District for Centennial Lake Expansion

February 2000

To accommodate expanded stormwater management capacity and greater recreational amenities, the Village and District entered into an agreement for improvements to the Lake at Centennial Park, including additional recreational features within the park in exchange for greater stormwater capacity.



Intergovernmental Agreement Between Addison School District 4 and the Addison Park District for Use of School Property

September 1999

The School District, building a new gymnasium and other common space at Army Trail School, agrees to allow the Park District to utilize the gymnasium and other spaces within the school during certain hours of operation.

Agreement to Lease Property Between the Addison Park District and the Addison Rec Club

July 1999

This agreement provides the right of joint use of the building at Nike Park.



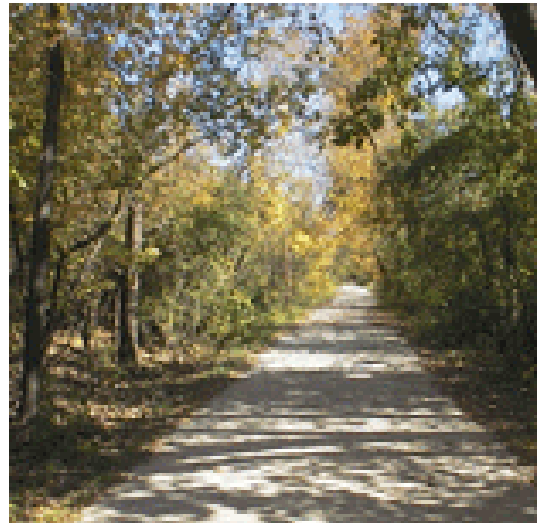
Intergovernmental Agreement Between Addison Township and the Park District for Acquisition of Property

October 1998

The Township purchased property between the Township and Park District offices for expansion of the parking lot for joint use, with the District undertaking the construction of the parking in exchange for title of the land.

Intergovernmental Agreement for the Establishment of the Salt Creek Greenway
September 1997

The District entered into a collaborative agreement with eleven other agencies, including municipalities, park districts and forest preserve districts, for the establishment of a greenway corridor with a trail extending approximately 38 miles.



Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District for the Transfer of a Used Vehicle
April 1994

The District received title to a used police vehicle no longer required for use by the Village, with conversion by the District and any sales proceeds from vehicle sales surrendered to the Village.

Safety Coordinator Agreement with the Elmhurst, Wood Dale and Lombard Park Districts

February 1990

The four park districts entered into an agreement to hire and share the costs of a Safety Coordinator with the Elmhurst Park District acting as the 'Administrative District.'

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District for Maintenance and Management of Stormwater Detention Areas

October 1990

Because numerous stormwater management areas developed for subdivisions throughout the community are either owned or managed by the District, an agreement was developed to outline the responsibilities of each party relative to the management and maintenance of the stormwater basins.

**Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Addison Park District, 53 Trails Estates Park District, School District 4 and School District 88 for the Development of Army Trail Nature Center
January 1987**

The four agencies enter into agreement for appraisal, purchase, development and management of the new park site.

**Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District for the Employ Police Officers for Security
September 1986**

To provide security for District functions and events, the parties entered into an agreement that outlines the parameters under which Addison Police Officers may undertake secondary security employment for the District.

**Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Addison and the Addison Park District Regarding Enforcement of Park District Rules and Regulations
June 1982**

This agreement provides the legal right of the Addison Police Department to enforce said rules on any property owned/managed by the District.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Addison Park District staff and Commissioners participate in a wide variety of community organizations, meetings and events in order to further the interests of the District and to make the District more available to the community. This involvement is critical to the District's program to increase public awareness and perception of APD. The organizations, agencies and public committees in which APD staff and Commissioners are involved are as follows:

Intergovernmental Quarterly meetings

Executive Director -Commissioner-Manager of Community Relations

Public Relations Intergovernmental Agencies-Bi Monthly Meetings

Manager of Community Relations-Marketing Coordinator

PTO/PTA Meetings-Monthly

Manager of Community Relations & Recreation Staff rotation

Addison Town Center Committee

Executive Director & Commissioner

Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry

District has a organizational membership attends when programs provided

Addison Rec Club

Executive Director & Parks Superintendent & Recreation Superintendent

Addison Girls Sports Program

Superintendent of Recreation & Facility Supervisor

Addison United Soccer

Superintendent of Recreation & Athletic Supervisor

Addison Frogs

Supervisor of Facilities & Aquatics

School & Business Partnership Meetings Monthly

Manager of Community Relations

School Safety & Program Meeting Monthly

Manager of Community Relations -Safety Coordinator-Keepers Coordinator



Parent University Council-Bi-Monthly Planning Meeting
Manager of Community Relations & Recreation Staff

Student Participation Center/Henry Hyde Center Monthly
Manager of Community Relation current board member

CERT Advisory Board (Community Emergency Response Team)
Manager of Community Relations current board member

Addison Unity Forum (Committee for Diversity Exploration)
Executive Director-Commissioner-Manager Community Relations

Addison Kiwanis
Superintendent of Recreation current President

Addison Rotary
Superintendent of Finance current member



Rotary Club of Addison

Addison Lions Club
Commissioner Reed President & Parks and Recreation Foundation Volunteer

Addison Center for the Arts
Not a functional organization at this current time-remain on news updates

Addison Sister City Organization
Manager of Community Relations

Mayors Charity Ball
Foundation President & Manager of Community Relations

Addison Women's Club
Manager of Community Relations a member

NEDSRA

The Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) helps provide sports, recreation and leisure opportunities to adults and children with disabilities. NEDSRA has twice been awarded the National Gold Medal Award for excellence in the management of recreation to individuals with



disabilities, and has received numerous national, State of Illinois and local awards for excellence and innovation in the services they provide to the community. NEDSRA works with eight park districts and 3 villages, serving more than 4,000 people each year. The agencies that collaboratively work with NEDSRA include the Addison Park District, Bensenville Park District, Butterfield Park District, Village of Glendale Heights, Itasca Park District, Lombard Park District, Medinah Park District, Oakbrook Terrace Park District, Village of Schiller Park, Village of Villa Park and the Wood Dale Park District. The NEDSRA offices are located at the Addison Park District's Centennial Park.

PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION

The Parks and Recreation Foundation of the Addison Park District was founded in 2003 as a not-for-profit organization to support, promote and encourage the expansion of educational and recreational opportunities for all residents of the Village of Addison. The Foundation's purposes include: encouragement of greater citizen use of resources and services, expansion of the number and variety of educational programs and recreational activities provided to residents within the Addison Park District and development of financial support for the District. The Foundation also serves the community by providing APD program scholarship opportunities to local residents.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Addison Park District's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), formed in 2008, is comprised of seven community members and was created to investigate new ideas and programs, and make recommendations to the Board of Park Commissioners.

