River Forest Park District

Regular Board Meeting
March 9, 2026, 6:00 PM
The Depot,
401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois

Agenda

If you would like to make a comment via Zoom, phone or email, please email Michael Sletten at msletten@rfparks.com by 4:00 PM on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 886 4438 4487
Passcode: 610239

Join By Phone
312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 88644384487#
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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – Bade, Grant, Healy, Roche and Libera

3. WSSRA Annual Presentation

4. Public Comment

5. Correspondence to the Board

6. Board Reports

   - General Comments (non-agenda items)
   - Liaisons
     a. Village Collaboration Committee: Roche
     b. Village: Grant
     c. Library: Libera
     d. Schools: Roche
     e. Affiliates: Bade

7. Consent Agenda

   - Minutes – February 16, 2026
   - Financial Statement Review
   - Disbursements – February, 2026
   - WSSRA Report
   - RFCCA Report

8. Consent Agenda Items for Separate Consideration

9. Staff Reports
    - Park Services
    - Recreation Services
    - Executive Director

10. New Business

11. Old Business

    - Community Survey

12. Capital Projects
    a. Constitution Park Project
        i. Scheduled completion date: 6/15/26
    b. Priory Park Project
        i. Scheduled completion date: 5/22/26
    c. Keystone Ballfield #2 Project
        i. Scheduled start date: 8/31/26
        ii. Scheduled completion date: 10/30/26

13. Closed Session

    - Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2026 (motion, discussion, voice vote)
    - The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Dismissal, Performance or Personal Status of Employees, Officers, and Legal Counsel for the Park District

14. Adjournment

River Forest Park District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes of
February 16, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 6:00 PM in Regular Session on Monday, February 16, 2026 at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Bade, Healy, Roche and Libera present. Also, present was Director Sletten.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence to the Board: None

Board Reports: Commissioner Bade reached out to RFYBS and RFYS regarding the possible change in construction schedule for the Keystone Ballfield #2 Project. Both organizations indicated it was a non-issue for them as long as the Keystone East soccer field is available, and RFYBS were happy to have the ballfield available in the summer. President Libera attended the February 10th Township/RFCCA Board Meeting. It seems to her that the RFCCA Board is more focused on the short term for the building at this point.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Healy moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bade. President Libera confirmed she would be attending the IAPD Legislative Brunch on 2/27. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Staff Reports: Staff Reports were submitted. Commissioner Roche asked who the Park District reaches out to for summer employment, and Director Sletten stated at the Park District participates in the summer job fairs at D200 and Trinity HS, and Concordia and Dominican Universities post the information. Commissioner Roche asked if the Park District can contact Fenwick HS, and Director Sletten noted staff will reach out to Fenwick regarding summer employment.

New Business: With the RFCCA seeking proposals for Pre-Referendum Architect Services for the RFCCA building, Director Sletten recommended it would be a good time for the Park District to hold a Community Survey on our park and program needs. This information could be used by the architect as part of their design process. Director Sletten provided a proposal from Public Research Group to administer the survey for a $12,500. The Park District would be responsible for drafting the survey to be administered. The Board agreed to appoint 2 Board Members to work with staff in creating a draft survey to be presented to the Board at the March Board Meeting. Commissioner Bade volunteered, and Commissioner Grant will be contacted if he has an interest to be the second Board Member, otherwise Commissioner Roche will volunteer.

Old Business: One contractor submitted a Bid for the Keystone Ballfield #2 Project. Martham Construction submitted a bid of $530,000.00, with a condition that the contraction schedule is moved from the summer to the fall, 2026. Director Sletten noted that the summer construction schedule was based on a sewer line needing to be installed across that park to tie into the Lake Street storm water system; however, the tie in is off Keystone Avenue, so there will be no disturbance to the soccer field. Director Sletten stated that a fall construction schedule would not impact the use of the Keystone East soccer field. Commissioner Healy moved to approve Martham Construction's bid of $530,000.00, with a fall construction schedule for the Keystone Ballfield #2 Project, seconded by Commissioner Roche. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Director Sletten provided an update on the capital projects at Constitution, Priory and Keystone Parks:

1. Constitution Park: Work is expected to resume this week. A construction meeting is scheduled on 2/18 to discuss the shelter/bathroom which is being delivered on March 5th.
2. Priory Park: The foundation steel plates have been installed and the steel frame is expected to be erected within a week.
3. Keystone Park: See Board action above.

President Libera moved to enter into closed session at 6:48 PM for the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or personal status of employees, officers, and legal counsel for the Park District, seconded by Commissioner Bade. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:51 PM.

Commissioner Healy moved to adjourn at 6:51 PM, seconded by Commissioner Roche. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sletten, Secretary

River Forest Park District
Monthly Disbursements by Vendor
Cash Basis — **February 2026**

Date	Num	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
All Star Sports Instruction, Inc.				
02/20/2026	12715	Invoice 261013 Floor Hockey	640-230 · Athletic Program Service	1,380.00
Total All Star Sports Instruction, Inc.				1,380.00
Ancel, Glink, P.C.				
02/19/2026	12697	ACCT 3281623 Legal Services	610-205 · Legal Service - Rec	412.50
Total Ancel, Glink, P.C.				412.50
Canon Solutions America, Inc.				
02/19/2026	12699	Invoice 6014705082 Monthly ...	610-705 · Canon Copier Mainten...	21.55
02/19/2026	12699	Invoice 6014704252 Copier Fe...	610-705 · Canon Copier Mainten...	9.26
02/19/2026	12699	Invoice 6013706074 Monthly ...	610-705 · Canon Copier Mainten...	126.74
02/19/2026	12699	Invoice 6014705082 Monthly ...	510-705 · Canon Copier Mainten...	21.56
02/19/2026	12699	Invoice 6014704252 Copier Fe...	510-705 · Canon Copier Mainten...	9.26
02/19/2026	12699	Invoice 6013706074 Monthly ...	510-705 · Canon Copier Mainten...	126.74
Total Canon Solutions America, Inc.				315.11
Capital One				
02/03/2026	ACH	Pizza for Men's League Draft	640-841 · P. T. House League E...	59.45
02/03/2026	ACH	Valentine Day Gift Box Supplies	640-806 · Special Events Supplies	57.75
02/03/2026	ACH	Rec BB Cones	640-803 · Recreation Basketball ...	22.78
02/03/2026	ACH	Rec BB Supplies	640-803 · Recreation Basketball ...	33.40
02/03/2026	ACH	Rec BB Supplies	640-803 · Recreation Basketball ...	70.72
02/03/2026	ACH	IPRA Conference - Karen, Eth...	610-722 · Professional Developm...	1,190.00
02/03/2026	ACH	Annual WILS Membership - Ka...	610-707 · Professional Assoc Fe...	84.00
02/03/2026	ACH	Holiday Event Credit	610-706 · Staff Expenses	-59.95
02/03/2026	ACH	Holiday Event	610-706 · Staff Expenses	1,301.16
02/03/2026	ACH	Google	610-208 · Email Provider Service	135.75
02/03/2026	ACH	Abobe Monthly	610-207 · Website Service - Rec	29.99
02/03/2026	ACH	MS Purchase/Reimbursement	510-718 · Miscellaneous Expense	47.73
02/03/2026	ACH	Holiday Event Credit	510-715 · Board Expenses	-59.95
02/03/2026	ACH	Holiday Event	510-715 · Board Expenses	650.58
02/03/2026	ACH	Holiday Event Credit	510-706 · Staff Expenses	-59.95
02/03/2026	ACH	Holiday Event	510-706 · Staff Expenses	650.57
02/03/2026	ACH	Interest	510-210 · Bank Fees	54.20
02/03/2026	ACH	Google	510-208 · Email Provider Service	135.75
02/03/2026	ACH	Zoom	510-204 · Miscellaneous Service	10.00
Total Capital One				4,353.98
Chase Card Services				
02/09/2026	ACH	Jan & Feb 2026	510-701 · Office Supplies	68.00
Total Chase Card Services				68.00
Comcast				
02/12/2026	12677	ACCT 8771 20 123 0155495 ...	610-207 · Website Service - Rec	475.20
Total Comcast				475.20
ComEd				
02/12/2026	12695	ACCT 4977075000 Central Ave	530-923 · Electric - Athletic Field ...	510.98
02/12/2026	12695	ACCT 6052633333 Greenfield	530-922 · Park Security Lights	38.90
02/12/2026	12695	ACCT 4977075000 Central Ave	525-941 · Platform Tennis Lights	232.95
02/12/2026	12695	ACCT 4977075000 Central Ave	520-931 · Keystone Pavillion Ele...	7.50
02/12/2026	12695	ACCT 8738855000 Lake St	520-917 · Maintenance Fac. Elec...	127.20
02/12/2026	12695	ACCT 7022893000 Washingto...	520-913 · Washington Com Elect...	206.88
02/12/2026	12695	ACCT 9239055000 Division St	520-909 · Priory Electricity	259.19
02/12/2026	12695	ACCT 2799765000 Thatcher	520-901 · Depot Electricity	231.72
Total ComEd				1,615.32
Computer Explorers				
02/12/2026	12675	Invoice 26001 Minecraft BDay ...	640-243 · Contracted Birthday P...	150.00
Total Computer Explorers				150.00

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Date	Num	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
CustomPromos/M&M Sports Scene Inc				
02/12/2026	12676	Invoice 72206 PT Mens House...	640-841 · P. T. House League E...	181.30
02/12/2026	12676	Invoice 72190 Shirt Reorder	640-811 · Rec Basketball Uniforms	222.45
02/12/2026	12676	Invoice 72195 Single Shirt	640-811 · Rec Basketball Uniforms	16.95
Total CustomPromos/M&M Sports Scene Inc				420.70
First Communications, LLC				
02/19/2026	12700	Invoice 128795514 Monthly Us...	520-903 · Depot Telephone	186.70
Total First Communications, LLC				186.70
Gametime Sports Club LLC				
02/12/2026	12678	Invoice RFPD Bball Win 26 S1...	640-230 · Athletic Program Service	1,080.00
02/12/2026	12678	Invoice RFPD Bball Win 26 S1...	640-230 · Athletic Program Service	720.00
Total Gametime Sports Club LLC				1,800.00
Grainger				
02/12/2026	12680	Invoice 9776988199 Thermost...	520-826 · Keystone Center R & R	148.26
Total Grainger				148.26
Griest, Julia Robling				
02/12/2026	12679	Voucher 260202-1 Yoga Sessi...	640-231 · Program Contractual S...	285.00
02/20/2026	12710	Voucher 260219-1 Session 1 ...	640-231 · Program Contractual S...	19.00
Total Griest, Julia Robling				304.00
Gutzner, Ethan_V				
02/20/2026	12712	Reimbursement for Staff Mid S...	640-803 · Recreation Basketball ...	23.48
Total Gutzner, Ethan_V				23.48
High Star Traffic				
02/19/2026	12702	Invoice 18782 Posts for Park S...	530-820 · Signage	676.00
Total High Star Traffic				676.00
High Touch-High Tech				
02/20/2026	12711	Invoice 1218 Winter Session 1	640-231 · Program Contractual S...	600.00
Total High Touch-High Tech				600.00
Home Depot				
02/03/2026	ACH	Invoice 3904313 Blades	530-802 · Maintenance Equipme...	130.61
02/03/2026	ACH	Invoice 5902230 Tool Set	530-802 · Maintenance Equipme...	99.00
02/03/2026	ACH	Invoice 5902230 Carpet Cleaner	520-821 · Depot R&R	33.98
Total Home Depot				263.59
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund				
02/03/2026	ACH	January 2026 IMRF	7125 · Employer IMRF	6,871.25
Total Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund				6,871.25
Illinois State Police				
02/19/2026	12704	Invoice 20260101233 Basketb...	610-717 · Criminal History Check...	10.00
Total Illinois State Police				10.00
J.C. Licht, LLC				
02/12/2026	12681	Invoice 91059566 White Orang...	530-810 · RFYBS Expenses	150.20
Total J.C. Licht, LLC				150.20

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Jennifer Thomas				
02/12/2026	12690	Voucher 260209 Travel Leagu...	640-252 · Platform Tennis Leagu...	166.66
02/19/2026	12717	Voucher 260219 Travel Fee Le...	640-252 · Platform Tennis Leagu...	166.66
02/12/2026	12690	Voucher 260206 PT Classes	640-251 · Paddle Tennis Lessons	880.00
02/12/2026	12690	Voucher Private Drills	640-251 · Paddle Tennis Lessons	400.00
02/19/2026	12717	Voucher 260217-1 Private PT ...	640-251 · Paddle Tennis Lessons	240.00
Total Jennifer Thomas				1,853.32
Jerry Kidd				
02/12/2026	12682	Voucher 250210 Little Ninjas	640-230 · Athletic Program Service	120.00
02/12/2026	12682	Voucher 250210 Next Level	640-230 · Athletic Program Service	200.00
Total Jerry Kidd				320.00
LRS				
02/12/2026	12684	Invoice PS692856	530-817 · Trash Disposal	105.00
Total LRS				105.00
Lyons Pinner Electric Co.				
02/19/2026	12705	Invoice 32705 Keystone East L...	530-247 · Electrical Services	382.60
Total Lyons Pinner Electric Co.				382.60
McAdam Landscape Professionals, Inc.				
02/19/2026	12707	Invoice 107662 Washington Tri...	530-804 · Ornamental Supplies	2,068.00
Total McAdam Landscape Professionals, Inc.				2,068.00
NiCor				
02/12/2026	12686	ACCT 11-43-98-0000 1 Lake St	520-918 · Maintenance Fac. Hea...	697.90
02/12/2026	12686	ACCT 59-24-64-0000 2 Divisio...	520-910 · Priory Heating Fuel	253.33
02/12/2026	12686	ACCT 34-11-98-0000 0 Thatch...	520-902 · Depot Heating Fuel	438.66
Total NiCor				1,389.89
Oak Park River Forest Township				
02/19/2026	12708	INVOICE QUARTER 2: Octob...	610-713 · Youth Intervention - Rec	1,327.25
Total Oak Park River Forest Township				1,327.25
Play-Well TEKnologies				
02/20/2026	12713	Invoice DB27844 School Day ...	640-231 · Program Contractual S...	680.00
Total Play-Well TEKnologies				680.00
QuickScores LLC				
02/20/2026	12714	Invoice 260328 Keystone Cup ...	640-840 · P.T. Other Program Ex...	97.50
02/20/2026	12714	Invoice 260328 Boys & Girls B...	640-235 · Recreation Basketball	385.00
Total QuickScores LLC				482.50
React Computer Services, Inc.				
02/12/2026	12688	Invoice 7674 Monthly IT	610-206 · IT Service - Rec	405.00
Total React Computer Services, Inc.				405.00
Reuter's Bakery				
02/12/2026	12687	Invoice 6128 Cookies for the V...	640-806 · Special Events Supplies	81.00
Total Reuter's Bakery				81.00
River Forest Park District				
02/06/2026	RFPD	2/6/2026 Payroll	610-122 · Health Insurance - Rec	76.83
02/20/2026	RFPD	2/20/2026 Payroll	610-122 · Health Insurance - Rec	76.83
02/06/2026	RFPD	2/6/2026 Payroll	510-122 · Health Insurance	190.78
02/20/2026	RFPD	2/20/2026 Payroll	510-122 · Health Insurance	190.78
Total River Forest Park District				535.22

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Date	Num	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Royal Pipe & Supply				
02/19/2026	12709	Invoice S1650152.001 Keysto...	520-826 · Keystone Center R & R	602.28
Total Royal Pipe & Supply				602.28
Sam's Club				
02/12/2026	ACH	PT House League First Night ...	640-841 · P. T. House League E...	26.96
02/12/2026	ACH	Sams Fees	610-725 · Credit Card Charges	17.18
Total Sam's Club				44.14
Staples				
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6053820925 Toner	610-701 · Office Supplies - Rec	602.48
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6053820926 Office Su...	610-701 · Office Supplies - Rec	50.33
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6053820927 Supplies	610-701 · Office Supplies - Rec	213.36
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6053820924 Toner & ...	610-701 · Office Supplies - Rec	163.78
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6051204730 Supplies	610-701 · Office Supplies - Rec	33.10
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6053820925 Toner	510-701 · Office Supplies	602.48
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6053820926 Office Su...	510-701 · Office Supplies	31.10
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6053820927 Supplies	510-701 · Office Supplies	213.36
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6053820924 Toner	510-701 · Office Supplies	118.00
02/12/2026	12696	Invoice 6051204730 Supplies	510-701 · Office Supplies	33.10
Total Staples				2,061.09
Tenniscores, Inc.				
02/12/2026	12691	Invoice 8672 Mens House Lea...	525-202 · Platform Tennis Resv ...	120.00
Total Tenniscores, Inc.				120.00
Tomas Martinez				
02/12/2026	12685	Voucher 260202-2 Private Les...	640-251 · Paddle Tennis Lessons	600.00
02/19/2026	12716	Voucher 260217-2 Private PT ...	640-251 · Paddle Tennis Lessons	1,960.00
Total Tomas Martinez				2,560.00
Village of River Forest - Fuel				
02/12/2026	12692	Invoice 7070 January 2026	530-806 · Vehicle Fuel	310.31
Total Village of River Forest - Fuel				310.31
Village of River Forest - Water				
02/12/2026	12693	Acct 1173 Division St	530-921 · Irrigation Water Founta...	43.89
Total Village of River Forest - Water				43.89
Wigit's Truck Center				
02/12/2026	12694	Invoice 115999 Service for Do...	530-807 · Vehicle & Tractor Main...	664.03
Total Wigit's Truck Center				664.03
TOTAL				**36,259.81**

River Forest Park District

Memo

To: Board of Commissioners

CC: Michael Sletten, Executive Director

From: John Beto

Date: March 9 2026

Re: March Board Report- Park Services

Washington Square Backstop: Staff has installed the 10' wide wiffle ball backstop at Washington Square Park.

Tennis/Basketball Courts: Staff has opened the Keystone tennis courts, including court cleaning, net installation, setting up the portable pickleball nets, and turned lights on (March 1st) for the season. When opening the Keystone tennis courts, we found linier cracks (north/south) on courts #2 & #3. These are paving joints that have opened due to freezing/thawing. We have contacted our contractor to fill the cracks and install a membrane, and then repaint the repaired sections.

Railroad Embankments: Staff has completed removing overgrowth and cleaning out trash on the Keystone East and Washington Square railroad embankments. We have cleared the lower quarter of the embankments and will be seeding to increase the grass footprint up the embankments.

Wildflower Areas: We will be meeting with our wildflower contractor this month to develop a monthly work schedule.

River Forest Park District

Memo

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Karen Stille, Superintendent of Recreation
Ethan Gutzmer, Athletic Manager
Ellie Olayo, Recreation Manager

CC: Michael Sletten, Executive Director

Date: 3/9/2026

Re: March Board Report – Recreation Services

Summer Camp Fun Guide

The Summer Camp Fun Guide was posted online Monday, February 23. Resident registration opened on Monday, March 2. Nonresident registration will open on Monday, March 16. Camps are being offered for kids ages 3-14, June 8-August 14. We are offering 52% more camps this year.
2025 = 51 camp offerings
2026 = 78 camp offerings

School Days Off Programs-Spring Break Camps

School Days Off Programs continue to be popular, with full participation. When school is out, kids can attend Park District programs from 9am-4pm.

Spring into STEM using LEGO® Materials (Ages 5-10 years):
Day/Date: Monday-Friday March 30-April 3
Location: The Depot
Class Type: Youth Variety-STEM
Instructor: Play-Well TEKnologies

Messes & Masterpieces with Kidcreate Studio (Ages 5-10 years):
Day/Date: Monday-Friday March 30-April 3
Location: The Depot
Class Type: Youth Variety-Art
Instructor: Kidcreate Studio

Youth Basketball League

We are approaching the end of the 2025-26 Youth Basketball Season. Pre K-2nd grade wrapped up on February 28 and received medals and certificates. 3rd-8th grade playoffs for both boys and girls begin Saturday, March 7. Championships will be on Saturday, March 14 at Dominican University. The Rec Team extends a huge shoutout to Mike Grant (State Farm) and Novick Orthodontics for sponsoring the shirts this year!

RFPD Youth Basketball League (Grades Pre K - 8th Boys and Girls):
Day/Dates: Weekly Practices between 5-9pm; Saturday Games between 8am-5pm
Location: Various Schools in River Forest
Class Type: Youth Athletics-Basketball
Instructor: River Forest Park District
Enrollment: Full with 518 Players and 106 volunteer coaches

Platform Tennis

Women's Spring House League (Ages 21+):

Registration for the Women's Spring House League is open through Friday, April 10th.

Day/Dates: Monday, April 20-June 29
Location: Keystone Platform Tennis Courts
Class Type: Adult Athletics-Racquet Sports
Enrollment: 27 women currently enrolled; minimum to run the league is 48

Women's Spring Travel League (Ages 21+):

The 2026 Southwest Platform Tennis Travel League is a recreational league. The goal is to provide organized, competitive play in a more relaxed, evening setting. This will be a 6-week season on Wednesday nights beginning April 8 and running through May 13. River Forest will have 4 teams: A, B1, B2, and C series.

Day/Dates: Wednesday, April 8-May 13
Location: Keystone Platform Tennis Courts
Class Type: Adult Athletics-Racquet Sports
Enrollment: 44 women are registered; 4 teams are being formed (A, B1, B2, C)

Platform Tennis Pro Update:

Jennifer Thomas has informed us that she is unable to complete her contract, which ran through May 31, 2026. We thank Jennifer for her work as our Platform Tennis Pro and wish her the best in her endeavors. Tomy Martinez has agreed to take over for Jennifer as our Platform Tennis Pro and remains available for drills and private lessons. The Park District will be hiring an additional platform tennis pro who will lead our group lessons and assist with the drills and private lessons.

Special Events

Dance Recital (Ages 2-8):

The 7-week winter dance session concludes with a K-Pop themed Dance Recital on Friday, March 6. The recital takes place at St. Luke School and begins at 6pm. There are 5 groups performing 12 choreographed dances, including one surprise song. 27 dancers participated in this session. Each dancer can bring up to 8 guests, so we are expecting a full house! The 7-week spring dance session begins on March 17, with a neon-themed Dance Recital on Friday, May 8.

Basketball Madness (Ages 6-12):

Basketball Madness is a **NEW** special event for basketball players to get into the spirit during March Madness!

Days/Dates: Saturday, March 28
Location: Keystone Park Basketball Courts
Class Type: Youth Athletics - Special Event
Instructor: Gametime Sports Club

The Community Garden

The Community Garden Plot registration opened on February 23, with all 31 plots selling out within 24 hours. Garden plots will be assigned on Monday, March 23, with the previous year participants having the opportunity to garden the same plot(s). Cultivation of garden plots may begin on April 6th, and cultivated and planted no later than June 1. Gardeners often share email addresses to stay connected and offer help maintaining one another's plots when someone is out of town. Last year, a couple of gardeners devoted special effort to the community herb and flower beds, helping attract more pollinators and enhance the area. This spring, the Park District will once again host a Garden Party Social as a meet-and-greet for all participants to connect and kick-off planting season.

Marketing

A new Park District Facebook page was launched on February 24. We currently have 40 followers. Our goal is to have 150 followers by the end of March, with that number doubling each month this year. Be sure to follow our new page! https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61588131564326

River Forest Park District

Memo

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Michael Sletten

Date: 3/9/26

Re: March Board Report

WSSRA Annual Presentation

Marianne Birko, WSSRA Executive Director, will be making her annual WSSRA Presentation to the Board.

Consent Agenda Reports

WSSRA Report:

- The next WSSRA Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 10th, at the WSSRA Offices.
- WSSRA hosted their annual IAPD/IPRA Legislative Bruch on Friday, 2/27, 11:30am at the Park District of Franklin Park. Unfortunately, only one State Representative (Herandez) was in attendance.
- **Save The Date:** The WSSRA Derby Gala will be held on Saturday, 5/2, 4-7PM at Robert's Westside, Forest Park. More information to come.

River Forest Civic Center Authority (RFCCA):

- Proposals for Architect Services are due on 3/6. The RFCCA Capital Improvements Committee will review the proposals at their 3/23 Meeting and the RFCCA Board is expected to take action at their April Board Meeting.
- In our small group discussion between representatives from the RFCCA and the Park District, the group agreed to issue a joint statement in April acknowledging discussions are taking place regarding a possible partnership to renovate the RFCCA building.
- Park District staff installed new posts and "Reserved Parking" signs in the parking lot to address the additional buses/vans parking in the lot from the new of lessees of the building.
- The Park District is managing the repairs to the entrance sliding doors. Both doors were in need of repairs and upgrades.
- The RFCCA signed a new agreement with Forest Security for alarm and camera service. The work is expected to be completed by 3/9.
- We have incorporated the buildings backflow inspections with the Park Districts. These inspections take place in May annually.
- We have incorporated the building fire units/extinguisher inspections with the Park Districts. These inspections take place in January annually.

Staff Reports

Included are the Staff Reports.

Old Business

Community Survey: Commissioner's Bade and Roche have met with staff to discuss the Community Survey and its format. The group will continue to be working together in March, and is expected to present a draft survey for Board review and comments at the April Board Meeting.

Capital Projects

Constitution Park Project:

- The playground equipment, concrete curb/sidewalk, and gravel fill for the rubber surface are completed.
- The sand volleyball courts/ice rink drainage, gravel base, and footings for the volleyball nets are competed.
- The sites storm drains are installed.
- Upcoming work in the next 3 weeks:
  - Installation of the ballfield dugouts.
  - Building foundation for the shelter/bathrooms
  - Utilities for the shelter/bathrooms.

Priory Park Project:

- The project has received MWRD approval.
- The building's steel frame has been installed.
- The building's concrete floor is scheduled to be poured on 3/6
- The building HVAC system has been installed.
- Upcoming work in the next 3 weeks:
  - Pour the buildings concrete floor.
  - Roof and wall carpentry.
  - Wall masonry.
  - Utilities for the splash pad.

Keystone Ballfield #2 Project: Contract pending for signatures.

Other

Operating/Capital Budgets: Staff is currently working on our 2026-2027 operating & capital budgets, and is scheduled to present to the Board at their April Board Meeting.

SEI: A reminder that you are required to complete your Statement of Economic Interest by 5/1. There is a $15 late fee if filed after the deadline.