APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

2023







PROJECT	DETAILS
Capital Improvement Projects	The 2023 capital improvement list included a new playground installation at Mix Park. The playground equipment was purchased in 2022 and the parks department was able to tackle the installation to save the District more than \$50,000 in expenses. Playground is expected to open up in early May.
	The previous playground at Mix Park was installed in 1999. Regular safety inspections allowed the District to extend the useful life of the playground beyond the standard 15 years.
Staff Certifications	Caleb Jenks and Kelley Huston passed their CPRP certification tests in April. Nine employees are now either certified as a CPRP, CPRE, CPSI or CPO. This is the largest number of employees to be certified and this is the first time the entire Recreation Department are classified as Certified Park and Recreation Professionals. This is an amazing feat for a District of our size and continues to show the commitment of our employees to the field of parks and recreation and serving our community in a professional capacity.
Community Bike Trail	The community bike trail was featured in the Illinois Park and Recreation Magazine during the month of April. The story highlights the importance of outdoor recreation and the creativity of combining a bike trail with the rich arts history in our community. The article was written by Erin Folk at the request of Illinois Parks and Recreation.
	Over the course of the next few months staff will be working to realign the community bike trail to replicate the 10 mile TOSOC route established by VOP. This is a joint effort between the park district, city and VOP.
Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program	A \$3,000,000 ITEP award for the Rock River Heritage Trail was announced in early April. The \$3,000,000 will assist the District in completing the 1.8 mile trail connecting Route 64 to Lowden State Park. The District has launched the initial meetings with IDOT and is currently accepting proposals for phase II engineering, construction engineering and construction oversight. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2025.
Financial Update	Fund balances remain strong and funds placed with the IPDLAF continue to garner improved interest rates. The District was able to accumulate more than \$11,000 in interest during the month of April and has garnered more than a 1/3 of the interest payable on the 2023–2024 GO Bonds.
Strategic Plan	Over the course of the next few months the District will be working to identify our values, refresh our mission and vision and determine strategy for the next 3–5 years. As part of this process, the District has invited 12 community members to participate in interviews with the strategic planning consultant. These individuals are key stakeholders who represent various persepctives and expereinces within the District. Interviews will occur during the month of May.



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