



MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

5 ILCS 140/4

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FY 2023-24



Approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation, Worth Park District, May 1, 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Worth Park District is to offer our residents opportunities to enjoy life through professional, quality programs, services and facilities.

VISION

Continue the practice of wise investment of opportunities for both resident and user enjoyment of Park District parks, facilities and services; seek alternative sources of revenue, advance partnerships within the community, provide progressive programming for all, gather input from our constituents, acquire and develop additional open space, and embrace change as a means to progress.

CORE VALUES

- *Fun - improving the quality of life.*
We believe in promoting fun and enjoyment for individuals of all ages.
- *Program Participation*
We believe in providing programs and services to all.
- *Open Space*
We believe in respectful use of open space and natural resources.
- *Trust*
We believe maintaining public trust is paramount.
- *Communication with Community*
We believe in embracing a sense of community through all we do.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Under the provisions of the Park District Code, 70 ILCS 1205/1-1 et seq., the Worth Park District provides parks recreational programming, and recreation facilities to the residents of and visitors to its jurisdiction.

HISTORY/OVERVIEW

The Worth Park District was formed by referendum in 1965. It shares approximately the same boundary with the incorporated Village of Worth city limits and portions of the neighboring Villages of Alsip and Oak Lawn. The Park District's parks provide places for recreation, places for children to play, and other various planned activities administered by the Worth Park District.

PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The five-member, non-paid Park District Board of Commissioners is the legal governing authority of the Park District. Park District residents elect Commissioners to serve staggered six-year terms. The Park Board establishes Park District policy, strategic direction and governing ordinances.

Park Board

(Elected to six-year terms of office)

Term Expires

Mike McElroy	President	April, 2025
Melissa Nagel	Vice-President	April, 2025
Donald Dambek	Treasurer	April, 2027
Rebecca Roberts	Alternate Treasurer	April, 2028
Kari Lynn Fickes	Commissioner	April, 2028

REGULAR MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Park Board is held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Worth Park District Charles S. Christensen Terrace Centre, 11500 S. Beloit Ave. Should it prove impractical for the Board to meet at this designated time and place, the Board shall determine some other date and/or place when such meeting shall be held and shall provide notice of that meeting consistent with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

PARK BOARD COMMITTEES

The Park Board maintains three permanent standing committees: (1) Administration, Finance & Liability; (2) Facilities, Parks and Planning; and (3) Recreation. All three committees meet as a “Committee of the Whole” prior to the monthly regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Charles S. Christensen Terrace Centre, 11500 S. Beloit Ave.

FACILITY LOCATIONS

Administrative Office

Charles S. Christensen Terrace Centre
11500 S. Beloit Ave.
Worth, IL 60482

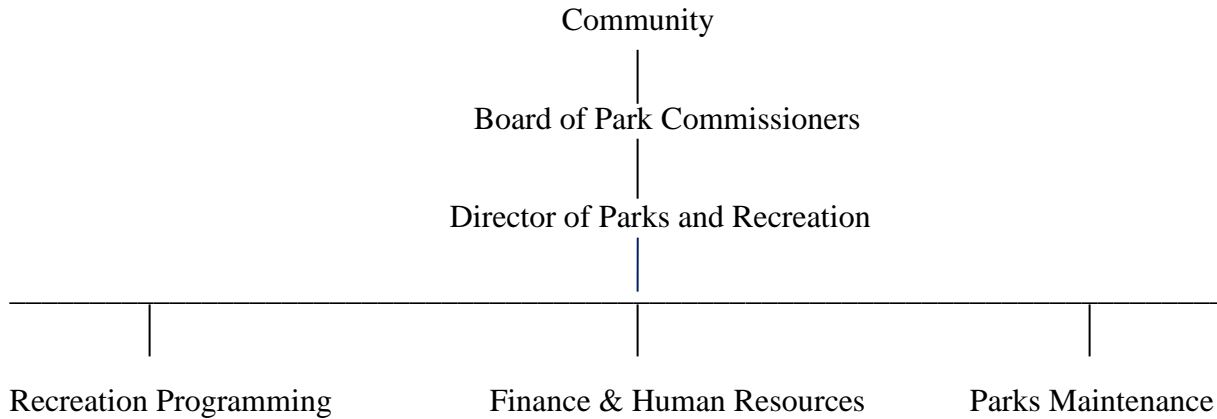
Community Center

Helen Goy Center
10707 Oak Park Ave.
Worth, IL 60482

Parks Maintenance

10704 Oak Park Ave.
Worth, IL 60482

FUNCTIONAL SUBDIVISIONS



EMPLOYMENT

The Worth Park District employs 7 Full-Time Staff Members and 20-25 Part-Time Staff Members over the course of a typical year.

ADMINISTRATION

A professional staff led by the Director of Parks and Recreation handles day-to-day operations of the Park District.

Management Team

Robert O'Shaughnessy	Director of Parks and Recreation
Kelly Pezdek	Finance and Human Resources Manager
Stephanie Analitis	Superintendent of Recreation
Brian Piszczek	Superintendent of Parks

FY 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET

Corporate Fund	\$ 544,950
Recreation Fund	616,700
Museum Fund	0
Handicapped Fund	75,200
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	24,000
Social Security Fund	40,000
Unemployment Insurance Fund	5,000
Public Liability Fund	23,000
Bond and Interest Fund	57,060
Capital Improvements Fund	<u>296,310</u>
Total	\$1,715,002

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

Requests for Public Records

Illinois State Statute 5 ILCS 140/1-140/11.5, known as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), provides for access to public records. All requests for records can be made in writing to the Park District's FOIA Officer.

A separate form is not required.

When making a request, please be specific and indicate:

- The name, address, and daytime phone number or e-mail of the person making the request;
- A description of the records or information being sought;
- If the information being sought is for a commercial purpose;
- How you would like the information to be provided to you (e-mail, regular mail, or held for pickup at the Administrative Office).

Allow up to 5 business days for a response.

Please indicate if your request is for a commercial purpose. If so, the Park District provides access to the records and/or copies of them within twenty-one (21) business days. It is a violation of the Act for a person to knowingly obtain a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose.

The first 50 pages of printed black and white copies are provided at no charge; additional copies are \$.15 per sheet. Higher charges may apply for color or oversized copies.

Address FOIA requests to:

Robert O'Shaughnessy, FOIA Officer
Worth Park District
11500 S. Beloit Ave.
Worth, IL 60482
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(708) 448-4079 - Fax
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