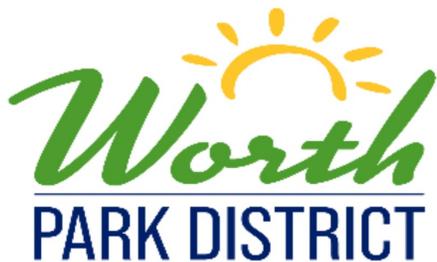




Worth Park District

ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2020-2021



ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Worth Park District FY 2020-2021 Annual Report provides highlights of the District's accomplishments, finances, activities, events, and projects undertaken during FY 2020-2021.

The Financial data in this report represents preliminary numbers prior to the FY 2020-2021 Annual Financial Report.

The Annual Financial Report can be viewed in its entirety at www.worthparkdistrict.org under Public Information .

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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

HISTORY

The Worth-Palos Park District was formed by referendum in 1965 and it consists of a five member Board of Commissioners. The measure passed by a slim margin of just 26 votes.

The park district's first meeting was held at the village hall on May 3, 1965. The first tax money received by the newly formed district was in June of 1966. Through its 50 plus years the park district continues to grow with 10 parks to serve its residents and a staff dedicated to serving the community's changing needs.

Recreation Highlights

- Throughout a year where the pandemic was just beginning, we were able to continue generating revenue and even offer new programs that were a success!
- Day Camp was one of our first big programs to run after being on a nationwide lockdown. We averaged 25 kids a day throughout the summer of 2020 and had about 8 staff. We were able to complete all of our staff training. Day camp may have looked a little different with no field trips this summer, but we definitely made up for it with some fun games and activities around the Park District!
- RAS was the second big program to run when school started back up in August 2020. We were able to offer the before and after school program, it just looked a little different this year! Kids stayed at our building and we helped them with remote learning, sessions with their teachers, and homework after their remote learning was done for the day. We had a great group of staff to help the kids through this challenging time.
- In the Fall of 2020 we were not able to conduct our annual Haunted House, so we changed the scene and decided to have a Haunted Trail outside. It was a huge success for our first year! We had 378 visitors the first night and 270 the second night!
- Santa Sighting was a new “spin-off” event this year as we changed it from our traditional Santa Sleigh. Santa visited houses, dropped off gifts and waved hello from the Christmas van! This event maxed out, just like every other year!
- Our annual Easter Egg Hunt had to be changed due to COVID as well. We offered divisions for each age group and everyone had to register ahead of time so we could keep track of how many people were going to be hunting at each time. The picnic with the bunny was an alteration so everyone could enjoy lunch outside on a blanket while being socially distanced, it worked out well!
- For the first time, we offered a new event for mom and her kids instead of just mom and son. We created this event due to some suggestions from the community. Mom and children danced the after away with glow sticks and the DJ, decorated some cookies and spent some time with the superheroes!
- Provided new programs this FY such as Senior Meals on Wheels, Magic Workshop and Spanish classes. Magic classes and Spanish classes are part of a new co-op with the Oak Lawn Park District and Alsip Park District.
- Jr. Soccer and Jr. T-Ball ran for back-to-back sessions after a COVID lockdown. People were anxious and ready to get out. These classes ran from January to May with anywhere between 8-14 kids registered per class. This is a trend that we have not seen for these classes in a while!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year the Worth Park District Recreation Department hosts several events. Below are some of the highlights from 2020-21:

HAUNTED TRAIL | OCTOBER 24 & 25



Take a walk through the Haunted Trail but be aware of the creatures that hide in the woods! Participants join us between 7-9pm on Saturday and Sunday if they are brave enough for a good scare!

Boat Launch Trail | Target Age: 7+

630 ATTENDEES

SANTA SIGHTING | DECEMBER 12



Look out your window and give a little wave for Santa has come to say Happy Holidays! This event was the perfect way to see Santa and have some socially distanced fun. Santa leaves a gift and a goodie bag at the front door for the children to enjoy!

Worth Resident Homes | Target Age: 0-13

20 HOMES VISITED

SPECIAL EVENTS (continued)

EASTER EGG HUNT | MARCH 27



Each age group had different times start times while socially distancing to grab easter eggs. Kids had a countdown and were free to roam the playground to find as many eggs as they could!

Kennelly Park | Target Age: 0-12

75 ATTENDEES

PICNIC WITH THE BUNNY | MARCH 27



After the egg hunt join the bunny for a picnic in the park! Bring your picnic blanket and enjoy a boxed lunch. Children can take a socially distanced picture with the bunny too!

Altman Park | Target Age: all ages

45 ATTENDEES

MOM & HER SUPERHEROES | APRIL 1



Moms and kids dressed up as superheroes for a night to remember! They enjoyed a glow stick party, dancing, super refreshments and cookie decorating! Photos were taken with our surprise guest superheroes!

Terrace Centre | Target Age: 0-12 with mom

10 FAMILIES

Parks Highlights

- Removed trees from Homerding, Peaks, and Gale Moore.
- Removed basketball court from Penny Park.
- Fixed lighting fixtures at Stahlak Park.
- Added mulch to playgrounds.
- Installed memorial bench for commissioner Robert Fickes.
- Terrace Centre floors were stripped and waxed.
- Restored softball fields 1 and 2 at Peaks Park and the field at Gale Moore.
- Implemented a multitude of safety precautions at the Terrace Centre in response to Covid-19, including more hand sanitation stations, reworking the layout of rooms, and more cleaning equipment to be used on a daily basis.



Value of the *Worth Park District*

While some aspects of quality of life cannot be measured, the Worth Park District provides many amenities to this small town to benefit it's residents. Here is an overview of some of the park and facilities that are residents can enjoy all year long:

10 Park Locations

8 Swing sets

7 Playgrounds

6 Picnic Areas

3 Soccer fields

3 Ballfields

2 Recreation Buildings

2 Sled Hills

2 Shelter/Pavilion Areas

2 Pathways

1 Indoor Rental Facility area

1 Veterans Memorial Park

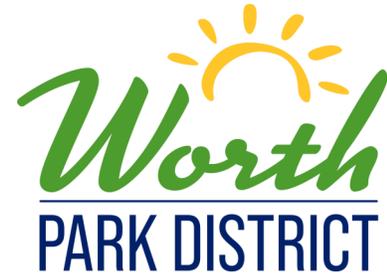
1 Tennis Court

1 Skate Park



Board of Park Commissioners

Paula Marr	President
Michael McElroy	Vice President
Melissa Nagel	Treasurer
Dan Feltz	Commissioner
Matt Urban	Commissioner



Park District Staff- Full Time

Robert O'Shaughnessy, CPRP	Director of Parks and Recreation
Kelly Pezdek	Finance and Human Resources Manager
Kara Jelderks, CPRP	Superintendent of Recreation
Stephanie Analitis, CPRP	Recreation Supervisor/Superintendent of Recreation
Sarah DeWolf	Recreation Supervisor
Brian Piszczek, CPSI	Superintendent of Parks
Jeremy Drozd	Parks Maintainer
John Bedore	Parks Maintainer



Park District Staff- Part Time

Philip Anglin	Seasonal Parks Maintainer
Christina Capra	RAS Staff
Sheri Dusek	RAS Staff
Taylor Enger	Facility Attendant
Terry Gunnes	Facility Attendant
Jennifer Iverson	Preschool Staff
Michael Jokubauskas	Seasonal Parks Maintainer
David Kiebles	Seasonal Parks Maintainer
Erin Lucin	Day Camp Staff
Delijia Madkins	RAS Staff



Park District Staff Part Time (continued)

Taylor Miller	RAS Staff
Arlee O'Shaughnessy	RAS Staff
Zoe O'Shaughnessy	Day Camp Staff
Alexandra Overland	Day Camp Staff
Makayla Paz	RAS Staff
Hailey Pezdek	RAS Staff
Gerald Radakovitz	Facility Attendant
Cindy Redenbaugh	Receptionist
Coni Ryan	Preschool
Hannah Schnelle	RAS Staff
Sara Toth	RAS Staff



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