



# MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

*5 ILCS 140/4*

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

**FY 2025-26**



*Approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation, Worth Park District, May 1, 2023*  
*Approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation, Worth Park District, May 1, 2024*  
*Approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation, Worth Park District, May 1, 2025*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

In partnership with the community, we will enrich lives by providing healthy and accessible recreational programming, quality parks and facilities, while being responsible stewards of the community assets

## **VISION**

We envision a community where all of our residents enjoy a high quality of life through the enjoyment of parks and facilities, beautiful open spaces, and recreational opportunities to learn, play and grow.

## **CORE VALUES**

- *Community Engagement*  
We will actively work to foster ongoing relationships, collaborations, and partnerships within our community.
- *Commitment to Excellence*  
We will act with integrity and embrace
- *Stewards of Natural Resources*  
We will preserve and enhance the natural resources and open spaces entrusted to our care.
- *Responsible Leadership and Integrity*  
We will maintain a high performing, engaged, and accountable organization to create meaningful results for our community while adhering to moral and ethical principles.
- *Inclusiveness and Diversity*  
We will create a warm, welcoming environment where our community feels safe, respected, and included.
- *Innovation*  
We will continuously strive to adapt services according to community trends, and make improvements by embracing new methods and ideas.

## **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, Chicago Ridge 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 four and six-year terms of office)

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Donald Dambek	President	April 2027
Rebecca Roberts	Vice-President	April 2027
Kari Lynn Fickes	Treasurer	April 2029
Melissa Nagel	Alternate Treasurer	April 2031
Mike McElroy	President	April 2031

# REGULAR MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Park Board is held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 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.

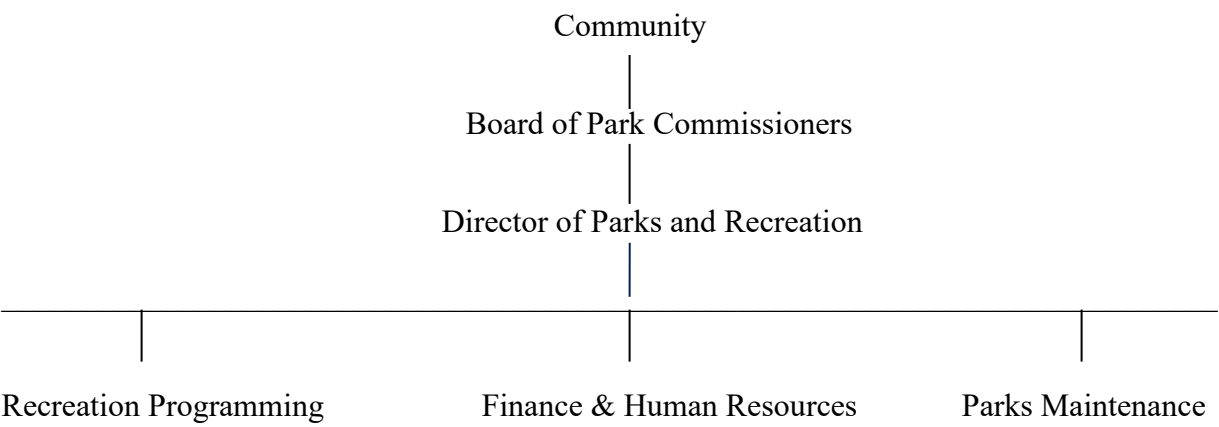
# PARK BOARD COMMITTEES

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**

<b>Administrative Office</b>	<b>Community Center</b>	<b>Parks Maintenance</b>
Charles S. Christensen Terrace Centre 11500 S. Beloit Ave. Worth, IL 60482	Helen Goy Center 10707 Oak Park Ave. Worth, IL 60482	10704 Oak Park Ave. Worth, IL 60482

**FUNCTIONAL SUBDIVISIONS**



**EMPLOYMENT**

The Worth Park District employs 10 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 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET**

Corporate Fund	\$ 1,007,775
Recreation Fund	1,004,250
Museum Fund	15,000
Special Recreation Fund	90,200
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	23,000
Social Security Fund	60,000
Unemployment Insurance Fund	8,000
Public Liability Fund	25,000
Debt Service Fund	62,000
Police	54,000
Capital Improvements Fund	<u>350,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,699,225</b>

## **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  
(708) 448-7080 ext. 108  
(708) 448-4079 - Fax  
[roshaughnessy@worthparkdistrict.org](mailto:roshaughnessy@worthparkdistrict.org)