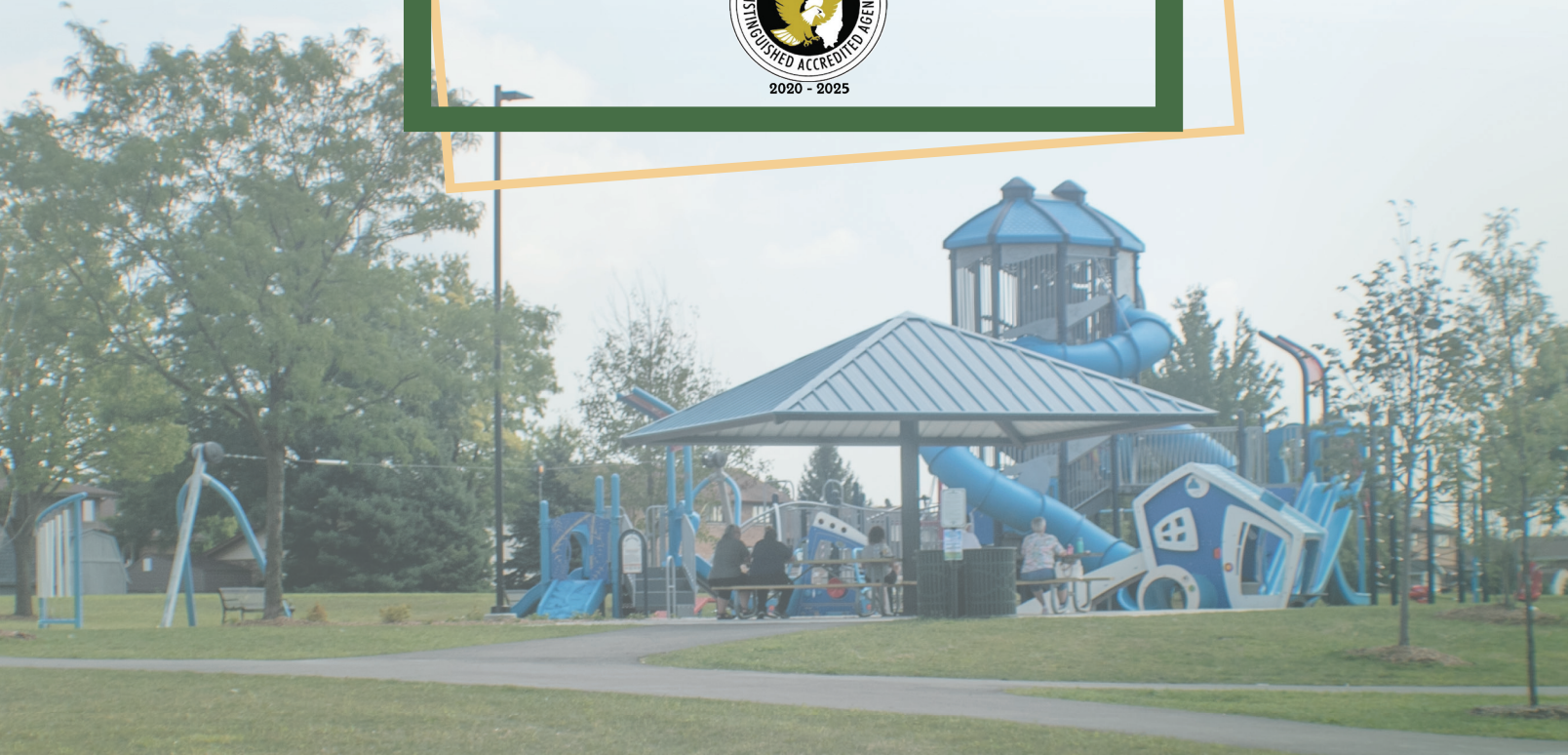




2022-2023

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Parks & Maintenance

Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks

Did you ever wonder what the Parks & Maintenance Department staff do all year round? With over 453 acres of land, 42 parks, 36 playgrounds and 5 permanent facilities, there is no downtime! Here are just a few examples of what they have been up to in the past year!

Playground Safety Surfacing (*a special mulch called engineered wood fiber*) was updated at these parks: Bicentennial, Freedom, Pottawattomie, Gaisor, Bormet, Vogt Woods, Kiwanis, Hirsch, Rauhoff and Bettenhausen.

We currently have 308 trash cans and 35 recycle collection cans within our parks. All cans are emptied weekly by staff...that's a lot of trash!

Each spring season staff prepares our baseball/softball fields by level grading each field and installing or maintaining clay or pads at home plate areas. Throughout the season, the four clay fields are groomed each day and the 23 limestone fields are dragged three times per week.



Summertime adds Water Park maintenance which last year included recoating of a slide, replacing caulk in the lazy river and painting the activity pool and lazy river. Continual monitoring and maintenance of all the water park equipment takes place daily. Other crews are out planting, mowing and mulching all of our property - parks, playgrounds and facilities.

Fall brings tree removal and planting. It is also time to winterize summer locations - Tinley Junction Mini-Golf, White Water Canyon and concessions buildings at Freedom, Memorial, Bettenhausen, Vogt Woods, Tinley Junction and the Water Park.



Winter is time for performing maintenance and repairs to vehicles and machinery, as well as interior updates and repairs in various locations. Staff also plows snow and salts sidewalks as often as needed to keep our patrons safe when using our facilities.

Some of the other projects that Parks & Maintenance completed last year include:

- Vogt Visual Arts Center wood floors were refinished and the parking lot was repaired and resurfaced
- Freedom Park synthetic field was resurfaced
- Tinley Junction batting cage netting was replaced
- Extreme Skate Park final phase was completed
- At the Landmark Historical Society, new memorial benches were installed and the landscaping was given a refreshing update

Recreation

Preschool, Day Camp, Events, Activities

Meghan Fenlon, Superintendent of Recreation



The Recreation Department saw participation numbers soar with the end of the pandemic. Over 12,000 people participated in paid activities. Thousands more attended our free special events including gazebo jazz nights and art gallery viewings, Thursdays in the Park concerts and movies, Arts & Crafts Fairs, Second Hand Treasures Garage Sale and Unplug Illinois. Hundreds more attended our ticketed events like our Performing Arts Center spring and fall theater productions.

Athletic programs boomed too! Close to 900 runners and walkers took part in the Running o' the Green 8k, Stars & Stripes 5k and Turkey Trot 5K. Youth and adult athletic leagues exploded with kids ready to play! Over 1,920 youth participants in various leagues throughout the year improved athletic skills, learned rules of the games and developed good sportsmanship behaviors they'll use for a lifetime!



Tinley Junction Mini-Golf & Batting Cages offers family-friendly fun for all ages. Family Fun Nights were an affordable evening at \$10 per person for golf, batting cage, hot dog, pop, popcorn, ice cream and a glow item. Discounts such as Mini-Golf Monday for those over 55, Throwback Thursdays and the *Frequent Fore! Pass* are three more reasons you need to visit the Junction!



Vogt Visual Arts Center enhances the community through monthly gallery exhibits, classes for children and adults in many different art forms, a summer music series and an annual Art Show and Sale. Stop by in March for an Irish Tea. If you haven't visited this gem, put it on your to do list today!





Tinley Park Performing Arts Center is home to Community Theater adult productions, as well as Covered Bridge Playhouse Kidz, Children, Teen and Holiday theater productions. Spring and fall feature performances by each of these groups. Throughout the year, Fourth Wall Comedy Improv shows offer comedy improv shows and open mic nights for all ages.



Tot Time Preschool introduced 168 three and four year old children to the wonders of learning! Preschool is much more than ABCs and 123s. Social skills, respect, creative art experiences, singing and rhythm activities, stories, fingerplays, role-playing and body movement, free play, emerging writing and reading skills and activities related to everyday math and science discovery are all part of the curriculum at Tot Time.

In 2022, the Park District again sponsored one of the Chamber of Commerce holiday trees at the Oak Park Ave train station. Our Tot Time Preschool families gathered to trim the tree with the decorations the preschool students created. Tot Time students also performed at the Holiday Market hosted by the the Village.



Day Camp continues to be one of the most popular programs the Park District provides to the Community. Since 1976, thousands of youth have spent eight weeks of their summer with us. Our program offers camps for children from preschool through high school. Days are filled with age-appropriate games, crafts, swimming, field trips and special events. In 2022, 412 campers and staff enjoyed an amazing summer!



Facilities

Sean Caddigan, Facilities Manager

White Water Canyon Water Park 20th Anniversary!



Our 20th year was outstanding! Over 81,000 guests visited us during a summer when the temperature averaged 84°F.

To celebrate 20 years of water park fun we had our first members only luau attended by 200 members. Six giveaway days were held throughout the summer sponsored by Duly Health & Care.

Aquatics Coordinator Mandi Vinson and other managers trained 75+ lifeguards, 25 deck attendants, 16 gate attendants and 30 concession staff. Over 100 hours of training among all WWC staff took place beginning in March, 2022. Year in and year out our WWCWP staff do an amazing job to maintain a safe environment for our Tinley Park Community.

Over 400 participants in swim lessons, 720 river runners and 58 party rentals kept staff busy all summer.

Tinley Fitness



Health, wellness and fitness are the mission of the Tinley Fitness center! Tinley Fitness was once again named one of Southland's best fitness centers.

The facility offers state of the art equipment including 16 new weight machines, two new assault runner treadmills and two new expresso interactive bikes. 2022 served 30,000 participants in group and aquatic fitness classes. Our 4,609 members made over 180,000 visits to Tinley Fitness to enjoy the benefits of classes, cardio and weight machines, personal training and the 4-lane pool.



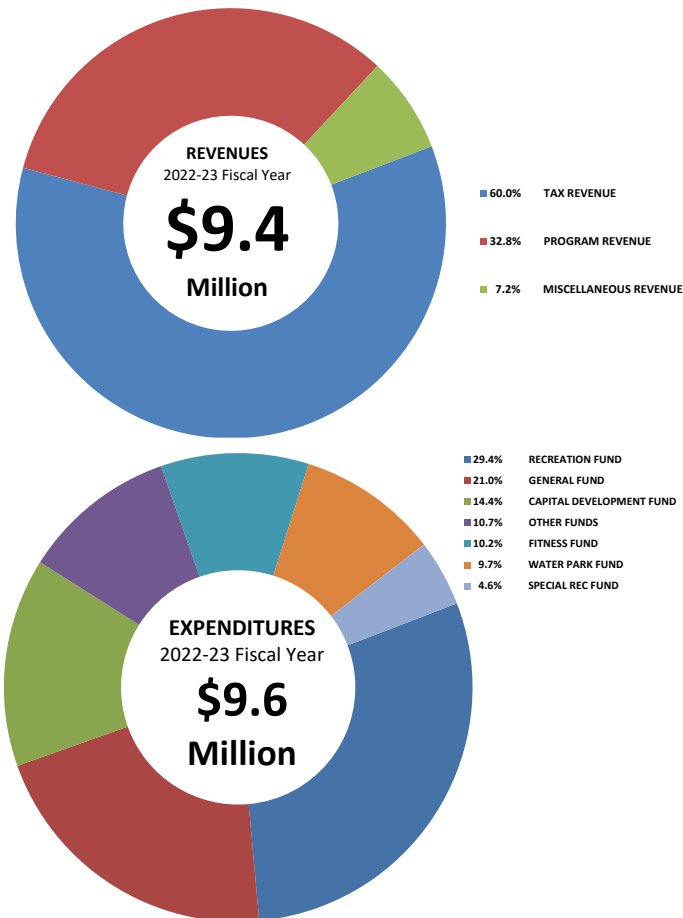
2022 Charity Zumbathon

Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center

The Rec Center is the center of the Park District. Almost 2,000 Park District residents were Rec Center members able to enjoy the indoor track and open gym. In 2022, we added pickleball open play for members and their guests on Thursdays. The majority of District programs are held here including Tot Time Preschool, seasonal programs of all types, indoor athletics and the Senior STARS meet here twice weekly. The gym also holds some of our larger special events such as The Monster Mash Dance.

Financial Summary*

Thomas Leeson, Finance Manager



The Tinley Park-Park District reported \$9.4 Million in revenue from various sources during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2023. The Park District received 60% of its total revenue from property taxes, which is like other non-Covid years. In addition, 29.5% of its revenue came from program and membership fees. The remaining revenue came from other sources.

The Tinley Park-Park District uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. For example, the Recreation Fund is used for most of the programs and activities offered by the Park District, the Fitness Fund is used for the Tinley Fitness membership facility and the Water Park Fund is used for the outdoor White Water Canyon facility. The Park District reported a total of \$9.6 Million in expenditures for all its funds during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2023. The graph summarizes the percentages of expenditures by fund.

*The complete Annual Comprehensive Financial Report can be found on our website.

From the Executive Director

Shawn Roby

Fiscal year 2022 brought a significant announcement and completion of some large projects. Programming and scheduling within the Park District returned to a full schedule after two years of issues related to COVID-19. Staff continued to grow the agency's footprint.

A focus of 2022 was the November announcement of the Park District's intent to acquire the property known as the Tinley Park Mental Health Site, including the Howe Developmental Center. The Park District entered its proposal with the CMS Department of the State of Illinois. This property would be passed to the District in 2023 for \$1 and includes a \$15 million grant for environmental remediation. The District's submission for the property included a vision of a 90-acre sports complex within the 280-acre site.

We completed the Volunteer Park renovation and held an official grand opening in the Fall of 2022. This project was another successful submission and award in which the District was granted \$400,000 for the OSLAD Grant Program. The District updated existing amenities, including the baseball/softball field, soccer/lacrosse field, volleyball and basketball courts, walking path, a large community playground and enhanced parking space layout.

We were awarded our third consecutive OSLAD grant for Buedingen Park for \$311,500. Once completed, the renovated site will include a new accessible multi-use path, parking lot, half-court basketball court, pickleball court, concrete connections and plaza for the existing picnic shelter and ballfield, a new playground and site furnishings.

The replacement of the synthetic turf field at Freedom Park is another major project completed in 2022. The park's multipurpose field has been in use since 2008, providing 15 seasons of play. The new field still includes soccer and football markings but incorporates added lacrosse markings and additional seating. The project was officially completed in late November.

I want to thank the staff working tirelessly to provide our residents and users with many programs, special events and facility options we offer. Staff at every level of the agency contribute to this dynamic environment.

Each year the Board of Park Commissioners provides the staff direction and latitude to create, maintain and improve the many areas touched and operated by the Park District. Their leadership and experience guide us forward. Their faith in the staff is tremendous. Their dedication to the community is total and unwavering.

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