

Parks

The Gurnee Park District operates 28 park sites and maintains about 416 acres of open space.

Staffing

The Park District employs 53 full time staff members and approximately 165 year round part time and 175 seasonal employees.

Staff Locations

Viking Park Community Center: 4374 Old Grand Ave. – location of administrative and business office. Offices are open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

Hunt Club Park Community Center: 920 N. Hunt Club Rd. – location of most Recreation staff offices.

Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center: 900 N. Hunt Club Rd. – seasonal facility open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

FitNation: 1655 Nations Drive – fitness center and indoor pool.

Parks Department office: 35172 N. Hunt Club Road.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS:

The Gurnee Park District complies with the IL Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.)

Requests for public records must be submitted in writing to the FOIA Officer, Christina Richmond, Accounting Manager; at the Viking Park office, 4374 Old Grand Ave. Gurnee, IL 60031 (847-623-7788) or email: crichmond@gurneeparkdistrict.com.

For your convenience, the Park District has a standard form available upon request or on our website. If you choose not to use the form, the following information is requested:

1. Requestor’s full name, address and phone number. Include email address if you would like the response sent electronically.
2. A description of the records being sought, and whether the request is for inspection, copies of the records, or both.
3. A list of commonly-requested documents is available for review upon request.

Fees: First 50 pages of black and white photocopies = free. Additional b/w copies = \$.15 each. CD’s = \$.50 per CD. Oversize materials = at cost. Postage = at cost.

Upon approval of a request for public records, the Park District may either provide the materials immediately, give notice that the materials shall be made available upon payment of copying costs,

or give notice of the time and place for inspection of records. The Park District may redact information that is exempt under Section 7 (1) of the Act.

Commercial requests for information, (those that seek to use public records for sale, resale, or solicitation or advertisement for sales or services) will be handled expeditiously. However, the Park District may take up to 21 business days to respond to this type of request.

Categorical requests that create an undue burden on the Park District shall be denied only after giving the requester an opportunity to confer with the FOIA officer in an attempt to reduce the request to manageable proportions in accordance with Section 3(g) of the FOIA.

Any denial of a request shall be made in writing. It shall state the reasons for the denial and the names and titles of individuals responsible for the decision. It shall also inform the requestor of the right to seek review from either the Illinois State Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor or from a court within 60 days of the denial.

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Springfield, IL 62706
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PARK DISTRICT STATUS

The Gurnee Park District was established by local referendum and incorporated in 1968 as a special purpose unit of government as provided by the Illinois Park District Code.

The Park District has the power to levy taxes within its prescribed limits and possesses all of the powers of a public corporation.

PURPOSE

It is the purpose and objective of the Gurnee Park District to provide and maintain sufficiently attractive parks throughout the area we serve, to provide leisure time activities for all the people of our community and to provide wholesome recreation for the entire family.

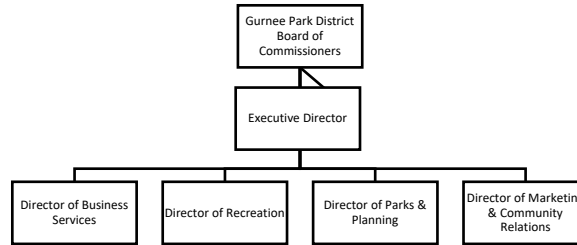
We will work with other governmental boards and non-profit organizations to maximize intergovernmental relations, to maximize service and to minimize cost to the taxpayer. We will seek to secure funding from grants, land donations and other means to provide facilities without directly adding to their taxes.

We will promote pride in our area by providing our community with parks of which they can be proud.

The Park District shall endeavor to provide such services within our financial limits to insure that we are financially sound today and in the future, and that the taxpayer will receive the maximum service for the money spent.

The objective of the Gurnee Park District is to serve the community by establishing and maintaining a high standard of recreational services with the hope of being regarded as people of action.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

The Park Board is the legal governing authority through which the business of the District is conducted. The Park Board consists of five commissioners who are elected by the residents of the District and serve a four-year term without pay. It is only the Park Board acting as a legally constituted body, which has the authority to establish or change policy, adopt agreements or award contracts.

CURRENT PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Goshorn 847.855.0915	President	Term ends 2025
Victoria Paddock 847.249.0087	Vice President	Term ends 2025
Aaron Dalzot 407-460-9703	Secretary	Term ends 2025
Gerry Crews 847.244.5449	Commissioner	Term ends 2027
Chrissie Popper 765.276.7377	Commissioner	Term ends 2027

Commissioners may also be contacted via email: commissioners@gurneeparkdistrict.com

MEETINGS

The Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners regularly meets once a month to conduct the business affairs of the District. These meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Viking Park Community Center, Dance Hall, 4374 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee, Illinois.

From time to time, special meetings of the Board may be called. Notice of all meetings, regularly scheduled or special, is given in accordance with all provisions of The Illinois Open Meetings Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

The Park Board has appointed a professional staff to manage the operation of the District on a daily basis. Citizen complaints should be directed to the staff and only if the problem cannot be resolved at this point should the citizen approach the Park Board at a legally constituted meeting.

Susie Kuruvilla 847.599.3744	Executive Director 4374 Old Grand Ave.
Michael Szpylman 847 599.3747	Treasurer & Director of Business Services 4374 Old Grand Ave.
Kraig Owens 847.599.3763	Director of Parks & Planning 35172 N. Hunt Club Rd.
Mike Wick 847.599.3756	Director of Recreation 920 N. Hunt Club Rd.
Jennifer Gilbert 847.599.5498	Director of Marketing & Community Relations

STATISTICS

Boundaries

The Park District is 14.73 square miles. Its boundaries follow the Village of Gurnee limits. In addition, it also includes a northern portion of the City of Waukegan- Countryside subdivision, Continental Village, Hickory Hills and Hickory Road Manor developments west of Delany Road.

Population: The Park District's population is estimated at 33,706.

Tax Rate: The tax rate for 2022 is .507. The 2022 Equalized Assessed Valuation is \$1,291,477,544.

Operating Budget:

Fiscal year 2023/24 \$11,477,609