

**GOLF MAINE PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
8800 W. Kathy Lane, Niles, IL 60714
847.297.3000**

**September 17, 2026
6:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Visitors/Visitor Comment**
- 4. Changes or Additions to the Agenda**
- 5. Comprehensive Master Plan 2026-2033 Presentation by Design Perspective (Tod Stanton)**
- 6. Approval of the Consent Agenda**
 - i. *Minutes of the August 20, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting
 - ii. *Minutes of the M-NASR Board of Directors Meeting for June 23, 2026
 - iii. *Treasurer's Report August 2026
 - iv. *Bills Payable August 2026
- 7. Staff Reports**
 - i. Facility Manager
 - ii. Business Manager
 - iii. Supt. of Maintenance
 - iv. Supt. of Recreation
 - v. *Executive Director
- 8. Unfinished or Continuing Business**
 - i. *Legislative Update
 - ii. IDOT Grant Update
- 9. New Business**
 - i. Approval of Comprehensive Master Plan 2026-2033
 - ii. *Approval of Four Adjustable Easy-up Basketball Goals, not to exceed \$3600.00
 - iii. Board Member Comments
- 10. Closed Session**
 - i. I make a motion that the Board go into closed Executive Session to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an officer, an employee or employees pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act.
- 11. Adjournment**

*** - INDICATES ATTACHED**

Our Mission - To enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Golf Maine Park District, and to promote a strong sense of community, by providing a broad, diverse, and challenging set of cultural and recreational programs, and clean, beautiful and safe parks.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GOLF MAINE PARK DISTRICT
MAINE TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2026
6:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Commissioner Liddell called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Roll was called: Present: Jamal Liddell, Jasmin Zahirovic, Zain Durrani, Yogesh Patel

Absent: Jay Shah

Staff Present: Samir Kurtovic

3. VISITORS / VISITOR COMMENTS

- a. None

4. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. None

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Discussion: Commissioner Zahirovic Questioned one bill item, which was the Tressler Payment for professional services, to which Secretary Hubka added that this bill item was for Commissioner Documents that were prepared by our Park District Lawyer for the June Board meeting.
- b. Commissioner Liddell moved to approve the consent agenda.
- c. Seconded by Commissioner Durrani.
- d. Roll was called: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Executive Director (Kevin Hubka)
 - i. Discussion: A detailed report was submitted in the board packet. Secretary Hubka provided an update on the status of Capital Improvement items that have been approved. He went down the list provided in his report and said if they are "Completed", "Scheduled", "In Progress", or "Delayed". Hubka provided an update on the Audit, which will be presented at the October Board meeting. Hubka also provided an update on the Comprehensive Master Plan which will be presented at the September Board meeting. With the update Hubka also provided the Board with a rendering of the possible new Dee Park layout, with new facility, parking lot, and amenities. Commissioner Patel inquired about the potential price on this new development, to which Hubka added that no price analysis has been done on this new development, as this is just a potential layout that has been done to put in our Master Plan. Commissioner Zahirovic asked about the potential for a turf field for Dee Park instead of grass. Secretary Hubka added that this would be a commissioner decision if they want to go that route and that I can provide pricing to the Board, to see if it is even feasible with the bond money we have. Hubka also added that if we do get a turf field that we would most likely need to fence off the entire Dee Park field in order to protect it, which would also mean we would not be able to apply for OSLAD Grants in the future to our fields due to the fields being fenced off. This would also mean that we would need to have our Maintenance staff certified to handle turf

maintenance. This also means that turf repairs can get expensive as well. Commissioner Patel also questioned the neighbors houses on the west side of the Park and how they would be impacted by the new facility, to which Hubka replied that this is a good point and that is something we would need to look into moving forward. Commissioner Zahirovic inquired about the TOPO survey being done for the Dee Park field project, to which Hubka added that this survey needs to be done before any improvements can be done. Hubka added that there was a TOPO survey done for the playground project, but not for the fields.

7. UNFINISHED or CONTINUING BUSINESS

- a. Legislative
 - i. Discussion: None
- b. IDOT Grant
 - i. Discussion: Secretary Hubka provided the Board with an update on this Grant, and said that they will be making their decision sometime in September. Hubka added that he will update the Board at the September Board meeting.
- c. Comprehensive Master Plan
 - i. Discussion: Secretary Hubka provided the Board with an update on the Master Plan, and that the presentation will take place at the September Board meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Buffer/Vacuum & Equipment, not to exceed \$9,100.00
 - i. Discussion: Secretary Hubka explained to the Board that this purchase of equipment will give control of when we refinish our gym floors. The equipment will pay for itself after 3 years, to which we plan on having this equipment for the next 10-15 years. With our maintenance department now taking on this responsibility, it puts us in a position where we are less dependent on vendors.
 - ii. Commissioner Liddell motioned to approve.
 - iii. Seconded by Commissioner Durrani.
 - iv. Roll was called: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
- b. Approval of Sight on Solutions, not to exceed \$7,500.00
 - i. Discussion: Secretary Hubka explained to the Board that this TOPO survey for Feldman Park needs to be done before any outdoor work at Feldman can be done. The Village of Niles is going to require it, as well as any vendor. The need for this now is that we need to repair three outdoor cement pads at the Feldman Park exit doors, which are becoming a safety hazard.
 - ii. Commissioner Liddell motioned to approve.
 - iii. Seconded by Commissioner Durrani.
 - iv. Roll was called: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
- c. Approval of Steam Cleaner, not to exceed \$2,000.00
 - i. Discussion: Secretary Hubka explained to the Board that this piece of equipment is needed for deep cleaning both facilities, which would improve both facilities. Commissioner Durrani asked what the machine has the ability to do, to which Hubka noted that the machine is a commercial steam cleaner with many attachments for tiles, carpet, fabrics, and more.
 - ii. Commissioner Durrani motioned to approve.
 - iii. Seconded by Commissioner Zahirovic.
 - iv. Roll was called: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
- d. Approval of Storage Shed, not to exceed \$1,000.00
 - i. Discussion: Secretary Hubka explained to the Board that this storage shed will be a

temporary structure where we will put pieces of Maintenance equipment when it's not in seasonal use. This will help declutter our garage and make room for the new Park District Truck. Hubka explained that this is a temporary storage, until we figure out what is going on with our Master Plan. Commissioner Durrani asked if the shed can be moved or sold after it is no longer needed, to which Hubka added that yes we can move it to a different Park or area, or sell it once we no longer need it for that use.

- ii. Commissioner Liddell motioned to approve.
- iii. Seconded by Commissioner Patel.
- iv. Roll was called: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

e. Approval of Resolution 26-02 (Closed session minutes and audio recordings)

- i. Discussion: None
- ii. Commissioner Liddell motioned to approve.
- iii. Seconded by Commissioner Zahirovic.
- iv. Roll was called: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

f. Board member comments

- i. Discussion: Commissioner Zahirovic asked the Board if we have discussed the Directors goals for this year, and the Board said no we yet to do that. Hubka added that all information was sent to everyone including Goals and job descriptions. Commissioner Liddell added that we can discuss that at the September meeting. Hubka added that at September's Board meeting that we will be five months into the goal year and that any goal that is assigned should be capable of being completed within that goal year. Commissioner Liddell added that no goal will be added this year, as this is for next year.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- a. None

10. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Commissioner Liddell moved to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Seconded by Commissioner Durrani.
- c. Roll Was Called Aye: 4 Nay: 0
- d. The meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.

Minutes Approved: 9/17/2026

Jamal Liddell
President

Kevin Hubka
Secretary

THE MAINE-NILES ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053
June 23, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Board Vice-President John Shea called the June 23, 2026 meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Board Members in attendance:

Don Miletic, Des Plaines Park District
Jeff Wait, Morton Grove Park District
John Shea, Park Ridge Park District
Michelle Tuft, Skokie Park District
Karen Hawk, Village of Lincolnwood

Board Members absent:

Kevin Hubka, Golf Maine Park District
Tom Elenz, Niles Park District

Staff in attendance: Trisha Breitlow, Executive Director; Lisa Barrera, Superintendent of Recreation; Kelly Brunning, Sr. Operations Manager; Audra Ebling, Communication & Marketing Manager; Roseann Federico, Human Resources Manager; Dorothea Roque, Accounting Manager; Sandy Garcia, Inclusion Coordinator, Mary Gates, Administrative Office Assistant/Registrar

Changes to the Agenda

The presentation and acceptance of the annual financial audit was moved to after introduction of visitors.

Introduction of Visitors: Sandy Garcia, Inclusion Coordinator introduced herself to the board. Mary Gates was presented a certificate in honor of her five years of employment with M-NASR.

New Business

Paul Rosario of Lauterbach & Amen reviewed the 2025 annual financial audit with the board. There were no questions. A motion was made by Don Miletic, seconded by Jeff Wait to accept the 2025 financial audit. This passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines Park District	yes
Village of Lincolnwood	yes
Morton Grove Park District	yes
Park Ridge Park District	yes
Skokie Park District	yes

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the April 28, 2026 Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for the months ending April 30, 2026 and May 31, 2026
- Voucher list of bills in the amount of \$61,403.23

Michelle Tuft made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Karen Hawk. The motion passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines Park District	yes
Village of Lincolnwood	yes
Morton Grove Park District	yes
Park Ridge Park District	yes
Skokie Park District	yes

Barrera reviewed the recreation report. She highlighted the success of the track and field and powerlifting athletes who recently competed at Special Olympics Illinois State Games. Day camp is in its second week, with its first Friday field trip day coming up this Friday, and inclusion is going well.

Ebling reviewed the communications and marketing report. The annual report will be sent to the printer after the board meeting. She is working on the fall brochure for M-NASR and the Liponi Foundation Mini Golf Fundraiser, End of Summer Party and Halloween Dance.

Breitlow reviewed the fundraising report, budget and Director's report. She noted three additional grants have been submitted in June. She also reviewed the budget report. She noted revenue is \$238,000 more than this time last year, and due to new staff waiving health insurance, that expense is below budget. Professional services will be over budget due to the temp hired earlier in the year for the HR position. Breitlow reported staff have been busy attending several job fairs at lunches at local high schools to recruit summer staff and are continuing to hire with 16 new staff onboarded the week prior. Breitlow reviewed the positive start to inclusion this summer, noting the May 9 "soft date" of receiving inclusion requests was definitely helpful in getting inclusion aides assigned and to member agency trainings. However, it is a struggle to keep up with a significant number of requests coming in after May 9. At this point Breitlow is not planning to replace the fundraising position and will reevaluate after the 2027 gala. M-NASR staff will be guest baristas at Will's Place on July 8.

Closed Session

A motion to go in to closed session was made at 10:21AM by Jeff Wait and seconded by Michelle Tuft. This passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines Park District	yes
Village of Lincolnwood	yes
Morton Grove Park District	yes

Park Ridge Park District	yes
Skokie Park District	yes

Open session reconvened at 10:27AM. This passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines Park District	yes
Village of Lincolnwood	yes
Morton Grove Park District	yes
Park Ridge Park District	yes
Skokie Park District	yes

A motion was made by Jeff Wait and seconded by Michelle Tuft to approve Resolution 2026-01; Determining the Confidentiality of Closed Session Minutes. This passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines Park District	yes
Village of Lincolnwood	yes
Morton Grove Park District	yes
Park Ridge Park District	yes
Skokie Park District	yes

A motion was made Karen Hawk, seconded by Don Miletic to approve Resolution 2026-02, Providing for the Destruction of Certain Verbatim Recordings of Closed and Open Session Meetings, noting the correction be made to reflect the destruction year as 2026. This passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines Park District	yes
Village of Lincolnwood	yes
Morton Grove Park District	yes
Park Ridge Park District	yes
Skokie Park District	yes

Michelle Tuft made a motion to adjourn the June 23, 2026 Board Meeting at 10:29 AM, seconded by Jeff Wait. The motion passed in a voice vote.

Tom Elenz, Board President
Park Ridge Park District

Date

Trisha Breitlow, Board Secretary
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation

Date

GOLF MAINE PARK DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26
SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CASH BALANCES
August 2026

MONTHLY CASH POSITION	ACCOUNTS USED FOR	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025
		Cash	Prior	Prior FY
BANK BEGINNING BALANCES		Balance	Month	Cash Balance
Fifth Third Maxsaver Savings Account	Property Tax Distributions	\$81,446.95	\$81,422.01	\$103,903.00
Fifth Third NOW Checking Account	Accounts Payable	203,591.66	219,241.42	200,773.17
Fifth Third Directors Account		1,210.82	1,520.82	2,050.82
Fifth Third Liability Account	CLOSED	NA	1,065.53	1,064.53
Wintrust NorthShore	Old Bond-CLOSED	NA	0.00	718,867.30
Wintrust Checking Account	Payroll	9,879.70	55,724.18	15,885.88
Wintrust MaxSafe MMA Savings	Property Tax Distributions	651,070.35	748,822.28	937,974.59
Wintrust MaxSafe MMDA Savings	New Bond 2026	1,805,626.82	1,799,867.35	NA
Illinois Funds Money Market	Investment Account	72,847.15	72,614.79	70,021.74
Month Beginning Balance		2,825,673.45	2,980,278.38	2,050,541.03
Real Estate Taxes		4,983.38	NA	6,914.60
Interest		8,015.21	8,267.51	3,529.83
Replacement Taxes		1,509.46	5,954.35	814.07
Cash Deposits		37,042.05	29,090.58	25,858.13
Credit Card Transactions		23,189.50	44,024.17	27,835.43
Fees-NSF/Merchant/ Bank Service Charge		(26.33)	(570.53)	(900.06)
Vendor/IMRF/Nationwide/IDES Qtr Taxes/ Invoices/Payments		(135,963.61)	(86,360.56)	(45,824.96)
Payrolls for the Month		(90,247.96)	(101,007.78)	(82,873.68)
Other-Directors Account (Refund Deposits)		(14.95)	NA	(375.00)
Transfers Out (Wire Payments)		NA	NA	NA
Bond Payments		NA	(310.00)	NA
BANK END BALANCES BY ACCOUNT		Bank	Bank	Prior FY
		Balance	Balance	Bank Balance
Fifth Third Maxsaver Savings Account	Property Tax Distributions	\$86,454.90	\$81,446.95	\$30,856.21
Fifth Third NOW Checking Account	Accounts Payable	133,345.19	203,591.66	192,799.88
Fifth Third Directors Account		3,195.87	1,210.82	1,675.82
Fifth Third Liability Account	CLOSED	NA	0.00	1,064.53
Wintrust NorthShore	Old Bond-CLOSED	NA	0.00	718,952.97
Wintrust Checking Account	Payroll	\$18,888.61	\$9,879.70	\$26,796.27
Wintrust MaxSafe MMA Savings	Property Tax Distributions	\$553,018.13	\$651,070.35	\$926,116.32
Wintrust MaxSafe MMDA Savings	New Bond 2026	\$1,811,432.14	\$1,805,626.82	NA
Illinois Funds Money Market	Investment Account	\$73,081.31	\$72,847.15	\$70,285.56
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		\$2,679,416.15	\$2,825,673.45	\$1,968,547.56

INVOICE REGISTER FOR GOLF MAINE PARK DISTRICT
CHECK RUN DATES 08/01/2026 - 08/31/2026

					TOTAL	135,220.48		
Vendor ID	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Description	Inv. Date	Amount	Check Number	Check Date	
00080	MAINE NILES ASSN OF SPEC. REC.	INV #GM MDC 3-2026	2026 MEMBER DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION 3RD QTR	06/30/2026	17,204.25	6173	08/03/2026	
00592	LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP	INV #120840	AUDIT FY APR 30, 2026-FINAL BILLING	07/21/2026	9,625.00	6171	08/03/2026	
00534	COMCAST	JUL 26, 2026-7511	HIGH SPEED INTERNET @ FP	07/26/2026	230.77	6169	08/03/2026	
00604	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1HPT-3J3C-W6XR	SUMMER CAMP & MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	07/29/2026	58.37	6166	08/03/2026	
00604	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1NYH-L4C9-7T3W	RECREATION SUPPLIES	07/27/2026	16.98	6167	08/03/2026	
00640	MBD MARTIAL ARTS, INC.	INV #33127051	SESSION #2 6/29/26 - 7/27/26	07/27/2026	450.00	6174	08/03/2026	
00370	GROOT, INC.	INV #16911843T092-FP	WASTE PICKUP SERVICES @ FP	08/01/2026	223.38	6169	08/03/2026	
00370	GROOT, INC.	INV #16911844T092-DP	WASTE PICKUP SERVICES @ DP	08/01/2026	771.17	6170	08/03/2026	
00592	LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP	INV #121260	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED FOR THE MONTH OF JUL 2026	08/01/2026	995.00	6172	08/03/2026	
00116	PDRMA	INV #0726125H	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS-JULY 2026	07/31/2026	7,866.78	6185	08/10/2026	
00116	PDRMA	INV #0726125	PROPERTY,LIABILITY,WORKERS COMP, EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE,POLLUTION LIABILITY, CYBER	07/31/2026	2,920.81	6186	08/10/2026	
00069	KONE	INV #1159179711	FP ELEVATOR 50% REPLACE HOLE LESS PACKING REPLACEMENT & CLEANING PIT	07/17/2026	7,167.22	6182	08/10/2026	
00092	NATIONAL REC AND PARK ASSOCIATION	INV#3F50983C-EC53-45	GRP ID INV #3F50983C-EC53-451E-A975-647DA8ED336A (ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION)	07/28/2026	4,410.00	6183	08/10/2026	
00533	EXPERT CHEMICAL & SUPPLY, INC.	INV #991163	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	08/05/2026	2,425.44	6181	08/10/2026	
00096	NICOR GAS	JUL 26, 2026	GAS AT FP	07/29/2026	201.69	6184	08/10/2026	
00715	AEREX PEST CONTROL	INV #2693515-DP	PEST CONTROL @ DP	08/05/2026	75.00	6175	08/10/2026	
00715	AEREX PEST CONTROL	INV #2693503	PEST CONTROL @ FP	08/05/2026	75.00	6176	08/10/2026	
00566	COSTPERCOPY CONSULTANTS, INC.	INV #AR71598	DEE PARK COPIER COLOR OVERAGE FEE	07/31/2026	22.27	6177	08/10/2026	
00566	COSTPERCOPY CONSULTANTS, INC.	INV #AR71737	ONLINE MONTHLY BACKUP FEES	07/31/2026	160.00	6178	08/10/2026	
00566	COSTPERCOPY CONSULTANTS, INC.	INV #AR71599	MONTHLY PHONE SVC	07/31/2026	220.40	6179	08/10/2026	
00566	COSTPERCOPY CONSULTANTS, INC.	INV #AR71597	FELDMAN COPIER COLOR OVERAGE FEE	07/31/2026	471.83	6180	08/10/2026	
00645	RECDESK SOFTWARE, LLC	INV #RD-003251	NEW INGENICO LANE 3600 CREDIT CARD TERMINAL & INGENICO LINK 2500 CREDIT CARD TERMINAL	05/31/2026	1,647.61	6187	08/10/2026	
00128	RUDIG TROPHIES	INV #100591	MENS BASKETBALL	05/05/2026	108.83	6189	08/10/2026	
00128	RUDIG TROPHIES	INV #100595	GOLD MEDAL-CUSTOM INSERT	05/05/2026	23.55	6190	08/10/2026	
00638	TRUGREEN PROCESSING CENTER	INV #229271833	ORNAMENTAL BED WEED CONTRIL @ FP	07/23/2026	73.76	6191	08/10/2026	
00645	RECDESK SOFTWARE, LLC	INV #RD-002736	ANNUAL RECDESK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	03/03/2026	6,725.25	6188	08/10/2026	
00209	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	INV #JUL 2026-PR	JULY 2026 PAYROLLS	07/31/2026	180.00	EF183	08/10/2026	
00060	IMRF	INV #6914403-C5F9	JULY 2026 CONTRIBUTIONS	07/31/2026	8,638.44	EF182	08/10/2026	
00438	BAILA-TONE FITNESS, LLC	INV #JUL 3, 2026	SUMMER CAMP CLASS 6/22/2026 1PM-2PM	07/03/2026	70.00	6195	08/17/2026	
00490	DESIGN PERSPECTIVES	INV #26-3723E-7	2026 COMP MASTER PLAN	07/29/2026	4,450.00	6201	08/17/2026	
00604	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1GFK-W4RP-JDTL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/08/2026	147.49	6192	08/17/2026	
00604	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1FR1-RNXF-RYKG	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	08/07/2026	149.58	6193	08/17/2026	
00604	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	16YF-WXYW-1CMM	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	08/13/2026	78.64	6194	08/17/2026	
00092	HOME DEPOT	INV #JUL 30, 2026	MAINTENANCE PURCHASES	07/30/2026	967.38	6203	08/17/2026	
00436	BAILA-TONE FITNESS, LLC	INV #AUG 10, 202-SC	SUMMER CAMP 7/20/26, 7/27/26, 8/3/26	08/10/2026	210.00	6198	08/17/2026	
00436	BAILA-TONE FITNESS, LLC	INV #AUG 10, 2026	ZUMBA SESSION #2 6/18/26-7/23/26	08/10/2026	175.50	6197	08/17/2026	
00638	TRUGREEN PROCESSING CENTER	INV #225598527-FP	LAWN SERVICE @ FP	07/29/2026	235.82	6205	08/17/2026	
00156	COM ED	INV #AUG 12, 2026-DP	ELECTRICITY @ DP	08/12/2026	2,826.85	6199	08/17/2026	
00156	COM ED	AUG 13, 2026-FP	ELECTRICITY @ FP	08/13/2026	2,898.87	6200	08/17/2026	
00096	NICOR GAS	AUG 13, 2026-DP	GAS AT DP	08/13/2026	199.94	6204	08/17/2026	
00629	FIRST STUDENT	INV #12144311	7/24/2026 MUSEUM OF SCIENCE/SUMMER CAMP	08/10/2026	360.55	6202	08/17/2026	
00671	CITI CARDS	INV #AUG 12, 2026	DINA, KEVIN & ANTHONY PURCHASES	08/12/2026	7,339.41	6198	08/17/2026	
00719	THE LARSON EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE CO	INV #0053-2	ELECTRIC WINCHES & CURTAIN - FELDMAN	08/06/2026	34,975.00	6216	08/24/2026	
00586	COSTPERCOPY CONSULTANTS, INC.	INV #AR71823	REPLACEMENT POWER SUPPLY	08/11/2026	24.00	6210	08/24/2026	
00529	FIRST STUDENT	INV #12142035	7/10/26 DP FIELD MUSEUM	07/22/2026	360.55	6211	08/24/2026	
00529	FIRST STUDENT	INV #12142034	7/2/2026 DP-SHEDD AQUARIUM	07/22/2026	360.55	6212	08/24/2026	
00128	RUDIG TROPHIES	INV #99624	MENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE GOLD TUBES	05/22/2026	105.38	6215	08/24/2026	
00606	FOX VALLEY FIRE AND SAFETY	INV #IN00882795	FIRE ALARM SYSTEM SERVICE/INTELL ADDRESS PHOTO DETECTOR/SERVICE FEE	08/18/2026	607.58	6213	08/24/2026	
00531	MONARCH BURGLAR ALARM CO.	SEPT 1-DEC 1, 2026	DP GARAGE LTE ALARM MONITORING SRV	08/24/2026	453.00	6214	08/24/2026	
00604	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1V4J-M9QT-A9HL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/17/2026	100.55	6206	08/24/2026	
00604	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1L46-XMJW-71Q6	OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/14/2026	52.11	6207	08/24/2026	
00534	COMCAST	AUG 17, 2026-DP	HIGH SPEED INTERNET @ DP	08/17/2026	235.49	6209	08/24/2026	
00083	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	INV #1671658683	MAINTENANCE PURCHASE	08/19/2026	125.79	6208	08/24/2026	
00128	RUDIG TROPHIES	INV #99677	YOUTH LEAGUE MEDALS	05/28/2026	47.22	6228	08/31/2026	
00652	ARTISTICALLY A&A	INV #00054	SUMMER CAMP-CAMPER SHIRTS	08/04/2026	458.25	6218	08/31/2026	
00682	ARTISTICALLY A&A	INV #00055	6-8 GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL BASKETBALL	08/04/2026	238.50	6219	08/31/2026	
00030	ANDERSON LOCK	INV #1202950	DEE PARK REPAIR	08/26/2026	153.42	6217	08/31/2026	
00555	ILLINOIS STATE POLICE	INV #20260700680	BACKGROUND CHECK-SERRANO, ALYSSA	07/31/2026	60.00	6224	08/31/2026	
00701	FNBO	AUG 21, 2026-6390	PUNEET MASTERCARD PURCHASES	08/21/2026	1,491.10	6220	08/31/2026	
00701	FNBO	AUG 21, 2026-8090	KEVIN MASTERCARD PURCHASES	08/31/2026	1,564.81	6221	08/31/2026	
00701	FNBO	AUG 21, 2026-8167	SAMIR MASTERCARD PURCHASES	08/21/2026	407.06	6222	08/31/2026	
00701	FNBO	AUG 21, 2026-2805	MICHAEL MASTERCARD PURCHASES	08/21/2026	411.85	6223	08/31/2026	
00096	NICOR GAS	AUG 27, 2026-FP	GAS AT FP	08/27/2026	200.93	6225	08/31/2026	



“IN THE KNOW”

BOARD REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2026

(By: Kevin Hubka, Executive Director)

MASTER PLAN:

THE MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 MEETING @ 6PM.

AUDIT - 2025/26:

THE AUDIT PRESENTATION WILL BE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, 2026 @ 6PM.

DEE PARK FIELD PROJECT 2027:

WE JUST RECEIVED THE TOPO SURVEY FOR THE DEE PARK FIELD. DESIGN PERSPECTIVES WILL NOW BE SENDING THE CAD BASE UPDATE TO THE CIVIL ENGINEER. I WILL BE MEETING WITH TOD TO GO OVER THE DESIGN ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT.

RECREATION UPDATE: (SUBMITTED BY ANTHONY SILMON, SUPT. OF RECREATION)

VERBAL REPORT

MAINTENANCE UPDATE: (SUBMITTED BY SAMIR KURTOVIC, SUPT. OF MAINTENANCE)

VERBAL REPORT

BUSINESS / HR UPDATE: (SUBMITTED BY DINA WEYMOUTH, BUSINESS MANAGER)

VERBAL REPORT

FACILITIES UPDATE: (SUBMITTED BY MANNY HERNANDEZ, OFFICE MANAGER)

VERBAL REPORT

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

FALL FEST @ FELDMAN - OCTOBER 10

DISTRICT WIDE OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 12

TURKEY SHOOT - NOVEMBER 15

WINTER WONDER FEST - DECEMBER 4

STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 12

MISC:

- 1) OUR MARKETING TEAM HAS SECURED ANOTHER DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500.00 FROM THE PLG (PACE LOAN GROUP). LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED \$5000.00 FROM PLG. SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SHRAY PATEL FOR ENTERING US IN THIS YEARS CONTEST AGAIN, AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SERENITY SEARS AND ANTHONY SILMON FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON PUTTING THE VIDEO SUBMISSION TOGETHER.
- 2) NRPA CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA THIS YEAR. SIX STAFF MEMBERS ARE ATTENDING THIS YEARS NATIONAL CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 1.
- 3) WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING QUOTES TO FIX THE THREE OUTDOOR CEMENT STAIRS CASES THAT ARE DAMAGED. WE NEED THE PLAT OF SURVEY TO GET THESE REPAIRS DONE, AS THE VILLAGE OF NILES REQUIRES IT FOR GETTING THE PERMIT. THE PLAT OF SURVEY WILL BE DONE SEPTEMBER 14 & 15.
- 4) THE 2026 SPRAY PARK SEASON HAS COME TO A CLOSE. WE WERE ABLE TO GET THROUGH ANOTHER SEASON, ALTHOUGH WE HAD SOME REPAIR ISSUES, THEY WERE TAKEN CARE OF BY OUR MAINTENANCE TEAM. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MAINTENANCE TEAM ON GETTING THROUGH ANOTHER SUMMER WITH THIS AGING SPRAY PARK.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS:

PROJECT/CAPITAL ITEM LIST REPORT

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
GYM DIVIDER REPLACEMENT	SCHEDULED	DELAYED UNTIL NOVEMBER INSTALL
NEW EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR TRACK	IN PROGRESS	WILL PROCESS ORDER IN OCT.
PARK DISTRICT TRUCK (FORD F-250)	ORDERED	ORDERED - OCTOBER DELIVERY EXPECTED
CAMERA'S @ DEE PARK & FELDMAN	IN PROGRESS	SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER COMPLETION
ELEVATOR REPAIR @ FELDMAN	APPROVED	SCHEDULING
ELEVATOR REPAIR @ DEE	APPROVED	SCHEDULING
IDOT ELECTRICAL CHARGER GRANT	SUBMITTED	APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO IDOT ON 7/15/26
BUFFER, VACUUM, ADDT. EQUIP.	ORDERED	ORDERED - OCTOBER DELIVERY - DATE TBD
STORAGE SHED FOR DEE PARK	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
STEAM CLEANER	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
FELDMAN - PLAT OF SURVEY	IN PROGRESS	SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 14 & 15



#2-2026 -- August 25, 2026

TO: IAPD Members

FROM: Peter Murphy, J.D., CAE, IOM, IAPD President and CEO
Jason Anselment, IAPD General Counsel
Maura Freeman, Director of Advocacy & Strategic Initiatives

RE: Consolidated Election Resources Now Available

Park Board Candidates May Begin Circulating Nominating Petitions Today

Today, August 25, 2026, marks the first day that park board candidates may begin circulating nominating petitions for the April 6, 2027, Consolidated Election.

That means the **filing period** for nomination petitions for the Consolidated Election will be **November 16-23, 2026**.

[The 2027 IAPD Election Calendar](#), which contains these and other key election dates, was published in the July/August edition of *Illinois Parks and Recreation* magazine.

The following resources from the State Board of Elections (SBE) are also available under the [IAPD Tools webpage](#) and through the [SBE website](#).

[2027 Local Election Officials Handbook](#)
[2027 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar](#)
[2027 Abbreviated Calendar](#)
[2027 Candidate's Guide](#)

IAPD has also developed this [informational brochure](#) for citizens who are considering serving on a park board.

Save the Date for the IAPD Legal Symposium

Speaking of IAPD's premier legal event, the 2026 IAPD Legal Symposium will be held on Thursday, **November 5, 2026**, at The Conference Center/Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook.

We are finalizing another robust agenda for this year's Legal Symposium. Registration will be opening in the next few weeks. Until then, mark your calendar for this must-attend event, which will once again be offered both in-person and virtually!



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#23-2026 — Wednesday, August 26, 2026

TO: IAPD Members

FROM: Peter Murphy, Esq., CAE, IOM, IAPD President and CEO
Jason Anselment, IAPD General Counsel
Maura Freeman, Director of Advocacy and Strategic Initiatives

RE: **Governor Pritzker Signs e-Bike Legislation into Law!**

Today, Governor JB Pritzker signed **SB 3484 (Villivalam, R. / Hernandez, B.)** into law, establishing a new statewide framework under the Illinois Vehicle Code, governing e-bikes and other electric micromobility devices. **This law is not effective until January 1, 2027.**

As a reminder, throughout the 104th General Assembly, IAPD worked extensively with Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, his staff, Senate Leader Ram Villivalam, Representative Barbara Hernandez, and other stakeholders to preserve the authority of local park districts, forest preserve districts, and conservation districts to safely regulate and manage their bike paths.

We succeeded. **Park districts, forest preserve districts, and conservation districts will maintain the flexibility and authority to regulate their bike paths, allowing them to set speed limits and/or prohibit certain devices.**

Vehicle Classifications and User Requirements:

Because parks, forest preserves, and conservation districts are places frequented by users of bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc., IAPD created a table to help you and your agency understand how the state is now regulating the various types of micromobility devices.

[Click HERE to access the IAPD resource, "Vehicle Classifications and User Requirements"](#)

If your agency wishes to exercise the flexibility indicated in the chart (linked above), you need to work with your local counsel and risk services provider to adopt specific ordinances or resolutions. Otherwise, **state law will govern your bike paths.**

Effective Date and Next Steps:

This new law will not go into effect until January 1, 2027. In the meantime, we encourage park districts, forest preserve districts, and conservation districts to:

- Evaluate bike paths on their properties to determine upon which (if any) paths e-bike and/or micromobility devices should be prohibited.
- Work with your agency's local counsel and risk services provider to adopt ordinances that specify whether specific devices are permitted on your bike paths and, if so, what regulations (such as speed limits) apply.

Also note that this Act expressly prohibits "motor driven cycles" (including motorcycles, mopeds, certain motor scooters, and high-speed electric/gas bicycles from operating anywhere outside of public highways, streets, or roadways. **This Act requires the local government with jurisdiction over a "highway, bicycle lane, bicycle path, shared-use path, off-road bicycle trail, or natural surface trail designated for bicycle use, or any other bicycle-specific facility" to post permanent signage or pavement markings notifying users of the prohibition of motor driven cycles on those properties.**

The Act does NOT prescribe specific signage, wording, or placement requirements. That is left up to the unit of local government to determine the signage/pavement marking and placement that best suits their unique properties.

IAPD will continue working with the Secretary of State and other stakeholders as implementation moves forward, and we will share additional guidance and resources with members as they become available.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



THE LATEST LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AFFECTING PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

#24-2026 — Monday, August 31, 2026

TO: IAPD Members

FROM: Peter Murphy, Esq., CAE, IOM, IAPD President and CEO
Jason Anselment, IAPD General Counsel
Maura Freeman, Director of Advocacy and Strategic Initiatives

RE: **Governor Completes Bill Action (2026 Public Acts)**

Governor JB Pritzker has now finished taking action on bills passed during the 104th Illinois General Assembly's 2026 spring session. Throughout the legislative process, IAPD worked with lawmakers and stakeholders to advocate for our members and protect the interests of park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, municipal recreation departments, and special recreation associations across Illinois.

This Legislative Update highlights the new laws most relevant to IAPD members, when they take effect, and what they mean for your agency.

IAPD Platform Initiatives

As a result of IAPD's advocacy, **Public Act 104-0623 / SB 2102 (Harriss, E. / Elik, A.)** enables units of local government to choose whether to file their budget and appropriation ordinance with the county clerk via a paper submission OR electronically. If the budget and appropriation ordinance and estimate of revenues is filed electronically with the county clerk, the county clerk must accept and acknowledge that electronic filing by providing a receipt to the taxing district.

- **P.A. 104-0623 went into effect immediately upon being signed into law on July 24, 2026.**

Public Act 104-0635 / SB 2836 (Johnson, A. / Fritts, B.) uniformly increases the audit threshold for all units of local government governed by the Governmental Account Audit Act. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2027, the statutory threshold that determines whether or not a unit of local government must conduct an annual audit will increase from \$850,000 in revenue to \$1,400,000 in revenue.

- **P.A. 104-0635 went into effect upon being signed into law on July 24, 2026. However, because the Office of the Comptroller needed time to make changes to their online local government systems, the threshold changes will not apply until Fiscal Year 2027.**

With the Governor's signature on these laws, IAPD's total number of successful legislative initiatives over the course of the 104th General Assembly rises to 7. 🎉

That is no small accomplishment. Many associations consider the passage of just one initiative during a General Assembly a major success. Passing seven platform initiatives reflects the strength of IAPD member agencies' advocacy and relationships with legislators throughout Illinois. **Your advocacy matters. YOU helped make these victories possible!**

Major IAPD Victory #1: Recreational program licensing

No single piece of legislation garnered more attention from IAPD and its members than Public Act 104-0480 / HB 3595 (Morrison, J. / Mason, J.) Thanks to YOUR advocacy, **IAPD's proposed compromise language was incorporated and preserved local control over recreational programs operated by units of local government and SRAs.** Details of the requirements and delayed effective dates can be found in the [June 30, 2026 Legislative Update linked HERE](#).

Major IAPD Victory #2: E-bikes and Micromobility Devices

As we reported in last Wednesday's [August 26, 2026 Legislative Update](#), Public Act 104-0854 / SB 3484 (Villivalam, R. / Hernandez, B.) established a new statewide framework governing e-bikes and other micromobility devices. As enacted, this new law includes IAPD's language ensuring that park districts, forest preserve districts, and conservation districts preserve the authority and flexibility to regulate their bike paths, allowing them to set speed limits and/or prohibit certain devices.

- Click [HERE](#) to read the detailed 08/26 Legislative Update about this new law AND what your agency needs to do in order to comply.
 - Click [HERE](#) to access the IAPD resource that breaks down the different types of vehicles addressed by P.A. 104-0854 and the requirements for users of each vehicle.
- **P.A. 104-0854 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Child care and recreational programs

Public Act 104-0583 / HB 2190 (Mason, J. / Hills, D.) amended day care licensing standards to require each licensed facility to have at least two non-administrative staff members on-site during operating hours who are certified in CPR, the Heimlich maneuver, and first aid, rather than current law which requires only one certified staff member.

- **P.A. 104-0583 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0692 / HB 5099 (Mason, J. / Morrison, J.) simply gives IDEC the same background-checking authorities formerly held by DCFS.

- **This portion of P.A. 104-0773 went into effect immediately upon being signed into law on July 31, 2026.**

Public Act 104-0773 / HB 4587 (Faver Dias, L. / Loughran Cappel, M.) makes two major changes to the hiring/employment of child care directors and interim conditional childcare directors of **licensed** child care programs. First, P.A. 104-0773 creates new educational qualifications for directors. Second, it creates qualifications for *interim* child care directors. The latter garnered a lot of attention throughout the 2026 spring session, because this Public Act created a pathway for a current employee of a licensed child care program to serve as an *interim* director of a licensed child care program as she or he completes the requisite educational requirements. This pathway will only apply to individuals who have worked for the program for at least 2 years (or 3,120 clock hours) and who are in the process of completing the educational requirements for a director of a licensed child care program. If your agency operates a **licensed** child care program, please carefully review the new requirements [HERE](#).

- **P.A. 104-0773 will not go into effect until July 1, 2027.**

Park properties and natural resources

Public Act 104-0654 / SB 3016 (DeWitte, D. / La Ha, N.) requires IDNR to prioritize OSLAD projects that exceed ADA accessibility standards, e.g. universal design playgrounds. The priorities and grant application scoring matrix will be established by IDNR through administrative rulemaking, which has not yet been published. IAPD will monitor proposed rules and will share information with members as it becomes available.

- **P.A. 104-0654 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0708 / HB 5542 (Stephens, B. / Murphy, L.) amended the Park District Code to allow, but not require, a park district board to adopt an ordinance waiving any unpaid park district assessments on property subject to a disconnection petition.

- **P.A. 104-0708 went into effect immediately upon being signed into law on July 31, 2026.**

Public Act 104-0726 / SB 3422 (Ventura, R. / Didech, D.) was an IDNR initiative that amended the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Act to require cost-sharing in future grant awards. As a reminder, the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, but Senator Ellman ensured that forest preserves and park districts are now eligible recipients for grants created under this Act after passing P.A. 104-0143 in 2025.

- **P.A. 104-0726 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Facilities

Public Act 104-0712 / SB 3087 (Villivalam, R. / Ollickal, K.) amends the Swimming Facility Act to extend the timeframe for conditional licenses from 3 to 5 years, and allows up to 5 consecutive annual conditional licenses to be issued to facilities working toward full compliance.

- **P.A. 104-0712 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0771 / HB 4379 (Briel, A. / Collins, L.) amends the Equitable Restrooms Act to require certain public buildings constructed on or after January 1, 2029, to install and maintain at least one adult changing station. Covered facilities include large entertainment venues, museums, libraries, airports, hospitals, certain educational facilities, *and designated buildings located within places of recreation, such as parks and zoos*. Adult changing stations must meet Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility standards and include specified amenities, signage, maneuvering clearances, and maintenance requirements. Of particular interest to IAPD members, this new law allows the owner or operator of a place of recreation to designate one building or structure within a recreation area to install the adult changing station, subject to the Act's requirements.

- **P.A. 104-0771 will not go into effect until June 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0786 / HB 5024 (Welch, E. / Lightford, K.) prohibits any unit of government or federal immigration authority from locating, constructing, or operating specific types of detention center facilities (as defined by the legislation) within 1,500 feet of the property boundaries of any school, day care center, day care home, cemetery, public park, forest preserve, residence, or place of worship.

- **P.A. 104-0786 went into effect immediately upon being signed into law on August 7, 2026.**

Public Act 104-0850 / SB 3465 (Guzmán, G. / Mah, T.) amends the Construction Site Temporary Restroom Facility and Sanitary Conditions Act to require employers in the construction industry to provide specific accommodations for workers who are menstruating or lactating. It also places certain responsibilities on owners of construction sites.

- **P.A. 104-0850 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Local government operations

Public Act 104-0513 / HB 5166 (Walsh, L. / Loughran Cappel, M.) establishes a new method for the dissolution of drainage districts and sanitary districts by a simple majority vote of their governing body. As a reminder, when it was originally introduced, the bill applied to all special districts—including park districts. However, because of IAPD's advocacy, the bill was scaled back to *only* drainage and sanitary districts.

- **P.A. 104-0513 went into effect immediately upon being signed into law on June 26, 2026.**

Public Act 104-0582 / HB 2137 (Schmidt, K. / Harriss, E.) requires governmental units that maintain a website to post information describing where the entity's audit and financial reports are publicly accessible, including a link to the Comptroller's website, beginning January 1, 2027. As a reminder, the Governmental Account Audit Act requires audits and annual financial reports to be filed with the Comptroller and the county clerk of the county where the principal office of the governmental unit is located. These reports must also be made a part of a governmental unit's public records and open to inspection, so at a minimum they are publicly accessible in at least these three locations.

- **P.A. 104-0582 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0665 / HB 4592 (Mayfield, R. / Belt, C.) creates the Retail Cash Payment Act, which requires restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, and pharmacies to accept cash for in-person purchases under \$500 and to maintain at least one cash-accepting register. Under the new Act, a "restaurant" is a business that is primarily engaged in the sale of ready-to-eat food for immediate consumption that comprises at least 51% of the total sales, excluding the sale of liquor. "Restaurant" does not include a temporary vendor at a market or festival, a business operating from a vehicle or other mobile space, or a street vendor. Finally, the Act does not require any entity to accept bills larger than \$20 as payment for goods and services.

- **P.A. 104-0665 will not go into effect until January 1, 2028.**

Public Act 104-0762 / HB 3454 (Mason, J. / Glowiak Hilton, S.) replaced every instance of "epinephrine injector" and "epinephrine auto-injector" throughout existing state laws with the phrase "epinephrine delivery system" to include a new, FDA-approved drug that delivers epinephrine to a person experiencing an anaphylactic allergic reaction via a nasal spray (commercially available as "Neffy"). For example, the Emergency Asthma Inhalers and Allergy Treatment for Children Act is amended to state that "a recreation camp or an after-school care program shall permit a child with severe, potentially life-threatening allergies to possess, self-administer, and use an epinephrine delivery system..." (rather than an epinephrine auto-injector).

- **P.A. 104-0762 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0821 / SB 3449 (Cunningham, B. / Spain, R.) amended the Illinois Identification Card Act to clarify that when a person presents a digital mobile identification card, no "relying party" (the entity to which the credential holder presents the electronic credential) may take physical possession of the person's device for the purpose of verifying the person's identity. Rather, the relying party should request (and the person must provide) the physical identification card. Moreover, any information collected from a person's physical or digital mobile identification card may not be maintained or stored for longer than what is strictly necessary for the purpose for which the information was provided.

- **P.A. 104-0821 went into effect immediately upon being signed into law on August 7, 2026.**

Workforce and employment

Public Act 104-0683 / HB 4844 (Hoffman, J. / Martwick, R.) amends the Jury Act and the Jury Commission Act to require employers with more than 25 employees to compensate employees at the employee's regular rate of pay for time that the employee served on jury duty.

- **P.A. 104-0683 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0744 / SB 3777 (Johnson, A. / Slaughter, J.) amends the Illinois Human Rights Act by prohibiting employers, employment agencies, and labor organizations from using criteria or methods that have a discriminatory effect on certain protected groups unless those criteria or methods are job-related, necessary for business operations, and cannot be replaced by a less discriminatory alternative. The intent of these changes is to

codify the disparate impact protections under the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 into state law.

- **P.A. 104-0744 will not go into effect until June 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0776 / HB 4758 (Johnson, G. / Belt, C.) amends the Job Opportunities for Qualified Applicants Act to prohibit employers from requiring a driver's license *unless* driving is an essential job function or tied to a legitimate business purpose.

- **P.A. 104-0776 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0793 / HB 5284 (Morris, Y. / Lightford, K.) creates the Illinois Menopause Equity and Care Act, to expand access to menopause care and protections for people experiencing menopause. This new law also amends the Illinois Human Rights Act and provides that it would be a civil rights violation to unlawfully discriminate against a person because of a menopause-related condition, or to fail or refuse to provide reasonable accommodations for a person with a menopause-related condition.

- **This portion of P.A. 104-0793 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

Public Act 104-0810 / SB 2802 (Holmes, L. / Wash, L.) increases the IMRF flat death benefit payment from \$3,000 to \$8,000 for deaths occurring on or after January 1, 2027, except for members who first retired prior to the effective date of Public Act 104-0810.

- **This portion of P.A. 104-0810 will not go into effect until January 1, 2027.**

What's next?

Veto Session: The Illinois General Assembly is scheduled to return to Springfield for the Veto Session November 17-19 and December 1-3, 2026. IAPD members can always access the official legislative calendars on our [Advocacy Webpage](#).

As its name suggests, the primary purpose of a "Veto Session" is to consider legislation vetoed by the governor. However, this year, Governor Pritzker did not issue any vetoes. Despite the name, Veto Sessions are often used to advance legislation that did not reach the governor's desk during the spring legislative session. On occasion, the General Assembly has even been known to pass entirely new legislation. In other words, Veto Sessions can be full of surprises, and we'll be sure to provide another timely update once the Veto Session comes to a close in December.

2027-2028 Legislative Survey: Conducted once every two years, the Legislative Survey gathers IAPD member input on the issues that matter most to their specific agencies and serves as a foundation for IAPD's legislative advocacy efforts. The Joint Legislative Committee then uses survey responses to help shape IAPD's legislative platform for the next two-year General Assembly and to inform our response to proposals that could create unfunded mandates, diminish local control, or otherwise negatively impact park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation, and special recreation agencies throughout Illinois. **Your agency's input is a critical part of shaping IAPD's legislative priorities and strengthening our advocacy on behalf of members statewide. The 2027-2028 Legislative Survey is due September 18, 2026. If your agency has not already completed this survey, please refer to the instructions [HERE](#) from IAPD's August 10, 2026 email.**

2026 IAPD Legal Symposium: Finally, the new laws mentioned in this Update (and other legal changes) will be discussed in greater detail November 5, 2026 at the IAPD Legal Symposium. Keep an eye on your inbox in mid-September for registration details! We look forward to seeing you there!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



THE LATEST LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AFFECTING PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

#25-2026 — Tuesday, September 1, 2026

TO: IAPD Members

FROM: Peter Murphy, Esq., CAE, IOM, IAPD President and CEO
Jason Anselment, IAPD General Counsel
Maura Freeman, Director of Advocacy and Strategic Initiatives

RE: \$157M in ITEP Funding Available!

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is now accepting applications for the **Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)**. With a total funding pool of \$157 million, each project is eligible for up to \$5 million. **The deadline to apply is October 5, 2026 at 5 pm.**

What is ITEP? ITEP is a program that provides funding for community-based projects that expand travel choices and improve the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our state's transportation infrastructure. ITEP operates on a biennial cycle, with applications opening in late summer of even-numbered years.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities (both on- and off-road) + sidewalks
- Conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- Vegetation management in transportation rights of way
- Projects that reduce incidents of vehicle-caused wildlife mortality
- Projects that restore or maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats

There is only one ITEP webinar in September. If your agency is considering submitting an ITEP application this year, we strongly encourage you to register and attend this informational event. Register for that Wednesday, September 16 (11 am) webinar [HERE](#).



ITEP Resources at a Glance:

- [Official IDOT ITEP Webpage](#)
- [ITEP Program Guidelines](#)
- Register for the **Wednesday, September 16 (11 am)** IDOT staff Q&A webinar [HERE](#)
- All applications must be submitted through the ITEP application portal. Instructions to set up an ITEP application account are available [HERE](#).
- IDOT contact for ITEP inquiries: DOT.ITEP@illinois.gov

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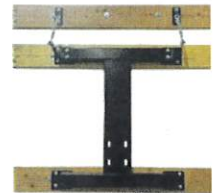
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8 1/2' Goal Height for Ages 8-10

6-in-1 Adjustable Easy-Up™

Age appropriate goal height for kids of all ages now available in single adjustable unit...This one model can be set at 6 1/2', 7', 7 1/2', 8', 8 1/2' or 9' goal height for kids as young as four years old

Two minute height adjustment without tools.

About:

- Only Easy-Up will fit on any style of single-ring goal, breakaway or non-breakaway, regardless of manufacturer, age or condition
- An Easy-Up goal lowers rim and moves rim 24" closer to free throw line
- The full size rim allows play with either full sized or reduced size balls depending upon player age
- Standing as low as 2' above the floor, one person can easily attach the tubular frame to a 10' goal with a unique cam operated lever
- Total system weight is less than 40#
- 48" x 32" backboard is molded of high impact ABS plastic
- Ships completely assembled
- Not suitable for dunking or hanging from goal

on One-year limited warranty on structure and goal, lifetime limited warranty on backboard.

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