









## 2017-2022 Strategic Plan Bi-Annual Update

February 8, 2018

#### Mission

The Winnetka Park District's mission is to provide a balance of quality recreation and leisure opportunities, while protecting assets, natural resources, and open space for the benefit of present and future generations.

#### Vision

The Winnetka Park District is the driving force behind our community's recreational, leisure, and active lifestyle. By building vital community partnerships, we will continue to offer an array of programs to meet the needs of all ages, stages, and abilities. We will strive to be a model government agency through responsible management and enhancement of our parks and facilities.



#### STRATEGIC PLAN 2017 - 2022









## **Background**

1

5 Year Plan

2

Strategic Plan adopted during the Executive Director/staff transition (March 2017)

3

Focus on Staff "Ownership"- Priority Direction & Practical Application

## Today's Agenda & Process Overview

1

Review of 2017 Progress SP Direction/Priority -1<sup>st</sup> Half of 2018

2

**Dedicated Time** (during LST & huddles)

3

**Bi-Annual Review** (moving forward July & January)

# Goal #1 Customer Engagement and Community Focus

2017 Progress



## Goal #1: Customer Engagement and Community Focus



**Expanding Hubbard Woods events** 

Overall attendance of special events

## Goal #1: Customer Engagement and Community Focus





## Technology/Customer Service (1.2)

**Initiative:** Part of the Systems Administrator transition plan.

Status: On-going

## Waterfront Programming (1.3)

Initiative: Added Winnetka Water Explorers Camp in 2017.110 participants with no adverse affect on sailing.

Status: On-going

## Goal #1: Customer Engagement and Community Focus



# Better Understand customer demographics (1.4)

**Initiative:** Initiated with Marketing Brand Manager transition.

**Status:** In-progress

## Marketing – not in original plan (1.6)

**Initiative:** Hired new Marketing Brand Manager and developed a set of initiatives.

**Status:** Completed

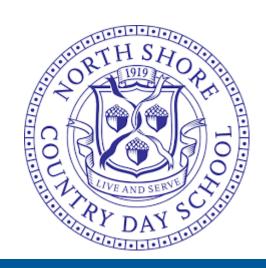
Goal #2
Collaborate and
Leverage our
Relationships

2017 Progress



## Goal #2: Collaborate and Leverage our Relationships





Winnetka Music Fest

Renewed NSCD Agreement, added Golf & Tennis

## Goal #2: Collaborate and Leverage our Relationships





## Stormwater (2.1)

**Initiative:** Developed background/consideration(s) platform. Executive Director met with all Board members individually.

**Status:** Completed

## Affiliate Relationships (2.3)

**Initiative:** All agreements up-to-date on internal master calendar for review and updates.

**Status:** Completed

## Goal #2: Collaborate and Leverage our Relationships





## Governmental Relationships (2.4)

**Initiative:** Continue dialogue with School District #36.

Status: On-going

## Governmental Relationships (2.4)

**Initiative:** Due Diligence on proposed Village TIF and agency impact.

Status: On-going

2017 Progress











Dwyer Park

Golf Service Center & Bar

LFMP Improvements

Outdoor Court Donation





## Long Range Plan (3.1)

**Initiative:** Developed and presented 5-year capital plan with 2018 budget.

**Status:** Completed (yet on-going)

## Lakefront Master Plan (3.2)

**Initiative:** Developed and presented 5-year plan with 2018 budget.

Status: On-going





## Financial Strategies (3.3)

#### Initiative:

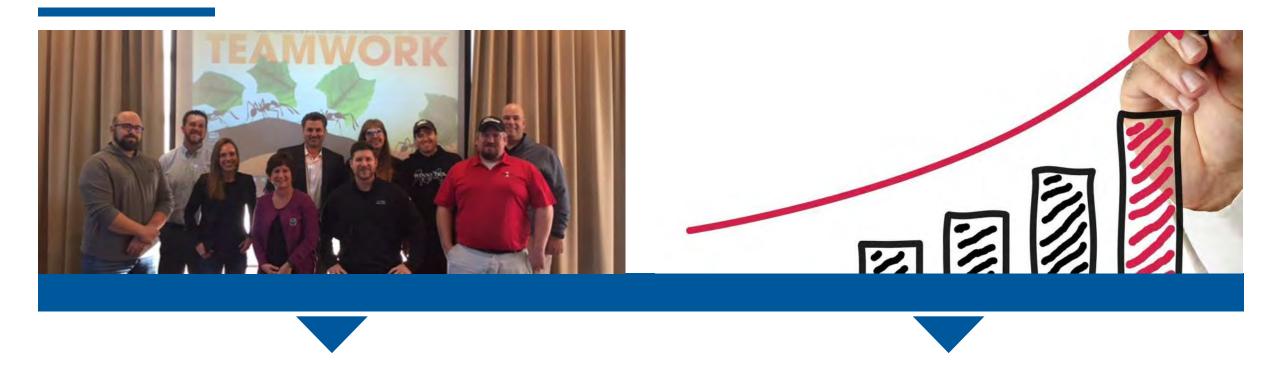
- Developed 5-year forecasts
- Reduced capital expenses
  - Improved overall NOI

**Status:** Completed (yet on-going)

# Financial Policies and Procedures (3.4)

**Initiative:** Initiated through Superintendent of Finance transition.

Status: on-going



# Employee Financial Knowledge (3.5)

**Initiative:** Initiated through Leadership Staff Team (LST) staff development program (team teachables).

Status: On-going

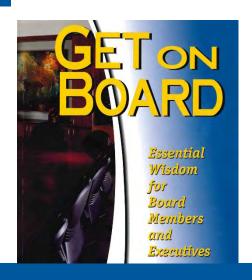
# Employee Financial Knowledge (3.5)

**Initiative:** Expanded education & responsibility for operating budget impact on long range financial forecasting.

Status: On-going

2017 Progress







## Park Board Governance (4.1)

#### Initiative:

- Executive Director held one on ones with new Board members
  - New board members attended IAPD Boot Camp.

**Status:** Completed

## Park Board Governance (4.1)

**Initiative:** Board development in-service held with park attorney, Steve Adams.

**Status:** Completed (yet on-going)





## Park Board Governance (4.1)

#### Initiative:

- Open Meetings Act (OMA) training completed for new board members, ED and ASM.
  - ED and ASM also received FOIA training.

**Status:** Completed

## Park Board Governance (4.1)

**Initiative:** Provided new and existing board members with revised/updated orientation manual.

**Status:** Completed (will revisit in 2019)





## Succession Planning/Leadership Development (4.2)

#### **Initiative:**

- Created a leadership team (LST).
- Developed a culture of staff excellence leadership training

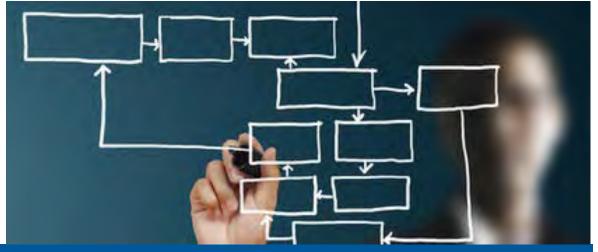
Status: Completed & On-going

## Senior Management Support (4.3)

**Initiative:** Staff transition of Superintendent of Finance, Marketing Brand Manager and Administrative Services Manager.

**Status:** Completed





## Foster Teamwork & Training (4.4)

**Initiative:** Revised and implemented annual performance review to include on-going coaching development program.

Status: Completed

## Foster Teamwork & Training (4.4)

**Initiative:** Initiated organizational chart position assessments.

**Status:** In-progress





## Foster Teamwork & Training (4.4)

**Initiative:** Incorporated additional team-building/engagement opportunities through the year.

Status: On-going

## Manage Personnel Costs (4.6)

**Initiative:** Did not fill open Superintendent of Facilities position (2017-18)

**Status:** Completed (will be re-evaluated)







**Initiative:** Developed and implemented performance merit compensation system.

**Status:** Completed

## Manage Personnel Costs (4.6)

**Initiative:** Worked with insurance broker to see no insurance premium increases.

Status: Completed

Goal #5
Operational
Excellence

2017 Progress



## Goal #5: Operational Excellence





## Technology Master Plan (5.2)

**Initiative:** Initiated Systems Administrator transition by reviewing position, responsibilities, contracted services.

**Status:** In-progress

## Technology Master Plan (5.2)

**Initiative:** Inventoried hardware and software for Long Range Plan.

**Status:** Completed

## Goal #5: Operational Excellence





## Parks and Recreation Best Practices (5.3)

**Initiative:** Received Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

**Status:** Completed (apply annually)

## Proactive Risk Management (5.4)

**Initiative:** Shifted safety responsibilities to the committee level, led by chairperson John Barrett.

**Status:** Completed

## Goal #5: Operational Excellence





## Proactive Risk Management (5.4)

**Initiative:** Maintained accredited standard with PDRMA for loss control program.

**Status:** Completed (on-going commitment)

## **Environmental Practices (5.5)**

**Initiative:** Responded to/on-going dialogue with community members inquires about agency recycling and pesticide practices.

Status: On-going



## Goal #1

# Customer Engagement and Community Focus

- Develop customer service standards and plan (committee)
- Website enhancements
- Brand standards
- Collaboration & coordination of WPD special events/programs (cross marketing & package opportunities)



## Goal #2

## Collaborate & Leverage Relationships

- Stormwater
- Master calendar of recreation opportunities
- TIF
- Northfield Park District reciprocal agreement
- School District #36 Forward Ready
- Updated affiliate agreement (AYSO, Jr. Trevians & WPTC)



## Goal #3

#### Invest in the Future

- Long Range Plan development (2023-2032 operating capital needs)
- Lakefront Master Plan development/priorities (Lloyd project)
- Internal funding options and expanded LRP opportunities
- Financial concepts training for staff



## Goal #4

## Engaged & Passionate Employees

- Continue board training
- Develop culture of (LST) staff excellence training (vision & core values)
- Comprehensive staff training/ team building program
- Improve performance coaching/annual review & merit based compensation
- Compare IPRA salary/benefits survey



## Goal #5

## Operational Excellence

- Technology Master Plan with IT transition plan
- Pro-active risk management 6 month review
- Environmental practices
   (research best practice vs. practical application recycling & pesticides)
- Revenue Facility-KPI (Key Performance Indicators)

# Next Board Update July 26, 2018