

LITCHFIELD PARK DISTRICT  
April Meeting Minutes  
Regular monthly Meeting on April 1st, 2026

7:00 PM REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS for the Litchfield Park District, 1100 South State St. in Litchfield, IL, called to order by President Jeff Heyen.

**Roll Call:** Jeff Heyen\_P\_\_\_ Katie Cross\_P\_\_\_ Brian Kulick\_P\_\_\_ Sherry Bergschneider\_\_P\_\_ Christopher Bates\_\_A\_\_ Jaylynn Taylor\_P\_\_\_ Jennifer Cearlock \_P\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Public Comments**

#### **A motion to accept the minutes from the March 4th, 2026 meeting.**

A motion was made by Brian Kulick and seconded by Jaylynn Taylor to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

#### **A motion to accept all financial reports for March 31st, 2026.**

Monthly Balances

Cash Receipts Deposit Detail

Cash Disbursements/Bills

Monthly & YTD Profit & Loss

Profit Loss Between Fiscal Years

A motion was made by Brian Kulick and seconded by Katie Cross to accept the financial reports. The motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Park Maintenance** by Jennifer Cearlock

- **Update on Maintenance Staff returning.**

David List has returned from medical leave. Interviews were conducted this week to replace Scott Thompson, who quit without notice. Ricky Shipment has been offered and has accepted the vacant position created by Scott quitting. Maintenance is now fully staffed. Ricky starts next Tuesday.

#### **Ball Parks** by Sherry Bergschneider

- **Walton Park Dugout Update.**

SCI has started working on the dugouts at Walton Park. They are about halfway through completing the dugouts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side. They plan on completing both dugouts prior to the end of the school year.

#### **Community Center** by Katie Cross

- **Tardis Structure monthly Report.**

Our building arrived today. Tardis will have to return to have it placed on the foundation due to the ground being too wet for the crane to place the buildings at this time. We're one step closer to being able to open the restrooms.

#### **Recreation/Reinvesting** by Jaylynn Taylor

- **Report on Easter Egg Hunt.**

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. This year we put out approximately 4500 eggs along with various prizes for each age group. We had many donors this year, along with the Easter Bunny, Misses Cottontail, the chamber Junior Miss and three volunteers. Special thanks to Buck and Jenny Longwell for donating bicycles for grand prizes for all age groups. A thank you ad was placed in the Journal News.

- **TLC/LCP update.**

TLC would like to pair with the park district at the Celebrate Walton Park event by sponsoring a kickball event at the park. TLC will also be conducting a spring cleanup on April 19. Volunteers will meet at Kismet at 11:00am.

- **Discuss this year's Summer Concert series.**

This year's concert series is now on the is now posted on our Facebook page. The lineup is as follows: June 12 – City Heat Band; Heartland Bank Sponsor; July 10 – B & B Strings: Bank and Trust Litchfield Sponsor; August 14- the Strugglers; First National Bank Sponsor; September 11 – Shake Daddies- park District Sponsor. All Concerts are from 6:30 – 9:30. Sweet P's food truck will be on site offering food and beverages for sale.

- **Discuss plans for the Little/Big Dances.**

Last month we discussed having big/little dances again this year. If we move forward, we would be looking at Friday May 15 and Saturday May 16. It was suggested we wait and offer this at a later date.

#### **Financial** by Brian Kulick

- **Discuss and take-action on the 2026-2027 budget.**

We had the community budget hearing. It is now time to take action on the presented budget. A motion was made by Brian Kulick to approve the budget and was seconded by Jennifer Cearlock. A roll call vote was taken and the result was a unanimous yes. The budget has been approved.

#### **Pool** by Christopher Bates

- **Monthly Pool update.**

We are getting closer to opening the pool. The pool will be filled starting May 11. We will also have pool startup, employee orientation and pool cleanup that week to be ready to open the pool Memorial weekend. At this point it looks like we won't have low dive this year. Due to the diving board's high replacement cost, we may want to explore other options such as a sliding board or climbing wall. The pool is currently fully staffed. After further discussion it was decided to place the diving board on next month's agenda for action.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Report on Celebrate Walton Park event.**

Katie Cross is in charge of the Celebrate Walton Park committee. The ideas she brought to the meeting are many and varied with all ages in mind. The date for this event is June 6, 2026 from 10am until 2pm. The committee is looking for a historian with knowledge of Walton Park to present a talk. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event.

- **Report on Computer System Installation.**

Our new computer system has been installed and is in operation. Steve and Debbie are getting used to the new system.

#### **New Business:**

- **Discuss having Blast Ball at Echlin Park**

This year Blast Ball is returning. It will be called "Paws Ball" and will be on the Echlin Field. It will be under the LBI umbrella and run by Joe Webb. Games are on Tuesday night.

#### **Executive Session:**

#### **Adjournment:**

Sherry Bergschneider made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Brian Kulick seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

