

Board of Park Commissioner Vacancy

The Worth Park District Board of Park Commissioners is seeking to fill one seat on the Park District's Board of Park Commissioners that became vacant on November 10, 2021. The Board of Park Commissioners will consider all interested residents who are registered voters of the Worth Park District. The term of the appointment will be from February 2022 until May 2023.

Commissioner Information

Park District Commissioners are elected by the Worth Park District voters to serve six year terms under ordinary circumstances. When a position becomes vacant, the Board of Park Commissioners may appoint a resident to fill the vacant seat until the next regularly scheduled local consolidated election. In this instance, the term of office for the vacant seat is until May 2023. To fill the vacancy, the Board plans to appoint an individual from February 2022 through May 2023. An election will be held in April 2023 for residents to elect an individual to a new six-year term.

Any interested resident should submit a (1) letter of interest and (2) questionnaire by 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2022. Questionnaires may be downloaded from the Park District's website at www.worthparkdistrict.org or may be requested by calling (708) 448-7080 or emailing roshaughnessy@worthparkdistrict.org.

How to File

Letters of interest and questionnaires may be submitted to the Board of Park Commissioners by forwarding to:

Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation
Worth Park District
11500 S. Beloit Ave.
Worth, IL 60482

They may alternately be emailed to: roshaughnessy@worthparkdistrict.org

Tentative Timeline

Wednesday, November 17, 2021	Announcement of Vacancy
Friday, January 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.	Application Deadline
January 10-11, 2022	Application Review Process
January 12-21, 2022	Candidate Interviews
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	Candidate Appointment

Park Commissioner Responsibilities and Requirements

Government of the Worth Park District is vested in the Board of Park Commissioners, which consists of five elected or appointed members. The members of the Board constitute the corporate authority governing the Park District pursuant to Illinois law.

The Park Board has the authority to make all decisions affecting the operations of the Park District, but normally exercises its power by establishing policy and reviewing the implementation of policy by its officers and employees. In addition, the Board shall perform the following functions:

- a. Adopt policies that allow the organization to run efficiently, effectively, legally and ethically.
- b. Request, receive, evaluate and make decisions based on well researched guidance from the Director.
- c. Interpret the agency's mission, values and vision to the public.
- d. Monitor operational and capital finances.
- e. Hire, supervise, evaluate and support the Director.
- f. Establish policies after consideration of the pros and cons of each issue.
- g. Help set a strategic direction that adopts goals relating to the vision and mission of the organization.
- h. Act as a resource, sounding board and as the eyes and ears of the citizens of the community, making sure that the Park District is meeting their needs.
- i. Develop, maintain and update long-range plans.
- j. Adopt and adhere to a code of ethics.

Time Commitment

A member of the Board of Park Commissioners has demands upon their time. The following items outline generally what the time commitment entails:

- a. Two monthly Board Meetings. The Committee of the Whole meeting and the Regular Board meeting is on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Terrace Centre at 6:00 PM and generally last between one and two hours.
- b. Prior to each meeting a packet of information is provided. Board members are expected to review all the materials in advance of the meetings.
- c. Communicating with residents both formally and informally.
- d. Attendance at facilities, programs and special events.
- e. Attendance at the state association conference each January for one or two days is optional.

How to Receive Additional Information

There is a wide variety of material on the Park District website covering everything from financial information to programming options to lists of parks and facilities. Interested candidates may contact Robert O'Shaughnessy or Kelly Pezdek at (708) 448-7080 for additional information about the position or the Park District.

2021-23 Board of Park Commissioners Vacancy Questionnaire

Please address each question below in a written statement, expressing your interest in being considered for the vacant position on the Worth Park District's Board of Park Commissioners. All statements must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Please be aware that any information provided to the Worth Park District during this process may be subject to public release through the Freedom of Information Act. If you have questions regarding the process, the Worth Park District, or about being a Commissioner, please contact Robert O'Shaughnessy at (708) 448-7080 or roshaughnessy@worthparkdistrict.org.

Questions:

1. Please discuss all relevant experience that qualifies you to serve on the Park Board.
2. Provide specific goals as a Commissioner that you would like to achieve.
3. What would you like to see the Park District do or provide that it does not currently?
4. Have you run for the Board of Park Commissioners in previous elections? If not, please explain why you are now interested in the position.
5. What experiences have you and your family had with the Worth Park District?
6. What does it mean to you to be a representative of the community?
7. Please discuss any other ideas or information you would like the Board of Park Commissioners to consider.

Other Information:

1. Please provide two references.
2. Please provide contact information and your preferred method of contact.