



ELEVATE  
ELMHURST PARKS  
*mapping our future*



# 2026 Budget





# Our Mission

We **enrich lives**  
while having fun!

## Our Vision

To be a **national leader** in  
providing memorable parks  
and recreation experiences  
to **our community**.

## Our Values

**Customer  
Service  
Excellence**



**Community  
Focused**



**Belonging**



**Fun**



**Integrity**



# 2026 Budget Calendar

|                                                                                                         |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| ✓ Achieve consensus on proposed 2026 Strategic Work Plan Tactics                                        | 08/25/2025 |
| ✓ Approve 2025 Tax Levy Resolution                                                                      | 10/13/2025 |
| ✓ Present 2026 Budget Overview and Proposed Capital Plan & Debt Sections                                | 10/27/2025 |
| □ Present 2026 Proposed Operating Budget Sections                                                       | 11/10/2025 |
| □ Conduct 2026 Proposed Budget Public Hearing                                                           | 11/24/2025 |
| □ Continue 2026 Proposed Budget Discussion                                                              | 11/24/2025 |
| □ Approve 2026 Budget Documents and 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and 2025 Tax Levy Ordinance | 12/08/2025 |



# **2026** Budget Highlights **ELEVATE ELMHURST PARKS (EEP)**

2026 EEP Strategic Work Plan and Budget reflect next steps to address community needs, including:

- investing in new and modernizing current park amenities and facilities
- expanding and enhancing offerings
- increasing opportunities for communication and collaboration
- growing fiscal capacity
- strengthening organizational culture

# 2026 Budget Highlights

Reflecting the impact of the 2024 referendum:

- 44.2% increase in total revenues (\$11,497,477)
- 238.7% increase in total expenditures including capital and debt (\$90,654,973)
- As compared to 2025, an increased spend down of reserves for capital improvements (\$55,081,701 vs. \$2,475,302)

# 2026 Budget Summary

|                                                   | Revenues          | Operating Expenditures | Operating Net    | Cash & Investment Spend Down | Total Expenditures | Net                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>                               | 5,315,536         | 4,856,792              | 458,744          | 1,895,207                    | 6,751,999          | (1,436,463)         |
| IMRF Fund                                         | 426,420           | 425,094                | 1,326            | -                            | 425,094            | 1,326               |
| FICA Fund                                         | 855,145           | 853,673                | 1,472            | -                            | 853,673            | 1,472               |
| Liability Fund                                    | 442,503           | 443,268                | (765)            | -                            | 443,268            | (765)               |
| Audit Fund                                        | 62,423            | 62,931                 | (508)            | -                            | 62,931             | (508)               |
| <b>Recreation Fund</b>                            | 12,581,423        | 12,414,243             | 167,180          | 2,617,189                    | 15,031,432         | (2,450,009)         |
| Special Recreation Association Fund               | 697,993           | 688,214                | 9,779            | 510,500                      | 1,198,714          | (500,721)           |
| Museum Fund                                       | 385,643           | 381,968                | 3,675            | 25,000                       | 406,968            | (21,325)            |
| <b>Sugar Creek Golf Course Fund</b>               | 1,459,614         | 1,189,283              | 270,331          | 321,700                      | 1,510,983          | (51,369)            |
| <b>Total Operating Budget</b>                     | <b>22,226,700</b> | <b>21,315,466</b>      | <b>911,234</b>   | <b>5,369,596</b>             | <b>26,685,062</b>  | <b>(4,458,362)</b>  |
| <b>Debt Service Fund</b>                          | 7,464,110         | 7,426,595              | 37,515           | 150,000                      | 7,576,595          | (112,485)           |
| <b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>                   | 5,930,960         | 5,779,560              | 151,400          | -                            | 5,779,560          | 151,400             |
| Paving & Lighting Fund                            | 193,401           | 181,185                | 12,216           | 266,855                      | 448,040            | (254,639)           |
| <b>Total Debt &amp; Capital Budget</b>            | <b>13,588,471</b> | <b>13,387,340</b>      | <b>201,131</b>   | <b>416,855</b>               | <b>13,804,195</b>  | <b>(215,724)</b>    |
| <b>Total Operating, Debt &amp; Capital Budget</b> | <b>35,815,171</b> | <b>34,702,806</b>      | <b>1,112,365</b> | <b>5,786,451</b>             | <b>40,489,257</b>  | <b>(4,674,086)</b>  |
| Supplemental Referendum Activity Fund             | 1,697,485         | 870,466                | 827,019          | -                            | 870,466            | 827,019             |
| Referendum Fund                                   | -                 | -                      | -                | 49,295,250                   | 49,295,250         | (49,295,250)        |
| <b>Total Referendum Budget</b>                    | <b>1,697,485</b>  | <b>870,466</b>         | <b>827,019</b>   | <b>49,295,250</b>            | <b>50,165,716</b>  | <b>(48,468,231)</b> |
| <b>Grand Total Budget</b>                         | <b>37,512,656</b> | <b>35,573,272</b>      | <b>1,939,384</b> | <b>55,081,701</b>            | <b>90,654,973</b>  | <b>(53,142,317)</b> |

# 2026 Cash & Investments

|                                      | A | B                                              | C                                        | D                                         | E                                                | F                                        | G                                         | H                                               | I        | J                                                        | K                                     | L                                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                                      |   | Audited<br>12/31/2024<br>Cash &<br>Investments | 2025<br>Budgeted<br>Operating<br>Revenue | 2025<br>Budgeted<br>Operating<br>Expenses | Projected<br>12/31/2025<br>Cash &<br>Investments | 2026<br>Proposed<br>Operating<br>Revenue | 2026<br>Proposed<br>Operating<br>Expenses | Proposed<br>12/31/2026<br>Cash &<br>Investments | Target % | Budgeted Tier 1<br>2026<br>Fund<br>Target <sup>[1]</sup> | Will the<br>2026<br>target be<br>met? | Tier 2<br>Amount<br>Over (Under)<br>Tier 1 Target |
| 1 General                            |   | 5,092,851                                      | 5,223,618                                | 5,697,683                                 | 4,618,786                                        | 5,315,536                                | 6,751,999                                 | 3,182,323                                       | 50%      | 2,428,396                                                | YES!                                  | 753,927                                           |
| 2 Recreation                         |   | 5,652,704                                      | 12,912,687                               | 12,999,929                                | 5,565,461                                        | 12,581,423                               | 15,031,432                                | 3,115,452                                       | 15%      | 1,862,136                                                | YES!                                  | 1,253,316                                         |
| 3 IMRF                               |   | 374,488                                        | 280,000                                  | 389,009                                   | 265,479                                          | 426,420                                  | 425,094                                   | 266,805                                         | 50%      | 212,547                                                  | YES!                                  | 54,258                                            |
| 4 FICA                               |   | 642,188                                        | 756,800                                  | 812,840                                   | 586,148                                          | 855,145                                  | 853,673                                   | 587,620                                         | 50%      | 426,837                                                  | YES!                                  | 160,783                                           |
| 5 Liability                          |   | 199,050                                        | 299,780                                  | 399,848                                   | 98,982                                           | 442,503                                  | 443,268                                   | 98,217                                          | 10%      | 44,327                                                   | YES!                                  | 53,890                                            |
| 6 Audit                              |   | 43,032                                         | 59,600                                   | 58,842                                    | 43,790                                           | 62,423                                   | 62,931                                    | 43,282                                          | 50%      | 31,466                                                   | YES!                                  | 11,817                                            |
| 7 SRA                                |   | 962,465                                        | 715,119                                  | 745,239                                   | 932,345 <sup>[3]</sup>                           | 697,993                                  | 1,198,714                                 | 431,624                                         | 25%      | 187,179                                                  | YES!                                  | 244,445                                           |
| 8 Museum                             |   | 164,592                                        | 348,900                                  | 350,302                                   | 163,190                                          | 385,643                                  | 406,968                                   | 141,865                                         | 25%      | 95,492                                                   | YES!                                  | 46,373                                            |
| 9 Sugar Creek                        |   | 697,623                                        | 1,378,797                                | 1,336,592                                 | 739,828                                          | 1,459,614                                | 1,510,983                                 | 688,459                                         |          | 300,000                                                  | YES!                                  | 388,459                                           |
| 10 Information Technology            |   | 19,690                                         | -                                        | -                                         | -                                                | -                                        | -                                         | -                                               |          | -                                                        |                                       | -                                                 |
| <b>Total Operating</b>               |   | <b>13,848,682</b>                              | <b>21,975,301</b>                        | <b>22,790,284</b>                         | <b>13,014,009</b>                                | <b>22,226,700</b>                        | <b>26,685,062</b>                         | <b>8,555,647</b>                                |          | <b>5,588,379</b>                                         |                                       | <b>2,967,268</b>                                  |
| 11 Debt Service                      |   | 137,351                                        | 1,474,003                                | 1,474,003                                 | 137,351                                          | 7,464,110                                | 7,576,595                                 | 24,866                                          |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |
| 12 Capital Improvement               |   | 249,175                                        | 2,350,646                                | 2,343,146                                 | 256,675                                          | 5,930,960                                | 5,779,560                                 | 408,075 <sup>[2]</sup>                          |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |
| 13 Paving & Lighting                 |   | 206,155                                        | 215,229                                  | 157,205                                   | 264,179 <sup>[3]</sup>                           | 193,401                                  | 448,040                                   | 9,540                                           |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |
| <b>Total Capital</b>                 |   | <b>592,682</b>                                 | <b>4,039,878</b>                         | <b>3,974,354</b>                          | <b>658,206</b>                                   | <b>13,588,471</b>                        | <b>13,804,195</b>                         | <b>442,482</b>                                  |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |
| <b>Total Operating &amp; Capital</b> |   | <b>14,441,364</b>                              | <b>26,015,179</b>                        | <b>26,764,638</b>                         | <b>13,672,214</b>                                | <b>35,815,171</b>                        | <b>40,489,257</b>                         | <b>8,998,128</b>                                |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |
| 14 Supplemental Referendum Activity  |   | -                                              | -                                        | -                                         | 1,047,189                                        | 1,697,485                                | 870,466                                   | 1,874,208                                       |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |
| 15 Referendum                        |   | -                                              | -                                        | -                                         | 87,534,008                                       | -                                        | 49,295,250                                | 38,238,758                                      |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |
| <b>Total Referendum</b>              |   | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>-</b>                                 | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>88,581,197</b>                                | <b>1,697,485</b>                         | <b>50,165,716</b>                         | <b>40,112,966</b>                               |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   |   | <b>14,441,364</b>                              | <b>26,015,179</b>                        | <b>26,764,638</b>                         | <b>102,253,411</b>                               | <b>37,512,656</b>                        | <b>90,654,973</b>                         | <b>49,111,094</b>                               |          |                                                          |                                       |                                                   |

[1] Excluding use of reserves from 2026 Operating Expenses in the General, Recreation, Museum, SRA Funds

[2] Includes restricted funds of \$92,500 from Nitti Development for future use at East End Park

[3] 2025 SRA (\$57,500) and Paving & Lighting (\$57,824) Fund Expenses reduced by a total of \$115,324 due to the Conrad Fischer Paving Project being deferred to 2026

# 2026 Elevate Elmhurst Parks Strategic Work Plan



2026 BUDGET



2026

# Strategic Work Plan OVERVIEW



- ✓ Board reviewed proposed SWP tactics on August 11 and reached consensus on August 25
- ✓ SWP guided budget development and work planning
- ✓ Board formally approves SWP as part of budget document

Strategic Work Plan detail on  
2026 Budget Document pages 40-44

**2026**

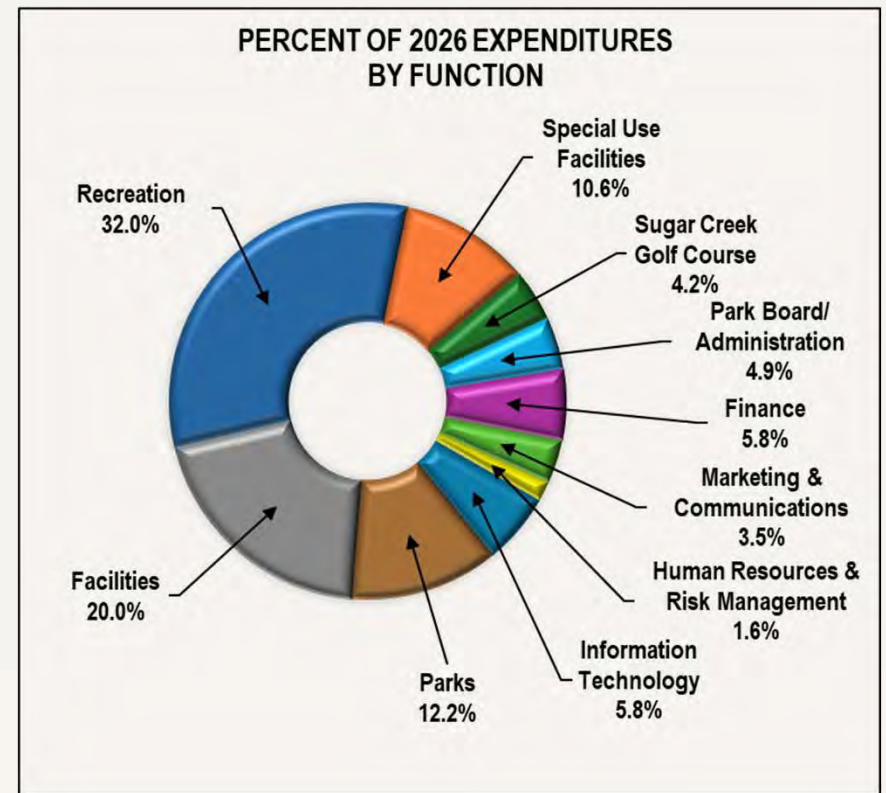
# Strategic Work Plan UPDATES

- ✓ **Invigorated Parks:** Begin converting a grass field to artificial turf at Berens Park (**new tactic in SWP**)
- ✓ **Stronger Finances:** Convert (deleted “Replace”) 50% of toggle light switches to automatic light switches (**revised tactic text**)
- ✓ **Thriving Culture:** Host quarterly virtual "Ask HR" sessions for both supervisory and non-supervisory staff to ~~address questions and provide HR-related support~~ (**revised tactic text**)
- ✓ **Thriving Culture:** Continue implementing new recognition initiatives for employees at all levels (**removed tactic from SWP**)

# 2026 Budget by Function Presentations

# 2026 Function Presentations

- Mission
- 2025 Accomplishments
- 2026 Work Plan Highlights
- 2026 Expense Highlights
- 2026 Revenue Highlights (as applicable)
- Trend Charts (as applicable)



# Administration **MISSION**

To *provide oversight and direction to the operational and policy functions of the District* based on the policies of the Board of Park Commissioners, long-range plans and budget

Administration Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 125-130



# Board/Administration

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Completed construction of Canine Corner Dog Park (\$906,276)
- Completing construction of new Eldridge Park restroom building (\$500,000)
- Began planning and completing community engagement to select location for new Prairie Path restroom building (\$30,000)
- Began planning for Wilder Park bandshell with restrooms and Wilder Park South Master Plan based on community feedback (\$196,870)



# Board/Administration

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Underwent planning and Board approved schematic design, exterior building elevations, site plan, interior finishes, entry plaza, and playground design for new Wagner Community Center (WCC) (~\$5,000,000)
- Completing air quality testing and abatement (\$64,700) and demolition of WCC (\$172,000)
- Underwent identification process of potential locations to lease space for gymnastics and dance programs and staff offices and negotiated and Board approved lease agreement at 185 Industrial Drive



# Board/Administration

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Completed Distinguished Agency accreditation evaluation process
- Underwent review of Board Policy Manual, Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual and Park and Facility Use Ordinance
- Created first Elevate Elmhurst Parks Year-end Progress Report, including tracking and reporting 21 performance indicators



# Board/Administration

## **2026** WORK PLAN

- ✓ Complete construction of the Crestview Park and Prairie Path restroom buildings (\$930,000)
- ✓ Finish design development and begin construction of Wilder Park bandshell with restrooms (\$1,337,500)
- ✓ Begin converting a grass field to artificial turf at Berens Park (\$470,000)

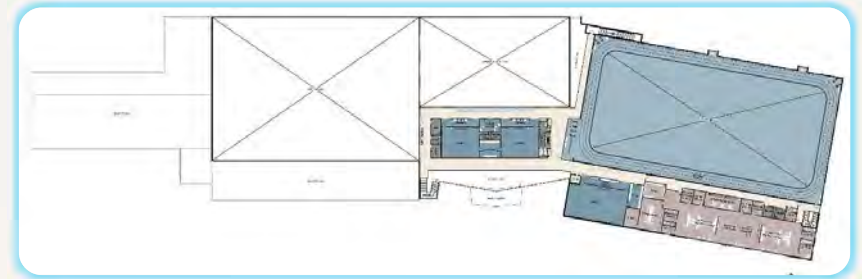




# Board/Administration

## 2026 WORK PLAN

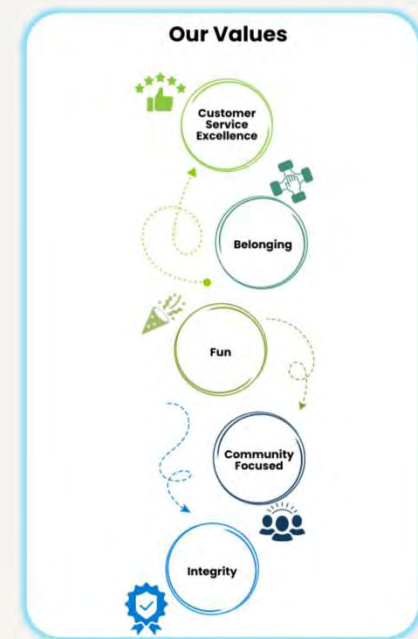
- ✓ Continue WCC construction to open in Fall 2027 (\$46,557,750)
- ✓ Develop operating plans and budgets to successfully operate new WCC and Wilder Park Bandshell





# Board/Administration **2026 WORK PLAN**

- ✓ Begin reviewing existing partnership agreements after establishing criteria for prioritizing and scheduling review of agreements
- ✓ Provide employees with training and resources on Values and new Values Behaviors

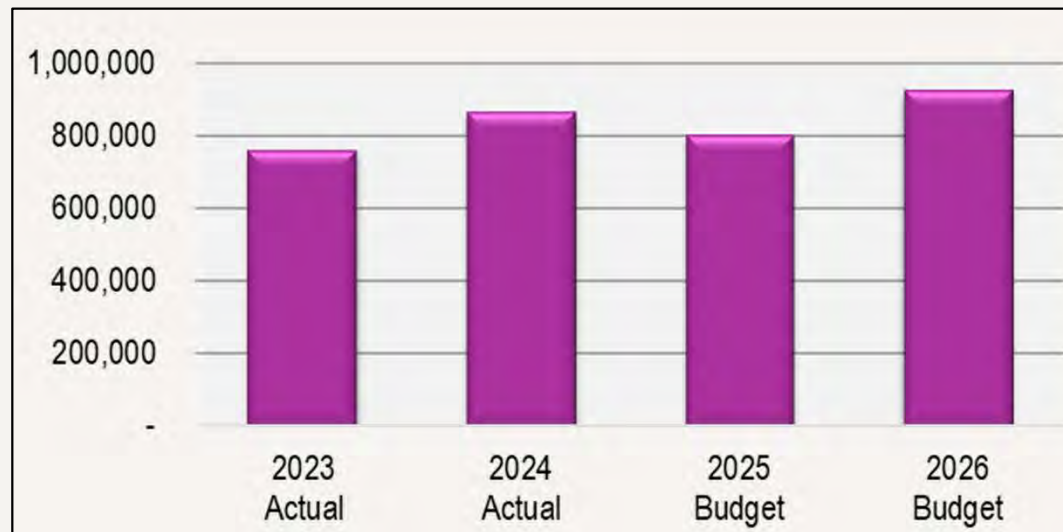


# Board/Administration EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Park Board/Administration <sup>5</sup> |                |                |                |                |                            |                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Expense<br>Object                                              | 2023<br>Actual | 2024<br>Actual | 2025<br>Budget | 2026<br>Budget | Difference<br>('25 vs '26) | % Change<br>('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                                                   | 429,506        | 493,378        | 493,037        | 618,240        | 125,203                    | 25.4%                    |
| <i>Services</i>                                                | 326,604        | 370,414        | 303,872        | 306,728        | 2,856                      | 0.9%                     |
| <i>Supplies</i>                                                | 4,954          | 6,289          | 8,080          | 8,080          | -                          | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                                   | <b>761,064</b> | <b>870,081</b> | <b>804,989</b> | <b>933,048</b> | <b>128,059</b>             | <b>15.9%</b>             |

- **Wages** – new Director of Referendum Project Construction position offset by shift of Administrative Assistant position to Recreation function

# Board/Administration **EXPENSES**



# Finance **MISSION**

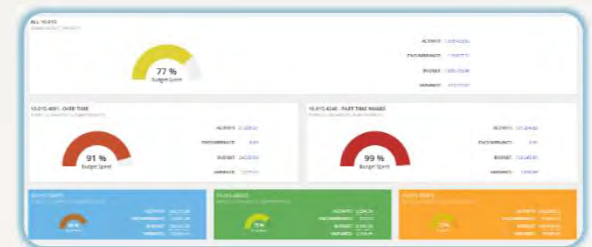
To *provide efficient, quality financial services for the internal and external customers* of the Elmhurst Park District on a timely basis in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations, District policies, the Strategic Plan, and sound business practices

Finance Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 131-133

# Finance

## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- With Administration, worked with District bond counsel (Chapman & Cutler), financial advisor (Mesirow), investment advisor (PFM), and District counsel (Tressler LLP) to complete \$89,950,000 referendum bond sale
- Completed the sale of the Annual Rollover G.O. Bond to fund debt service and capital projects
- With IT, created dashboards to communicate financial condition internally

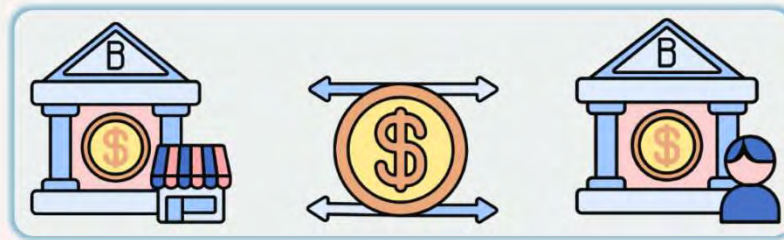




# Finance

## *2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

- With Administration, completed updating of financial policies
- With Administration, began evaluating long-term debt capacity
- Leveraged the transition to the cloud version of the District's financial software by offering vendors the option for electronic payments



# Finance **2026 WORK PLAN**



- Complete the sale of the Annual Rollover G.O. Bond to fund debt service and capital projects
- Collaborate with IT to explore the possibility of providing the community with access to the District's financial information
- ✓ With Recreation and Special Use Facilities, begin updating the District's cost recovery model

# Finance **2026 WORK PLAN**

✓ With Administration, complete evaluation of long-term bonding capability to leverage debt capacity for funding capital projects

- Employees will now have the option to opt-in to viewing and downloading their W-2 forms electronically



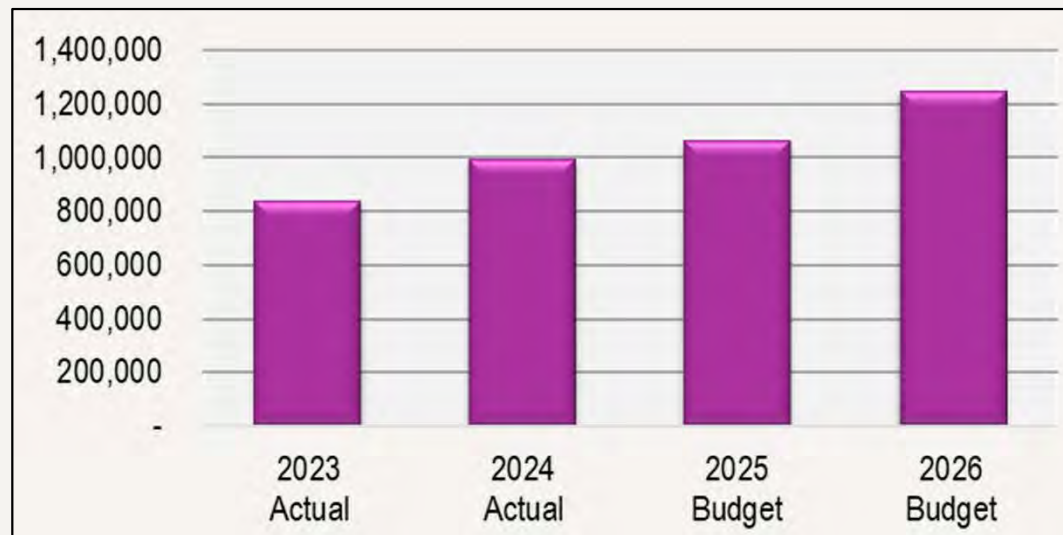
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# Finance EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Finance |                |                |                  |                  |                            |                          |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Expense<br>Object               | 2023<br>Actual | 2024<br>Actual | 2025<br>Budget   | 2026<br>Budget   | Difference<br>('25 vs '26) | % Change<br>('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                    | 239,434        | 259,780        | 263,920          | 278,415          | 14,495                     | 5.5%                     |
| <i>Services</i>                 | 599,620        | 737,727        | 794,881          | 976,194          | 181,313                    | 22.8%                    |
| <i>Supplies</i>                 | 2,079          | 2,317          | 5,500            | 4,750            | (750)                      | -13.6%                   |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>841,133</b> | <b>999,824</b> | <b>1,064,301</b> | <b>1,259,359</b> | <b>195,058</b>             | <b>18.3%</b>             |

- **Wages** – merit increases
- **Services** – finance/bank charges, business insurance, and health care

# Finance **EXPENSES**





# TAX REVENUES

| 2023<br>Actual | 2024<br>Actual | 2025<br>Budget | 2026<br>Budget | Difference<br>('25 vs '26) | % Change<br>('25 vs '26) |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10,486,170     | 10,686,390     | 11,090,958     | 17,086,232     | 5,995,274                  | 54.1%                    |

- Taxes are budgeted to be 45.5% of all revenue (includes transfers between funds)
- Property Taxes are increasing by 3.62% (\$308,408) as compared to the 2024 aggregate extension (excludes debt service and referendum)
- Corporate Replacement Tax is estimated to drop significantly

# 2025 TAX LEVY IMPACT ON THE TAXPAYER

| Formula used to calculate taxes: | 2024 Actual Levy |          | 2025 Proposed Levy for<br>2026 Proposed Budget |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| Fair Market Value                | \$500,000        | ↑ 7.09%  | in EAV \$535,450                               |
| Equalization Factor              | 33%              |          | 33%                                            |
| Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)   | \$165,000        |          | \$176,699                                      |
| Less \$6,000 Resident Exemption  | \$159,000        |          | \$170,699                                      |
| \$100s of EAV                    | \$1,590          |          | \$1,707                                        |
| Park District Tax Rate per Levy  | 0.4854           | ↓ -7.96% | Rate 0.4467                                    |
| Approximate Park District Taxes  | \$772            |          | \$763                                          |
| Net Annual Change                |                  |          | (\$9)                                          |



# Marketing & Communications

## **MISSION**

To *provide communication and education internally and externally for local, regional and state citizens of the Park District*; to support and manage the use of volunteers; to provide a resource for the Elmhurst Parks Foundation; and to seek alternate sources of revenue including advertising and corporate sponsorships

Marketing & Communications Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 134-136

# Marketing & Communications

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Canine Corner Dog Park ribbon cutting and grand opening
- Berens Park Hub playground ribbon cutting
- Communicated referendum implementation progress



# Marketing & Communications

## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reviewed community events to expand inclusivity
- Worked with Recreation to increase marketing for adult program opportunities





# Marketing & Communications

## 2026 WORK PLAN

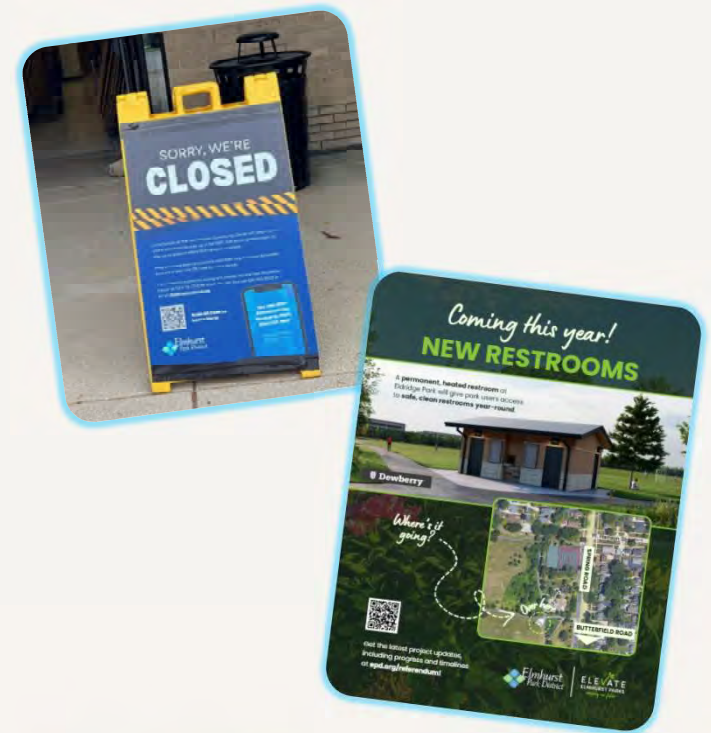
- Communicate updates on Crestview Phase 1 and hold a ribbon cutting for the playground and restroom building
- Communicate updates on the Berens Park mini golf site and hold a re-opening celebration



# Marketing & Communications

## 2026 WORK PLAN

- ✓ Continue to communicate implementation updates and increase engagement opportunities for referendum projects
- Work with Recreation to communicate new and expanded offerings
- Implement District rebrand

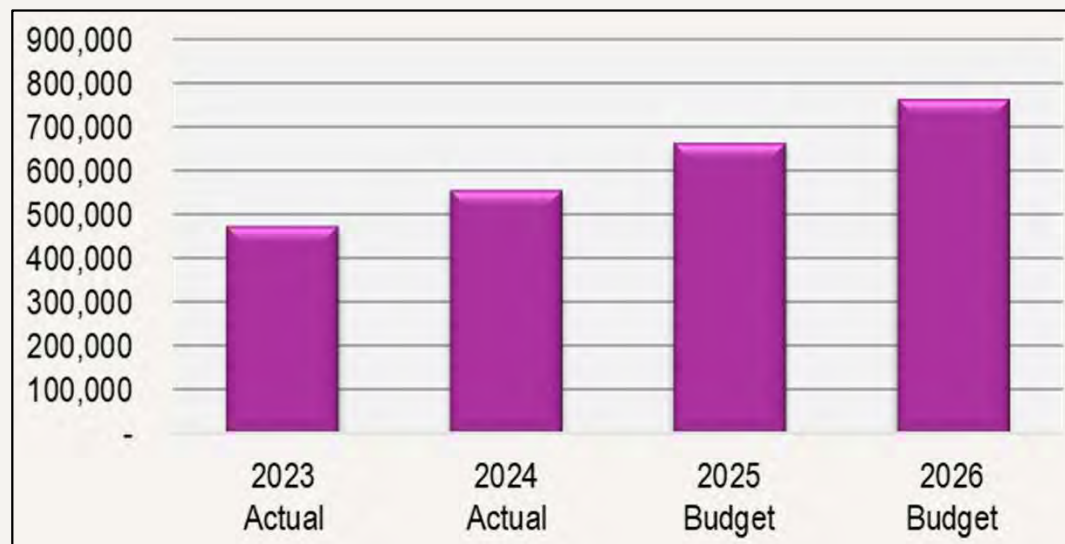


# Marketing & Communications EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Marketing & Communications |                |                |                |                |                |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Expense                                            | 2023           | 2024           | 2025           | 2026           | Difference     | % Change     |
| Object                                             | Actual         | Actual         | Budget         | Budget         | ('25 vs '26)   | ('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                                       | 242,499        | 269,487        | 298,210        | 322,832        | 24,622         | 8.3%         |
| <i>Services</i>                                    | 222,706        | 277,285        | 353,393        | 431,077        | 77,684         | 22.0%        |
| <i>Supplies</i>                                    | 10,166         | 10,968         | 14,100         | 16,300         | 2,200          | 15.6%        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>475,372</b> | <b>557,741</b> | <b>665,703</b> | <b>770,209</b> | <b>104,506</b> | <b>15.7%</b> |

- **Wages** – increasing due to the proposed merit increases and to account for additional event staff and intern hours
- **Services** – increasing due to the implementation of the rebrand
- **Supplies** – increasing due to additional event supply needs

# Marketing & Communications **EXPENSES**





# Marketing & Communications REVENUES



Revenue detail on  
2026 Budget Document page 110



# Human Resources & Risk Management

## **MISSION**

To *provide efficient, quality human resources and risk management services for the internal and external customers* of the Elmhurst Park District on a timely basis in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations, District policies, the Strategic Plan, and sound business practices

Human Resources & Risk Management Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 137-139

# Human Resources & Risk Management

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Conducted DEIB survey
- Created a peer program
- Implemented new recognition initiatives
- Launched BambooHR performance management for part-time and seasonal employees



# Human Resources & Risk Management

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Created part-time employee training plans
- Held All-District training and communications meeting
- Updated Employee Teams policy
- Completed the 2025 PDRMA Risk Management Review process



# Human Resources & Risk Management

## **2026** WORK PLAN

- ✓ Offer trainings to assist employees with addressing individual training plans
- Continue implementing new recognition initiatives
- ✓ Host quarterly “Ask HR” sessions



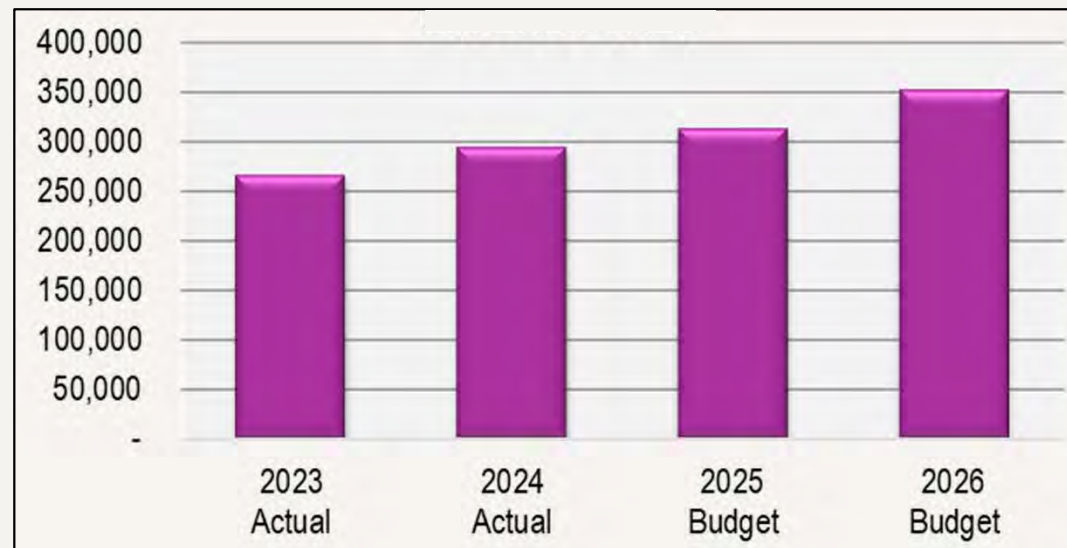
# Human Resources & Risk Management EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Human Resources & Risk Management |                |                |                |                |                            |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Expense<br>Object                                         | 2023<br>Actual | 2024<br>Actual | 2025<br>Budget | 2026<br>Budget | Difference<br>('25 vs '26) | % Change<br>('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                                              | 173,877        | 188,924        | 197,846        | 208,881        | 11,035                     | 5.6%                     |
| <i>Services</i>                                           | 86,623         | 102,076        | 107,191        | 137,831        | 30,640                     | 28.6%                    |
| <i>Supplies</i>                                           | 4,548          | 3,063          | 7,500          | 7,500          | -                          | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                              | <b>265,048</b> | <b>294,063</b> | <b>312,537</b> | <b>354,212</b> | <b>41,675</b>              | <b>13.3%</b>             |

- **Wages** – merit increases
- **Services** – centralizing funds for All-District training



# Human Resources & Risk Management **EXPENSES**



# Information Technology **MISSION**

To *provide a secure, productive and progressive information systems environment to internal and external customers*; to provide creative and informed long-term planning for the District to ensure an adaptable and resilient environment for the future; and to enhance internal and external customers' experience through technology and user-oriented service

Information Technology Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 140-142

# Information Technology ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Implemented a cloud phone solution
- Implemented PC and laptop hardware replacement
- Improved hardware infrastructure to support current and future connectivity demands
- Configured technology at 185 Industrial Dr. for referendum transition



# Information Technology

## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Opened Canine Corner Dog Park with a remote access fob system and timed restroom access
- Installed Multimedia signage solution across multiple facilities
- Created ActiveNet – Power BI reporting and dashboard solutions
- Implemented new online purchasing program



# Information Technology

## 2026 WORK PLAN

- Implement Courts Plus cloud camera solution
- Continue infrastructure upgrades and planning for future growth
- Continue to develop ActiveNet decision-based reporting and dashboards
- Continue to create efficient program registration processes and procedures



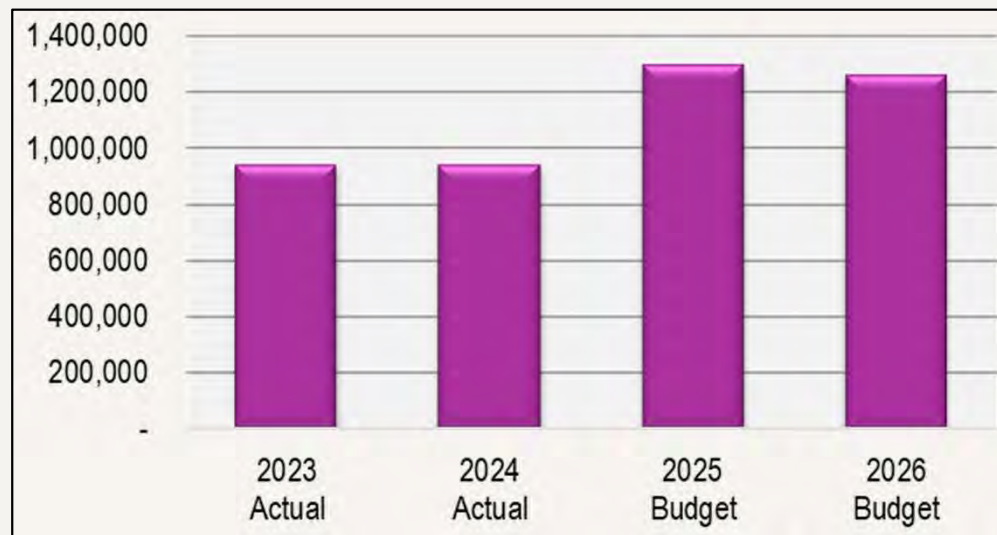


# Information Technology EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Information Technology |                |                |                  |                  |                            |                          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Expense<br>Object                              | 2023<br>Actual | 2024<br>Actual | 2025<br>Budget   | 2026<br>Budget   | Difference<br>('25 vs '26) | % Change<br>('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                                   | 341,486        | 328,930        | 375,779          | 399,699          | 23,920                     | 6.4%                     |
| <i>Services</i>                                | 315,538        | 572,041        | 719,263          | 780,583          | 61,320                     | 8.5%                     |
| <i>Supplies</i>                                | 286,469        | 45,426         | 205,852          | 86,300           | (119,552)                  | -58.1%                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>943,494</b> | <b>946,397</b> | <b>1,300,894</b> | <b>1,266,582</b> | <b>(34,312)</b>            | <b>-2.6%</b>             |

- **Wages** – increase primarily related to the annual budgeted merit increase
- **Services** – increase due to the reclassification of software
- **Supplies** – decreasing due to reduction in hardware purchasing and the reclassification of software

# Information Technology **EXPENSES**



# Parks MISSION

To *plan, develop and provide outdoor spaces* consisting of open space, natural areas, and developed park areas that are a model of quality and cleanliness, while proactively and consistently meeting the needs of the Elmhurst community

Parks Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 143-146

# Parks

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Completed landscape upgrades to the perimeter of Courts Plus (\$162,315)
- Coordinated the expansion of contractual mowing of select park sites and contractual natural area management (\$61,968)
- Reorganized the maintenance facility office space and breakroom to optimize functional space



# Parks

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

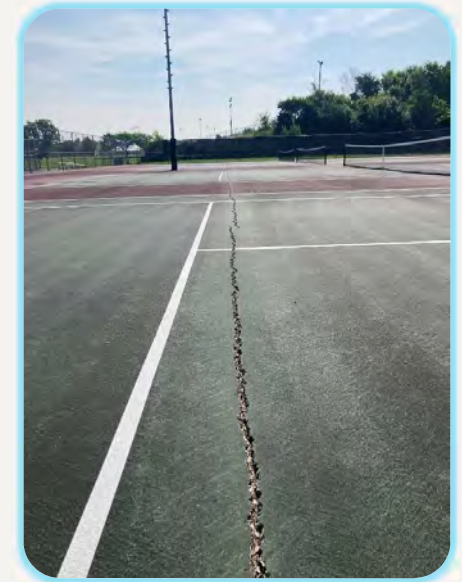
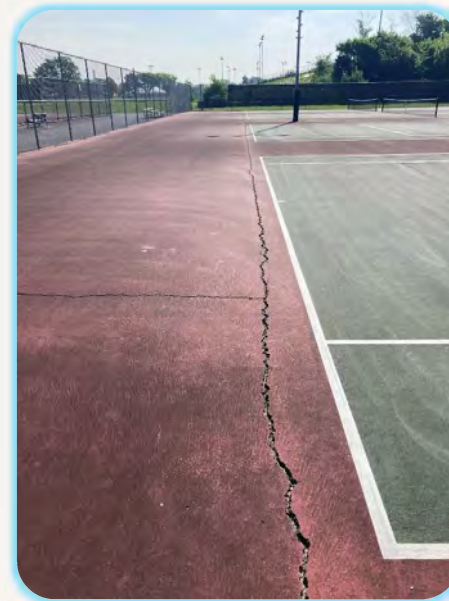


- Completed the scheduled replacement of four fleet vehicles and one new fleet vehicle (\$258,784)
- Completed the scheduled replacement of two snow equipment units and purchased a new tow-behind sweeper-vac (\$106,909).
- Completed replacement of fencing and backstops for Fields #1-#3 at East End Park (\$120,000)



# Parks **2026 WORK PLAN**

- ✓ Complete Crestview Park Master Plan Phase 1, including the new playground, looped walking path, ballfield backstops, and sport court seating shade structure (\$2,027,000)
- ✓ Replace the Berens Park tennis courts, fencing, and amenities (\$1,643,300)



# Parks 2026 WORK PLAN



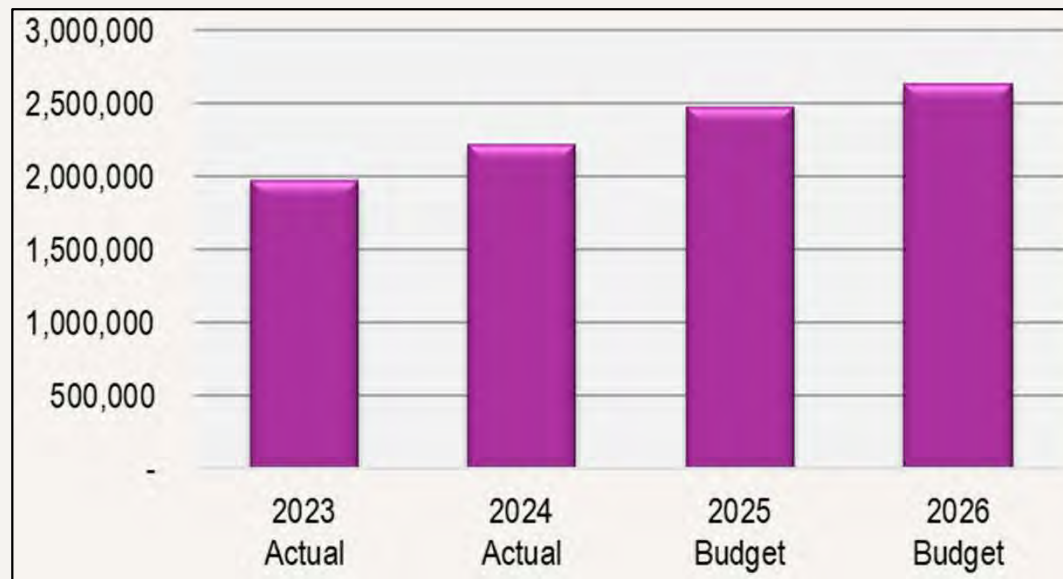
- ✓ Complete the Plunkett Park ball diamond and paving improvements (\$1,410,000)
- ✓ Develop Jaycee Tot Lot Master Plan (\$5,000)
- Complete the scheduled replacement of two fleet vehicles (\$165,200)
- Complete the scheduled replacement of two pieces of snow equipment and two battery- powered mowers (\$103,600)

# Parks EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Parks |                  |                  |                  |                  |                         |                       |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Expense Object                | 2023 Actual      | 2024 Actual      | 2025 Budget      | 2026 Budget      | Difference ('25 vs '26) | % Change ('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                  | 1,070,785        | 1,223,867        | 1,267,381        | 1,379,183        | 111,802                 | 8.8%                  |
| <i>Services</i>               | 544,539          | 599,863          | 704,311          | 845,103          | 140,792                 | 20.0%                 |
| <i>Repairs</i>                | 10,866           | 10,180           | 20,900           | 20,900           | -                       | 0.0%                  |
| <i>Supplies</i>               | 351,670          | 394,507          | 488,003          | 402,532          | (85,471)                | -17.5%                |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>1,977,860</b> | <b>2,228,418</b> | <b>2,480,595</b> | <b>2,647,718</b> | <b>167,123</b>          | <b>6.7%</b>           |

- **Wages** – increasing due to wages for seasonal staff and expanded overtime budget
- **Services** – increasing due to topographic survey work and transfers related to the Parks Planner position shifting to the Parks Department
- **Supplies** – decreasing due to reductions in infield mix, fuel, and equipment purchases

## Parks EXPENSES





# Parks **REVENUES**

- Increasing 17% (\$37,100)



Revenue detail on  
2026 Budget Document page 114



# Facilities **MISSION**

To *provide a balanced variety of quality experiences, services and facilities* that proactively and consistently meet the needs of the Elmhurst community

Facilities Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 147-150

# Facilities

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

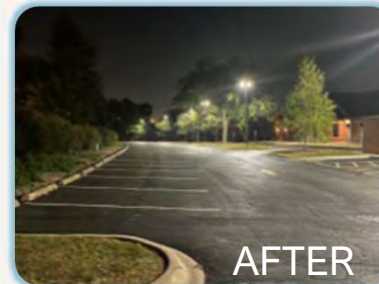
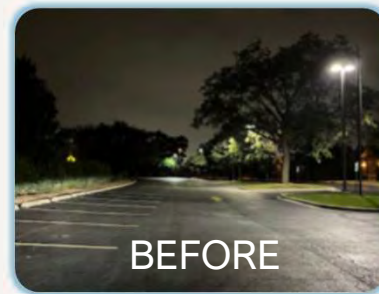
- Completed and opened the Berens Park Hub Playground (\$762,558)
- Installed emergency exit gates at East End and Smalley Pools (\$22,629)
- Replaced Roof-top HVAC units at Courts Plus and the Administration Office Building (\$36,221)



# Facilities

## *2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

- Converted existing lights to LED at East End Park/Pool, York Commons and Smalley Pool, Plunkett Park concessions building, Butterfield Park Recreation Building and Berens Park (\$1,725)
- Installed solar panels at Courts Plus to offset cost and reduced our environmental impacts (\$0)





# Facilities 2026 WORK PLAN

- ✓ Complete the Berens Park mini golf site redevelopment project (\$424,000)
- Complete roof projects at Kies Recreation Center and East End Pool (\$233,500)
- Upgrade lightning detection system (\$32,000)



# Facilities 2026 WORK PLAN

- ✓ With Parks, complete Crestview Park Master Plan Phase I, including the playground replacement, looped walking path, ballfield backstops, and sport court seating shade structure (\$2,027,000)
- Replace the pool gutter grates at East End and Smalley Pools (\$71,000)



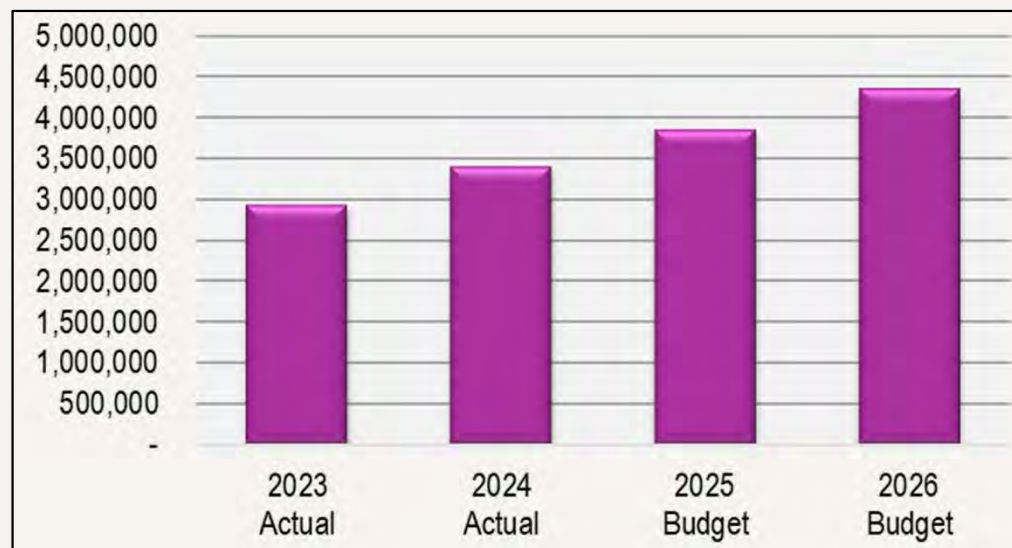


# Facilities EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Facilities |                  |                  |                  |                  |                            |                          |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Expense<br>Object                  | 2023<br>Actual   | 2024<br>Actual   | 2025<br>Budget   | 2026<br>Budget   | Difference<br>('25 vs '26) | % Change<br>('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                       | 1,158,278        | 1,365,889        | 1,461,287        | 1,522,887        | 61,600                     | 4.2%                     |
| <i>Services</i>                    | 1,290,907        | 1,525,743        | 1,736,908        | 2,162,914        | 426,006                    | 24.5%                    |
| <i>Repairs</i>                     | 204,746          | 176,909          | 244,650          | 246,050          | 1,400                      | 0.6%                     |
| <i>Supplies</i>                    | 279,868          | 321,120          | 406,434          | 419,822          | 13,388                     | 3.3%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>2,933,799</b> | <b>3,389,662</b> | <b>3,849,279</b> | <b>4,351,673</b> | <b>502,394</b>             | <b>13.1%</b>             |

- **Wages** – merit increases, adding two seasonal positions, and reclassifying one full-time position
- **Services** – rental fees for 185 Industrial Drive, increases in health care and utilities with some offset from not renewing the pool maintenance contract
- **Supplies** – increase in pricing and actual usage

# Facilities **EXPENSES**



# Recreation **MISSION**

To enrich lives by providing opportunities to *play,*  
*perform, and participate*

Recreation Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 151-154

# Recreation

## *2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

- Received the first inaugural Seasonal Facilities Safety Award from Starguard Elite
- Expanded Adult Wellness offerings at the Kies Recreation Center and Wagner Community Center
- Implemented the use of the ActiveNet Connect app



# Recreation

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

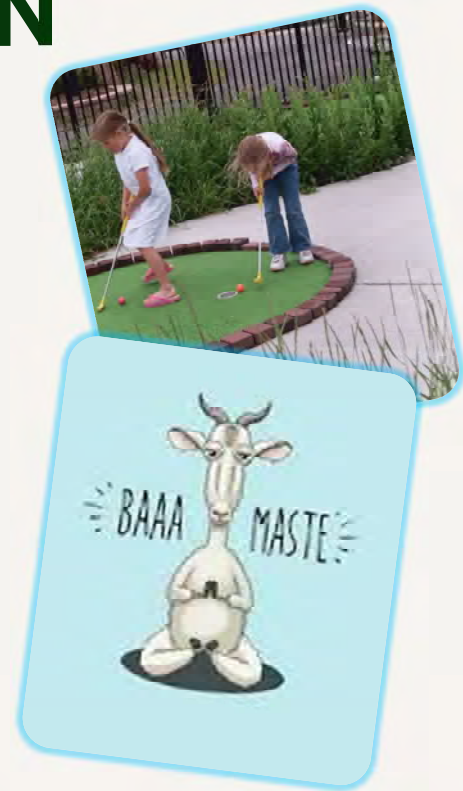
- Expanded the capacity of Rec Station participants to accommodate waitlists at Lincoln Elementary School
- Translated all Rec Station information, registration, and scholarship materials from English to Spanish
- Awarded the NRPA Game Changing Youth Sports Grant to implement “How to Coach Kids and Coaching Girls” training for all instructors and coaches who work with ages 3-15.
- Developed and sold 847 (YTD) Canine Corner Dog Park memberships





# Recreation **2026 WORK PLAN**

- Redevelop the operations plan for The Hub
- ✓ Increase one-day programs and events for families (i.e., family bingo, family Puzzle Palooza, Lego Night)
- ✓ Implement flexible “drop-in” wellness classes for adults and families



# Recreation 2026 WORK PLAN

- Redesign the structure of the seasonal brochure for optimal marketing of program and membership opportunities
- ✓ Create a monthly enrollment dashboard to track fill rates by category, time of day, day of week, and season to help optimize program offerings and scheduling
- ✓ Offer programs and special events at Canine Corner Dog Park

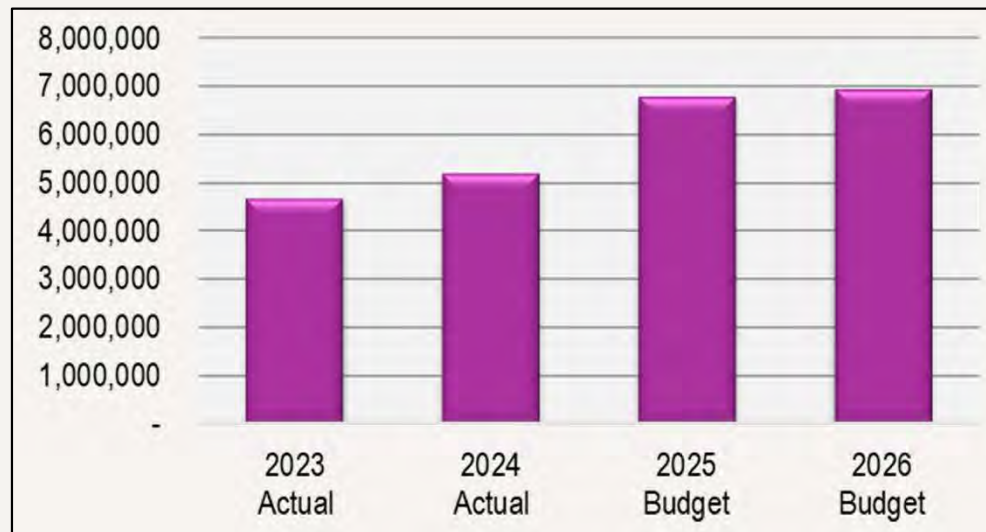


# Recreation EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Recreation |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |              |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Expense                            | 2023             | 2024             | 2025             | 2026             | Difference     | % Change     |
| Object                             | Actual           | Actual           | Budget           | Budget           | ('25 vs '26)   | ('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                       | 3,128,429        | 3,590,546        | 4,793,165        | 4,723,075        | (70,090)       | -1.5%        |
| <i>Services</i>                    | 1,387,146        | 1,427,631        | 1,738,826        | 2,019,826        | 281,000        | 16.2%        |
| <i>Repairs</i>                     | 99               | -                | -                | -                | -              | 0.0%         |
| <i>Supplies</i>                    | 180,392          | 168,986          | 256,449          | 210,257          | (46,192)       | -18.0%       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>4,696,066</b> | <b>5,187,164</b> | <b>6,788,439</b> | <b>6,953,158</b> | <b>164,719</b> | <b>2.4%</b>  |

- **Wages** – decreasing due to a more conservative planning approach for 2026 due to the relocation for programs from the Wagner Community Center
- **Services** – increasing due to expanded contractual offerings in sports, culinary arts, and adult and teen programs
- **Supplies** – decreasing due to a more conservative budget

# Recreation **EXPENSES**



# Recreation REVENUES

- Compared to the 2025 budget:
  - Program fee revenue decreasing primarily due to a more conservative budget and decrease in preschool enrollment.
  - Rental fees decreasing at The Hub due to relocating WCC programs.
  - General Interest fees increasing due to the addition of more culinary art programs, and programs for teens and adults.



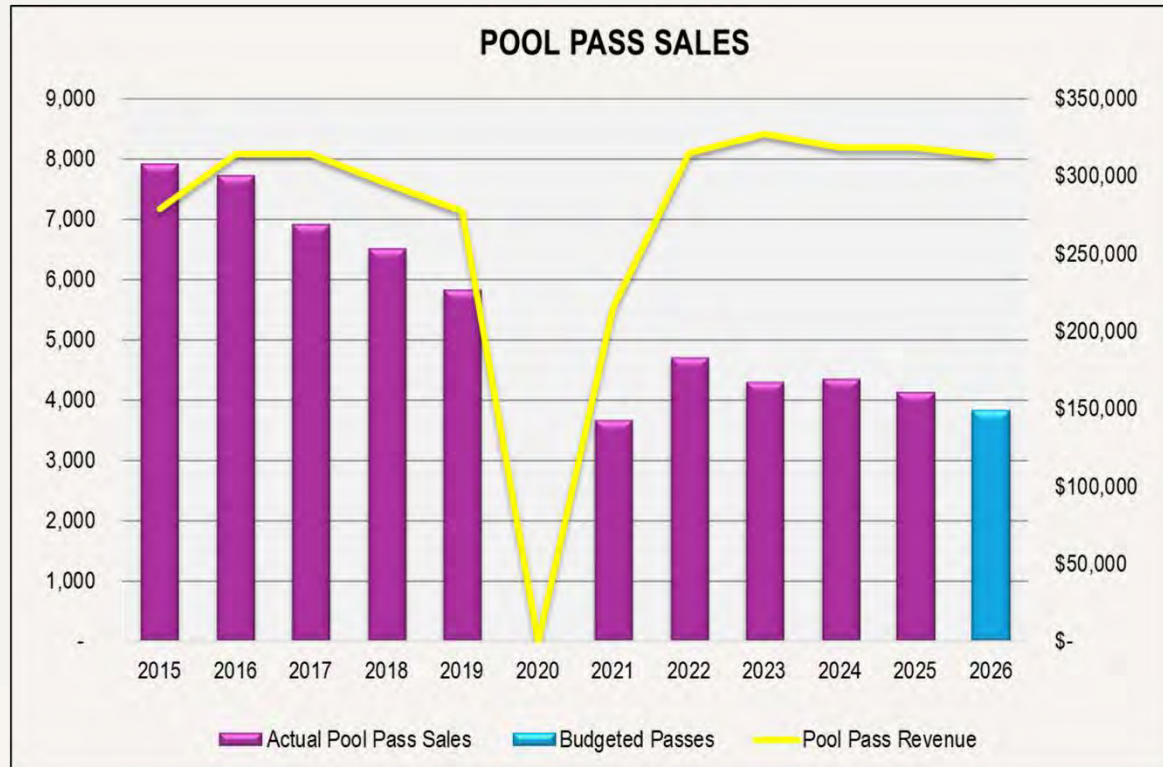
Revenue detail on  
2026 Budget Document pages 112-116



# Recreation REVENUE TRENDS



# POOL PASS SALES TRENDS



# Special Use Facilities **MISSION**

To foster *a welcoming environment supporting health, wellness and community* at Courts Plus and to create *a memorable experience for special events* at Wilder Mansion

Special Use Facilities Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 155-158

# Special Use Facilities

## *2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

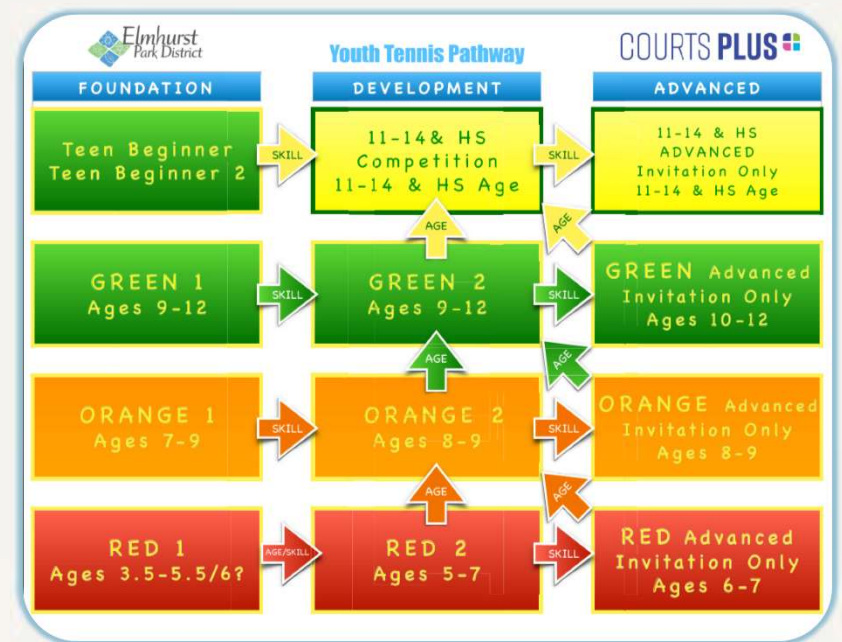
- Expanded member capabilities online
- With IT, installed four Reach Media TVs at Courts Plus
- Conducted Courts Plus member survey
  - 700 members completed



# Special Use Facilities

## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased membership revenue by 9% due to a 5% increase in membership dues
- Revamped the Youth Tennis Pathway
- Increased fees in Racquet Sports (programs, private lessons, court rental)





# Special Use Facilities

## 2026 WORK PLAN

- ✓ Utilize the new turf area by the pool as new programming space
  - With IT and Finance, improve use of membership dashboard reporting in Power BI
- ✓ Expand indoor tennis programming at Courts Plus



# Special Use Facilities

## **2026** WORK PLAN

- Increase membership dues by 5%
- Continue enhancing use of the registration software (massage reservations)



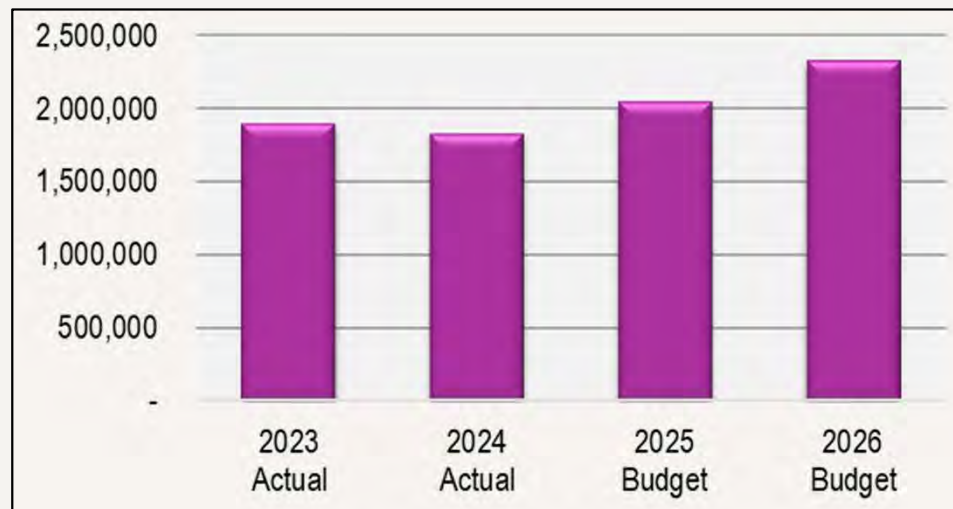
# Special Use Facilities

## EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Special Use Facilities |                  |                  |                  |                  |                         |                       |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Expense Object                                 | 2023 Actual      | 2024 Actual      | 2025 Budget      | 2026 Budget      | Difference ('25 vs '26) | % Change ('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                                   | 1,229,097        | 1,358,541        | 1,478,529        | 1,709,710        | 231,182                 | 15.6%                 |
| <i>Services</i>                                | 585,911          | 399,397          | 437,172          | 449,180          | 12,008                  | 2.7%                  |
| <i>Repairs</i>                                 | 8,793            | 3,659            | 10,275           | 10,275           | -                       | 0.0%                  |
| <i>Supplies</i>                                | 74,756           | 70,678           | 123,700          | 133,701          | 10,001                  | 8.1%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>1,898,556</b> | <b>1,832,276</b> | <b>2,049,676</b> | <b>2,302,866</b> | <b>253,191</b>          | <b>12.4%</b>          |

- **Wages** – merit increases, expanded racquet sports programming
- **Services** – 10% increase of District insurance premium contribution
- **Supplies** – personal training equipment purchase

# Special Use Facilities **EXPENSES**



# Special Use Facilities **REVENUES**

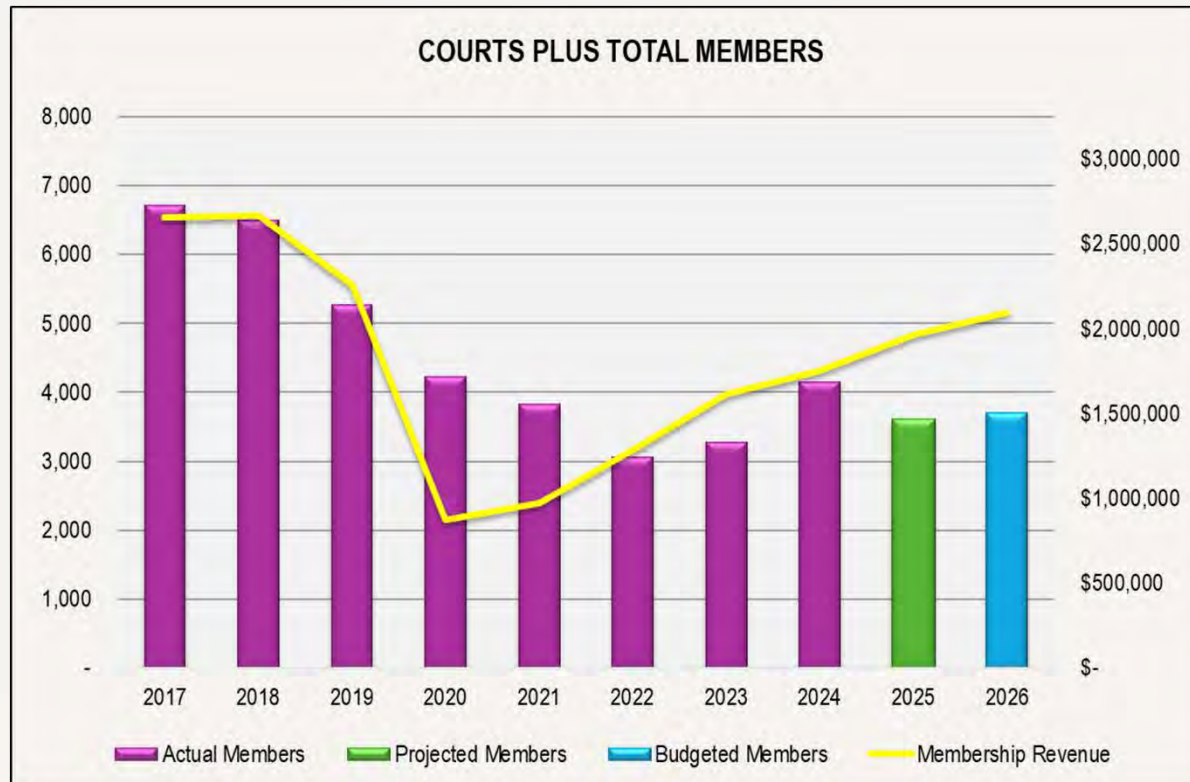
- Overall, 9% increase
  - Membership Dues 11% increase
  - Tennis 17% increase
  - Pickleball 21% increase



Revenue detail on  
2026 Budget Document pages 112-115 & 117-118



# COURTS PLUS MEMBERSHIP TRENDS



# Sugar Creek Golf Course **MISSION**

To *grow the game of golf* by offering opportunities for all;  
on a well-maintained course and driving range and  
provide an excellent community event space.

Sugar Creek Golf Course Function on  
2026 Budget Document pages 159-161

# Sugar Creek Golf Course

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Celebrated 50th Anniversary
- Added credit card reader to driving range ball dispenser
- Hired Dewberry Architects to perform a feasibility study for a new maintenance facility (\$14,940)



# Sugar Creek Golf Course

## ***2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

- Repaired and renovated the west bridge structure and added railings (\$80,000)
- Increased fees for driving range, cart rental and golf resulting in exceeding budget by 11%



# Sugar Creek Golf Course

## 2026 WORK PLAN

- Complete east and center bridge concrete repairs and guardrail installation (\$162,000)
- Replace sweeper-dethatcher attachment (\$59,000)
- Repave asphalt cart path on hole #1 (\$63,600)





# Sugar Creek Golf Course

## **2026** WORK PLAN

- Continue monitoring and management of the Creek Restoration Project
- Increase fees for driving range by \$1 for medium and large buckets
- Increase golf instruction fees by \$5



# Sugar Creek Golf Course

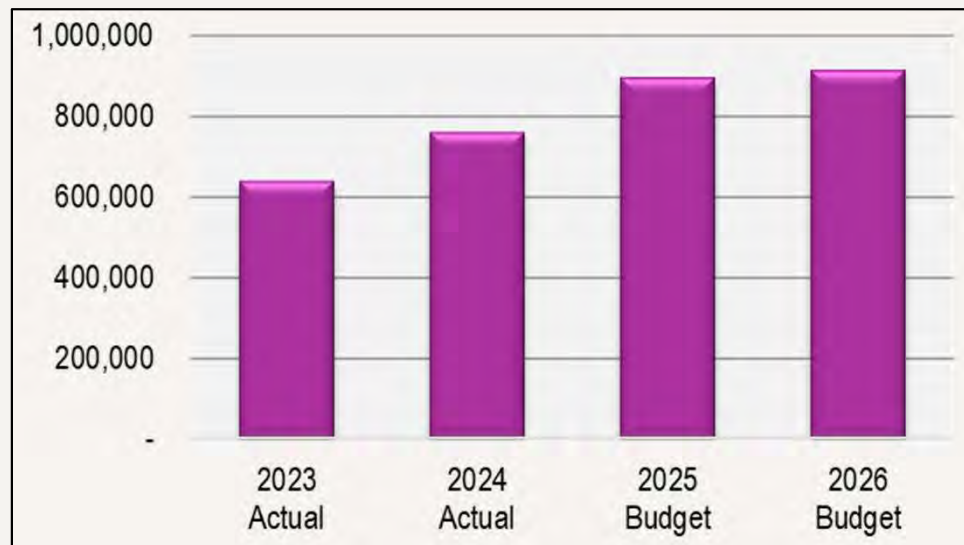
## EXPENSES

| Expenditures by Object: Sugar Creek Golf Course |                |                |                |                |                         |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Expense Object                                  | 2023 Actual    | 2024 Actual    | 2025 Budget    | 2026 Budget    | Difference ('25 vs '26) | % Change ('25 vs '26) |
| <i>Wages</i>                                    | 429,177        | 412,142        | 468,852        | 496,492        | 27,640                  | 5.9%                  |
| <i>Services</i>                                 | 30,865         | 139,539        | 197,774        | 182,206        | (15,568)                | -7.9%                 |
| <i>Repairs</i>                                  | 5,318          | 34,188         | 26,900         | 30,200         | 3,300                   | 12.3%                 |
| <i>Supplies</i>                                 | 173,367        | 172,579        | 198,092        | 205,301        | 7,209                   | 3.6%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>638,729</b> | <b>758,447</b> | <b>891,618</b> | <b>914,199</b> | <b>22,581</b>           | <b>2.5%</b>           |

- **Wages** – annual merit increases
- **Services** – decreases in health care elections
- **Supplies** – increased due to rising overall costs

# Sugar Creek Golf Course

## EXPENSES



# Sugar Creek Golf Course

## REVENUES

- Overall, 5.8% increase
  - Program increase of 5.5%
  - Indoor Facility Rental increase of 24.8%
  - Driving Range increase of 27.8%



Revenue detail on  
2026 Budget Document pages 93, 113-115, & 117-118

# GOLF COURSE ROUNDS TRENDS





# 2026 Budget Final Summary



2026 BUDGET

# 2026 Budget Calendar

|                                                                                                         |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| ✓ Achieve consensus on proposed 2026 Strategic Work Plan Tactics                                        | 08/25/2025 |
| ✓ Approve 2025 Tax Levy Resolution                                                                      | 10/13/2025 |
| ✓ Present 2026 Budget Overview and Proposed Capital Plan & Debt Sections                                | 10/27/2025 |
| ✓ Present 2026 Proposed Operating Budget Sections                                                       | 11/10/2025 |
| ❑ Conduct 2026 Proposed Budget Public Hearing                                                           | 11/24/2025 |
| ❑ Continue 2026 Proposed Budget Discussion                                                              | 11/24/2025 |
| ❑ Approve 2026 Budget Documents and 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and 2025 Tax Levy Ordinance | 12/08/2025 |

Questions?