



**Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 9, 2023**  
**6:00pm**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Commissioner Powers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.																
<b>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</b>	<p>Present: Commissioners Jaszka, Jeffery, Powers, Bird and Gramann. Commissioners Del Preto and Sokolowski were absent.</p> <p>Staff: Executive Director Reuter, Deputy Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz and Hamilton, Superintendents Scumaci and Quinn, Division Manager Waghorne, Supervisor Maxey and Executive Assistant Greninger.</p>																
<b>Public Hearing</b>	<p><b>Budget and Appropriations Ordinance</b></p> <p>Commissioner Jeffery made a motion to move to Public Hearing at 6pm. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Commissioner Del Preto: Absent</td> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jaszka: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Bird: Aye</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 5-0-2</p> <p>Ordinance 565 is for the 2023 Budget and Appropriation in the amount of \$19,262,460 and outlines the District’s plan for expenditures for the coming year. The Ordinance was put on display on December 5, 2022 and a public hearing notice also appeared in the <u>Daily Herald</u> on December 29, 2022. The Ordinance demonstrates the careful and transparent expense plans for the 2023 budget year.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p> <p>Commissioner Bird made a motion to adjourn from Public Hearing at 6:04 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Jaszka.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Commissioner Del Preto: Absent</td> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jaszka: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Bird: Aye</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 5-0-2</p>	Commissioner Del Preto: Absent	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Jaszka: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Absent	Commissioner Bird: Aye		Commissioner Del Preto: Absent	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Jaszka: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Absent	Commissioner Bird: Aye	
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<b>Listening Post</b>	Dan Leahy, Executive Director of WDSRA presented the Year in Review (see attached report).																



<b>Changes to the Agenda</b>	Commissioner Jaszka asked for item C and E removed from the Consent Agenda. They will be moved to Action Items B and C.								
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<p>Commissioner Jaszka made a motion to accept the consent agenda as revised. Seconded by Commissioner Bird</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Approval: Regular Minutes: December 12, 2022</li> <li>B. Approve Organizational Goals, Organizational Chart and Wage Scale</li> <li><del>C. Approval: Affiliate Agreement with Carol Stream Panther Soccer Club</del></li> <li>D. Approval: Affiliate Agreement with Carol Stream Travel Softball and Baseball Association</li> <li><del>E. Approval: Affiliate Agreement with Carol Stream Youth Football Association</del></li> </ul> <p>Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion Passes.</p> <p>Commissioner Jeffery made a motion to approve the consent agenda as revised. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Del Preto: Absent</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jaszka: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Bird: Aye</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 5-0-2</p>	Commissioner Del Preto: Absent	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Jaszka: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Absent	Commissioner Bird: Aye	
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<b>Discussion Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Coyote Crossing Mini Golf (CCMG) Annual Report Executive Director Reuter introduced Division Manager Waghorne and Supervisor Maxey to present the report (see attached). Commissioner Bird expressed thanks for the passion and rejuvenation of CCMG. Supervisor Maxey thanked the Parks and Facilities Department who were so helpful and responsive. She also thanked the Marketing team for their ideas and support. Commissioner Jaszka commented that the revenue is the highest he has seen in years.</li> <li>B. The Future of Carol Stream Commissioner Powers said our Strategic Plan is out of date. We have accomplished many of the goals but it is time to start the process again. That begins with a community assessment. Commissioners Bird and Gramann reminded Commissioner Powers that the Board voted to extend the term of the current Strategic Plan to December 2023 and it was approved by the Board in June 2022. Commissioner Gramann said we decided to start working on the new Strategic Plan after the election. Commissioner Powers asked about the Community Needs Assessment. Executive Director Reuter said we had the University of Illinois help us with the last Community Needs Assessment, but we are thinking we will do it in-house this time. Deputy Director Rini said we are developing a timeline and determining the means to collect the data. The Needs Assessment will be done first; it will guide the goals for the Strategic Plan. Commissioner Jeffery suggested getting the assessment c to all residents in April, before the busy spring and summer sport seasons start. Several Board members agreed with staff's suggestion that a comprehensive, full-community survey should be conducted and that multiple forms/medias of</li> </ul>								

gathering the survey should be used. Only distributing by email would only capture current customers. Commissioner Jaszka added the assessment could be given to all current program participants, especially the Forever Young participants. All were in favor of doing the Community Needs Assessment in-house. Commissioner Powers said with the results of the assessment, we can develop goals, capital plans and the direction for Carol Stream Park District for the next 3-5 years. Executive Director Reuter said it is more common for them to be 2-3 years now. Deputy Director Rini said we will share the timeline and suggested questions with the Board soon.

C. Weekly Happenings (oral)

- Commissioner Powers thanked Director Hamilton and the Parks Department for replacing the Memorial Tree at the Bark Park. He also likes the dog agility equipment available at the park.
- Commissioner Powers asked for an update on the geothermal system. Director Hamilton said our vendor is having trouble coordinating a date to come and do the work on the auto fill feature, but we are in communication.
- Commissioner Powers asked about plans for conducting an Environmental Study along the creek that runs through Red Hawk Park. The District is not paying for the study, but will receive the results directly from the contractor.
- Commissioner Jaszka asked what happened at Community Park. Executive Director Reuter said there was police action but no one from the Park District was involved.

**Action Items**

- A. Ordinance No. 565 Budget & Appropriate in the amount of \$19,262,460 for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.  
No discussion. Commissioner Gramann made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 565, 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in the total amount of \$19,262,460 for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bird.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Del Preto: Absent	Commissioner Gramann: Aye
Commissioner Jaszka: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye
Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Absent
Commissioner Bird: Aye	
Motion Passes 5-0-2	

B. Affiliate Agreement with Carol Stream Panther Soccer Club

Commissioner Powers asked for this to be pulled off the Consent Agenda because he can't support it. The lighting streams into his backyard, as late as 10pm on Saturday, and kids are running around screaming. Commissioner Powers knows that nothing will change but is making a point by voting against it. Division Manager Kenny said the lights are off on Saturday by 10:15pm at the latest for District usage.



	<p>Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve an affiliate agreement with the Carol Stream Panther Soccer Club (CSPSC) for 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Jaszka. Voice Vote. Four in favor, one against. Motion carries.</p> <p>C. Affiliate Agreement with Carol Stream Youth Football Association          Commissioner Powers asked for this to be pulled off the Consent Agenda because he can't support it due to the lighting and noise.          Commissioner Jaszka made a motion to approve an affiliate agreement with the Carol Stream Youth Football Association (CSYFA) for 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice Vote. Four in favor, one against. Motion carries.</p>
<b>Closed Session</b>	None
<b>Action Pertaining to Closed Session</b>	None
<b>Adjournment</b>	Commissioner Gramann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bird. Voice Vote taken. Motion passed Motion Passes 5-0-2. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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 President  
 Tim Powers

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 Secretary  
 Jim Reuter

January 23, 2023  
 Date



**FY21-22  
GRATITUDE  
REPORT**  
May 1, 2021-  
April 30, 2022





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Special Recreation Association

Focus on Carol Stream



- Programming at CSPD sites, special events, inclusion requests – Over 94% of requests met in a timely manner
- Foundation support partners in our Golf Outing and annual BASH fundraisers
- Rec n’ Roll at Fountain View
- Summer Camp at Simkus, Coral Cove
- Disability awareness education for Carol Stream Park District staff or partners
- Special thank you to Director Jim Reuter, Board Chair during 2021-22 / Deputy Director Sue Rini, Supt. interviews





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## Director Activities



### Director Activity Highlights

- Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando
- Visits to all communities/program sites
- Inclusion shadowing
- NRPA attendance
- Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Rec
- IAPD Legislative Symposium attendance
- IAPD/IPRA State Conference
- Continued meetings w/local legislators
- Foundation advocacy – more than \$600k in donations and in-kind gifts
- Strategic Planning with BerryDunn – 2023-'26





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## Special Recreation Association

### Organization Highlights



#### Organization Highlights

- Dan Leahy steps in as Executive Director
- The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for comprehensive financial reporting
- WDSRA was named the Best of the Best in Special Needs Resources by Glancer Magazine.

#### Recreation Highlights

- Summer camps were held with fewer sections and with reduced numbers to allow for compliance with facility spacing requirements
- Program seasons were changed from six or eight weeks to twelve weeks
- Adapted an alternating weekly schedule for high-volume programs to allow for greater participation with half the number of seasonal staff, as well as remaining compliant with distancing expectations and best practices

#### Athletics Highlights

- Synergy Jr. Bulls won the IHSA state championship
- Synergy Jr. Bulls improved their ranking, placing in the top 15 of national rankings
- Synergy Boccia athlete, Michele Lynch, competed with Team USA in Brazil
- Synergy Boccia coach, Sam Williams, joined the Team USA coaching staff
- Two WDSRA Wildcat Floor Hockey teams medaled in the Special Olympics Illinois state games
- The first Wildcat Flag Football team was organized and won a bronze medal in the Special Olympics state tournament

#### Rec & Roll Day Program Highlights

- Fort Hill Rec & Roll site returned for three out of five days per week
- Increased the number of participants attending:  
2021 – **104** unique participants, **249** registrations overall  
2022 – **130** unique participants, **297** registrations overall
- Began construction on a seventh Rec & Roll site in Winfield







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Spaces / Services / Staff



Access for Everyone.  
Barriers for No One.

## Restore & Rebuild

### Leaning into the Mission & Vision

At WDSRA, the focus to **RESTORE & REBUILD** was achieved through creativity, innovation and an inspired energy. Rethinking the way we do business is how we focused on fulfilling our mission & vision, and of course, serving our participants & families.

Emerging from an ongoing pandemic and a significant labor shortage, the focus of the year was to **RESTORE & REBUILD** to continue delivering the very best programs and services essential to the health and wellbeing of participants and families.

Despite frequently changing COVID mitigations, we continued to modify how we delivered programs and services:

- As more facility space reopened, we were able to offer additional programs
- As the popularity of virtual programs continued to grow, we continued to serve in new ways
- We sought out new space to fill in where needed
- We worked closely with families to ensure the continued health and safety of participants and staff

The labor shortage, which impacted the available pool of program staff, had a direct correlation to what programs were offered:

- We developed innovative ways to manage the growing need for programs and the limited availability of program staff
- Alternating week schedules and additional sections were created for some of the most popular programs to accommodate more participants with fewer overall staff
- Families embraced the gradual return to programs.

Finally, we continued to evaluate how we can best serve our families by creating a strong, sustainable organization:

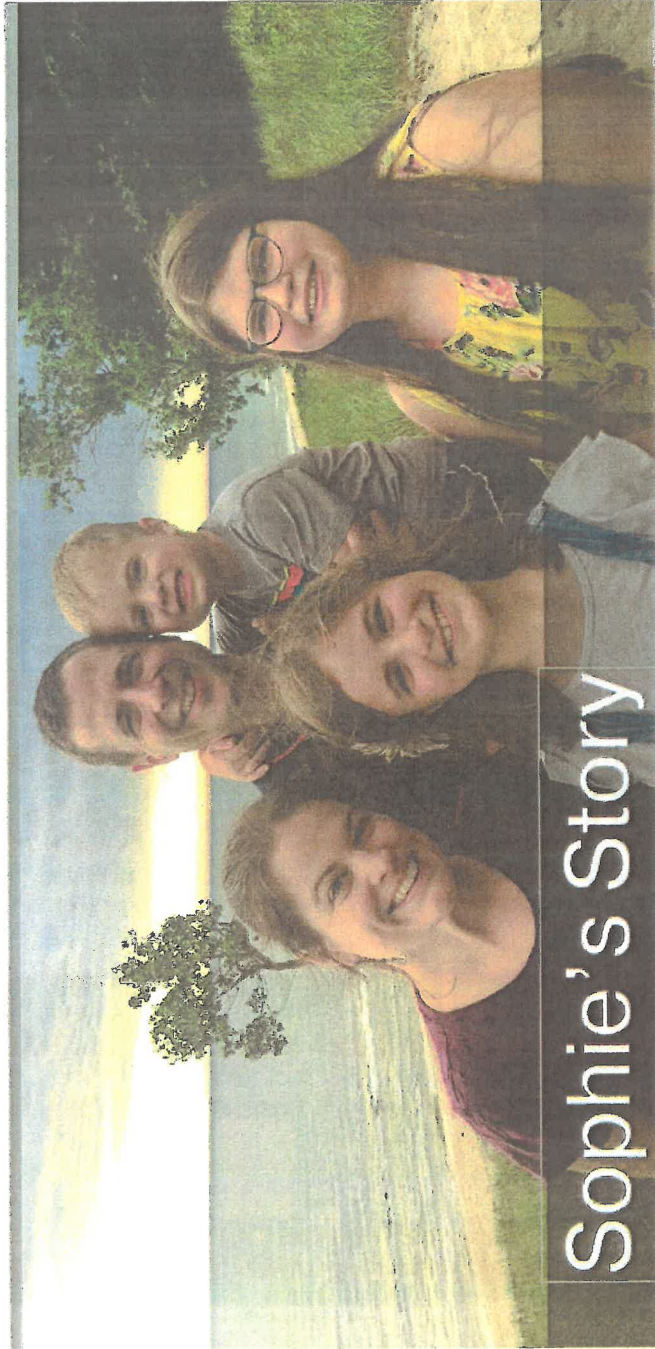
- We realigned our internal staff to better accommodate the ever-changing needs of our participants, families, staff, and communities

*More than 50% of WDSRA staff are either new, or in a new role, within the last 12 months*



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Impact Story



## Sophie's Story

After the fourth trip to the hospital last year, hospital staff urged the need for a plan to manage the consequences of Sophie's severe anxiety and depression. At 17-years-old, Sophie was trying to cope with Autism, dyslexia, depressive disorder, and chronic migraines as well as severe general, social and separation anxiety. That is a whole lot for a 17-year-old. She needed structure, an outlet for stress outside of home and school and an environment where she would feel safe.

*"WDSRA provides a safe place for friendships for Sophie. I am so thankful for that." – Heather, Sophie's mom*



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What's Next?

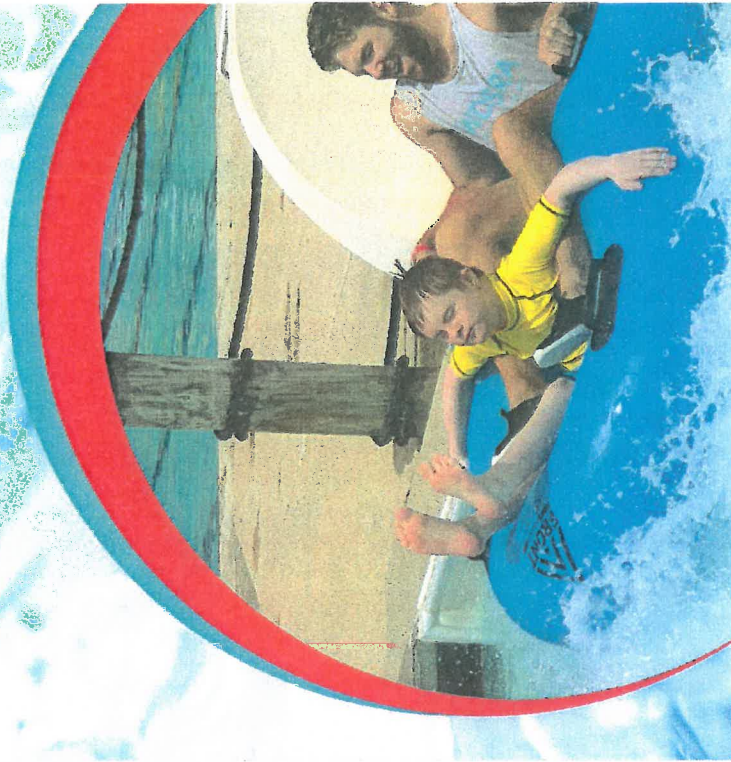
## What's Next?

- Strategic plan
  - 2023-26
- Program growth
- Staff development

Questions?  
Thank You!





## VISION 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN



Respect / Passion / Innovation / Integrity / Communication / Collaboration / Fun

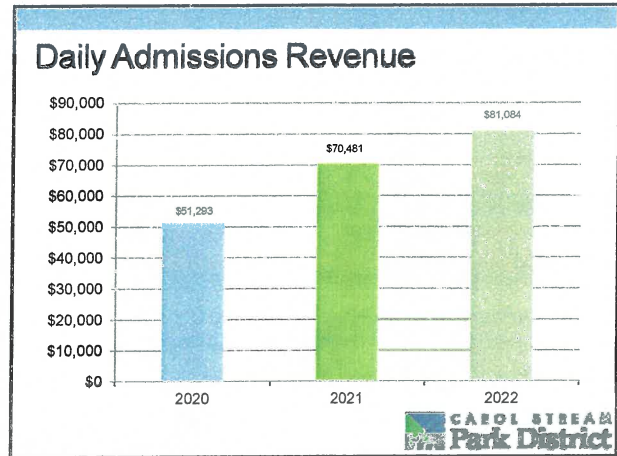
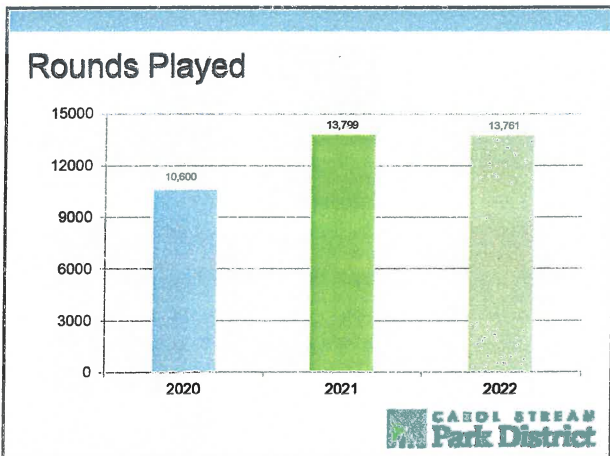

**CAROL STREAM Park District**  
**Coyote Crossing Mini Golf**

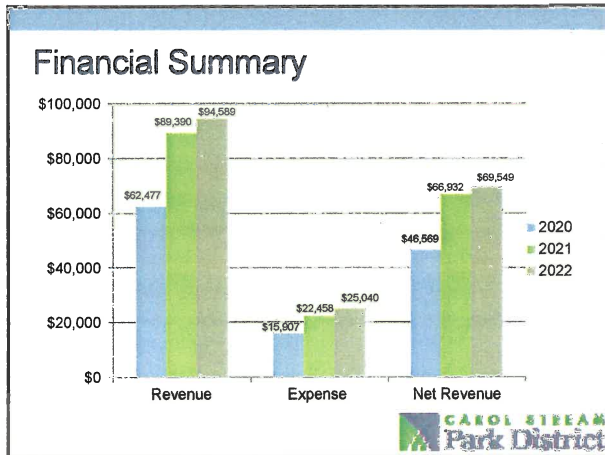
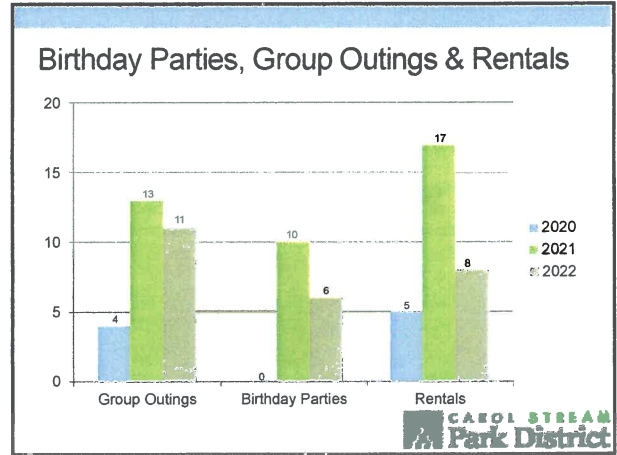
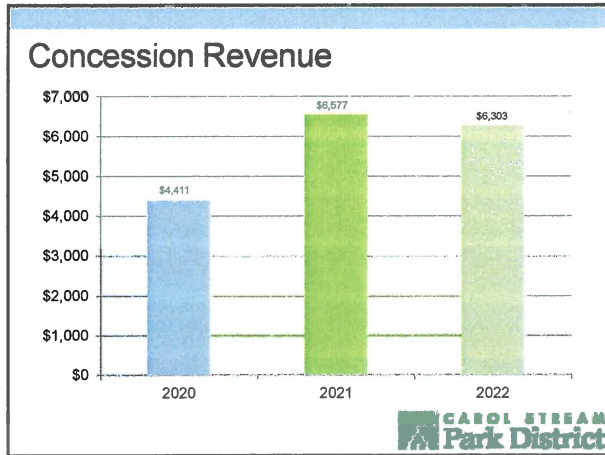
2022 Annual Report



**Operations/Improvements**

- New Signage
- New Obstacles Added Throughout the Course
- Improved Office Area
- New Roof
- Pop-Ups
- Painting of Building







### Future Plans

- Increase Outreach
- Develop New Theme/Pop-Up Events
- Develop Corporate Picnic Packages
- Focus on Pop-Up Water Days

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### Future Plans

- Offer Senior Golf Hour
- Improve Concessions
- Potential for indoor rental space

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### CAROL STREAM Park District Coyote Crossing Mini Golf

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