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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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## **Waukegan SportsPark Opening Delayed**

**Waukegan, IL (July 14, 2010)**...All was well and the Waukegan Park District's new SportsPark on Green Bay Road was on schedule to be completed and open by the end of this summer. Unfortunately, due to the strike by the Laborers and Operators Unions, the project has been delayed much to the chagrin of Waukegan softball players who were anticipating the City softball championships being played on the new infields and adult and youth soccer players who were looking forward to their kicks at the new astroturf field.

Waukegan Park District President, Wayne Motley, expressed his disappointment at the Board of Commissioners meeting this week, "It is unfortunate, but necessary that we delay the opening of the Waukegan SportsPark. I really hoped we would not have to make this decision since we all have worked so hard to keep the project on schedule, under budget, and available this fall."

A spring opening date is anticipated and will be announced early in 2011.

## **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916 the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. The District operates recreational centers, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, basketball courts, the Waukegan Skate Park, and the Waukegan BMX track. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages including special populations. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. Sixty-seven authorized full-time staff and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal and temporary employees. The district is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation and is also accredited with the Park District Risk Management Agency and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program.