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Village of Lombard and Lombard Park District Announce Opening of Prairie Place Park

Lombard, IL – The Village of Lombard and Lombard Park District marked the official opening of Prairie Place Park on Friday, May 30, 2025. This newly developed recreational site, located at 641 N. Main Street, represents a significant achievement in intergovernmental partnership.

In 2020, the Village of Lombard acquired the 641 N. Main Street property to address stormwater concerns for the surrounding area. Through a collaborative effort with the Lombard Park District, the site has now been transformed into a dual-purpose public asset that includes a stormwater detention basin capable of storing 2.8 million gallons of stormwater, along with new recreational amenities designed to enhance community wellbeing.

Prairie Place Park features three (3) outdoor pickleball courts, a new parking lot and sidewalks that provide safe and convenient access to the site. The Village of Lombard led the construction of these amenities, with an estimated cost of \$82,555 for the courts and sidewalks. In turn, the Lombard Park District will assume long-term responsibility for maintaining the recreational elements and surrounding park grounds, under a 50-year Intergovernmental Agreement that renews automatically.

"This project demonstrates how collaboration between local agencies can result in thoughtful, long-term improvements for the community," said Village President Anthony Puccio. "Prairie Place Park strengthens our flood protection efforts and provides a welcoming space for residents to gather and stay active. We're proud to partner with the Park District on this meaningful initiative."

"The Park District is excited to offer these additional outdoor pickleball courts, bringing the total to ten throughout the District, and we look forward to future joint efforts that best serve the residents of Lombard," said Park District Board President Greg Ludwig.

For more information about Prairie Place Park or other recreational offerings in Lombard, visit www.lombardparks.com.

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