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Lombard Park District Announces New Executive Director

Lombard Park District's Board of Commissioners has selected Joe McCann as the new Executive Director starting in January. McCann will replace current director Paul Friedrichs, who will retire at the end of 2023.

McCann has served as the Director of Recreation at the District for the last eight years and has over twenty years of experience in the field. McCann earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional. McCann is involved in many organizations and recently served as president for the Kiwanis Club of Lombard and was on the board for Healthy Lombard. Joe works closely with Park District affiliate groups, Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association, and many other community partners.

Through his time at the Lombard Park District, McCann has achieved numerous accomplishments. He was a key member of the leadership team for the construction and opening of the Madison Meadow Athletic Center, collaborated with School District 44 to expand a shared use agreement that led to the development of the Club Rec before and after school program, and worked with the team to achieve agency national accreditation in 2016 and 2021.

The Board has great confidence in Joe's ability to transition smoothly into the position of Executive Director and to assure continuity for the Park District.

"I am honored and thrilled to accept this position. I have been fortunate to work with the District and Paul Friedrichs for years and have learned from his excellent leadership. I look forward to serving the community in this role and providing a high level of service to our residents. We have an incredible Board and team, and many exciting opportunities ahead of us," said McCann.

"The Board could not have chosen a better person to become our Park District's next Executive Director. Joe's passion, forward thinking and leadership abilities will ensure the District is in very capable hands for years to come!" said Paul Friedrichs.