

## **Mount Prospect School District 57 Outdoor Property Usage Agreements Between Park District and District 57**

The following is a summary of the partnership between District 57 and the Mt. Prospect Park District and the responsibility to share common outdoor community areas:

### **Westbrook School**

The School District and Park District share the use and operating costs of a playground. The playground was purchased and installed through a joint venture between the two entities based on a 50-50 cost share. It is understood by both parties that the playground is to be used exclusively for school activities during daily school hours (from starting bell to final dismissal bell). Any before- and after-school activities which utilize the playground must be shared with the community. The School District allows the Park District to utilize the athletic fields adjacent to the school for programs (mainly baseball in spring/summer) provided there was no conflict with School District activities.

The Park District conducts safety inspections on the playground and any damage or replacement to the playground would be based on a 50-50 cost share. The Park District performs maintenance on the playground and athletic fields, providing routine maintenance as needed for any necessary repairs to fencing, bleachers, and garbage cans.

### **Lions Park School**

The School District does not have a playground or athletic fields for its students to utilize. The Park District allows the School District to use the playground and athletic fields adjacent to the school for recess, physical education, and before- and after-school activities. If necessary, the Park District is amenable to the School District politely requesting any general users of the playground during recess and physical education activities to kindly leave the area until the activity has ended. Any before- and after-school activities which utilize the playground or athletic fields must be shared with the community provided no Park District activities are planned.

The Park District performs all maintenance for the playground area and athletic fields.

### **Fairview School**

The School District does have a playground; however, it has no athletic fields for its students to utilize. The School District allows use of the playground by the community provided no school activities are planned during daily school hours. The Park District allows the School District to use the athletic fields adjacent to the school for recess, physical education, and before and after school activities. If necessary, the Park District is amenable to the School District politely requesting general users of the athletic fields during recess and physical education activities to kindly leave the area until the activity has ended. Any before- and after-school activities which utilize the playground or athletic fields must be shared with the community provided no Park District activities are planned.

The School District performs safety inspections and is responsible for all maintenance for the playground area. The Park District performs all maintenance for the athletic fields.

## **Lincoln Middle School**

The School District allows the Park District to utilize the athletic fields behind the school for programs as needed (mainly baseball), provided there are no conflicts with middle school programs.

The School District maintains the athletics fields; however, the Park District does provide routine maintenance as needed for any necessary repairs to fencing, bleachers, and garbage containers.

In closing, the partnership between Mount Prospect School District 57 and the Mt. Prospect Park District has been a positive working relationship regarding the sharing of adjacent areas. On occasion when a situation may arise, a fair solution is reached in agreement with both parties. This informal agreement continues to serve the School District and Park District's best interests, but more importantly, it serves the Mount Prospect community as a whole.

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