

**Kauri McKendry**

**Four year term Park Commissioner**

**1. Why do you wish to serve on the board?**

As a resident and taxpayer for over twenty-four years in Lake Bluff, my family has participated in many park district programs and activities throughout the years. Although, these experiences were overall good, I felt I could help to contribute to make the Lake Bluff Park District better by improving and adding high quality activities and programming while being fiscally responsible with taxpayer monies. I have done just that and would like to serve another term to continue to make Lake Bluff Park District the best it can be for years to come.

**2. What strengths, skills and personal attributes will you bring to this board position?**

I am a team player and an effective communicator with common sense. I enjoy the process of working with board members to make wise decisions for our community. Listening to residents and sharing concerns and fresh ideas with my fellow board members has allowed me to contribute to making positive changes for the park district. Having five children who have or are currently participating in a wide variety of programs including fitness, camps, golf, paddle, gymnastics, preschool, dance, life guarding, etc... gives me a unique perspective and insight on current needs and interests.

**3. What do you see as the most pressing issues facing this board?**

We need to maintain the variety and high quality activities and services offered given the financial constraints of the park district. The board needs to continue to find additional revenue opportunities while being fiscally responsible, transparent and balanced and do what is best for the entire district including areas that are outside of the village itself.

**4. What decision or goal reached by this board are you most pleased with, and why?**

I am pleased with the way this Board collaborates to make decisions especially difficult financial decisions regarding our debt. I am also pleased that we put the tot pool into the referendum because it is great stepping stone to teach children how to swim as well as a gateway into future programs and activities for our youth at the park district. Not to mention, the many lifelong friendships that are forged at our pool.