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I am seeking a 4 year term as a Lake Bluff Park District Commissioner

Why do you wish to serve on this board?

My family and I are 20-year residents of Lake Bluff, and have been active users of the Park District resources over these years. With two grown children, I feel it's my time to shift from being a user to a good steward of these resources for the next generation.

I have served on the boards of several local charities (Boys and Girls Club of Lake County most recently) that are doing great work in our neighboring communities. I felt it was time to direct my volunteer efforts to an organization that directly benefits our local community.

I joined the Park Board in April 2016 to fill a vacancy. I feel that I am just getting started.

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

Prior to serving on the Park District Board, I served as the Co-Chair of a joint task force with the City of Lake Forest. We worked well together looking for synergies and reciprocity opportunities. This was a very rewarding experience, and a natural lead in to a more formal Board position.

I have enjoyed a 30 year career in Financial Services, currently working for MB Financial Bank as a Private Client Advisor. My experience as a financial advisor should serve me and the Board well as we continue to find additional revenue opportunities, and operational efficiencies.

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

We need to continue to find new revenue opportunities while controlling expenses. We have made great progress since the Great Recession to reign in expenses, pay down debt, and expand our revenue base. This work needs to continue.

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

I'm very proud of how the Board handled the last referendum. The Board listened to the community after their first attempt was voted down. They eliminated "wants" and focused on "needs". They scaled back the ask, met with the community to deliver their message, and the revised referendum passed with a large majority vote (71%).