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The Joliet Park District Announces New Executive Director and Continued Advisory Role for Brad Staab

JOLIET, IL — October 27, 2026 — The Joliet Park District Park Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointment of Sean Caddigan as its new Executive Director, effective January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029. In this role, Mr. Caddigan will oversee all district operations, programs, and services while providing leadership and guidance to the park district team to advance district goals, enhance park and recreation opportunities for the community, and ensure continued success. Mr. Caddigan came from Tinley Park – Park District, bringing 19 years of experience serving as Facilities Manager and other various roles within the facilities department.

As part of this transition, Brad Staab, current Executive Director, will remain for a period of time with the Joliet Park District and serve in an advisory capacity by providing strategic guidance, sharing valuable experience and insights.

Mr. Caddigan joined the Joliet Park District almost one year ago as Deputy Director, a strategic decision by Mr. Staab and the Park Board to help ensure a smooth and thoughtful leadership transition. During this time, Mr. Caddigan has gained valuable insight into the Park District's operations, staff, programs, and community priorities. This transition reflects the Board's commitment to continuity, effective leadership, and maintaining the strong foundation established over the past several years.

"We are excited to announce Sean's move into the Executive Director role in 2027," said Park Board President Sue Gulas. "He brings valuable experience supporting the operations of the Tinley Park - Park District, along with a strong understanding of the diverse services, programs, and facilities that contribute to a successful park district. This background, combined with a broad range of relevant skills and knowledge, will be a tremendous asset to the Park District."

Mr. Caddigan shared, "I am honored to step into this role and look forward to working with the staff, building on the strong foundation already in place, and continuing to provide excellent service to our residents and community."

The Joliet Park Board and staff extend their sincere gratitude to Mr. Staab for his leadership and dedication from 2019 through 2026, in addition to his continued years of service since May 1991. His commitment to financial sustainability, community relationships, and supportive workplace has made a lasting impact on the park district.