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MATT LAPORTE NAMED MUNDELEIN PARK DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

MUNDELEIN, IL —Mundelein Park & Recreation District announces the appointment of Matt LaPorte to the position of Superintendent of Recreation. LaPorte comes to Mundelein from McHenry Parks & Recreation Department where he served as Recreation Superintendent since January 2017 and Recreation Center Manager since August 2015. He served as Facility Supervisor at Vernon Hills Park District from December 2012 to August 2015.

Matt LaPorte has over 16 years of experience in public recreation and a bachelor's degree in Recreation Management and Policy with a focus in Therapeutic Recreation from the University of New Hampshire (Cum Laude). He is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and a graduate of Illinois Park and Recreation Association's Leadership Academy. He serves as the Membership Council Representative for the Facility Management Section of the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association

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Board (<https://www.ilipra.org/>), and is on the Board of Directors for Gigi's Playhouse, a Down Syndrome achievement center (<https://gigisplayhouse.org/mchenry/>).

"We are very excited to have Matt join our team," said Mundelein Park District Executive Director Margaret Resnick. "He brings great experience opening new buildings and will be a big asset as we open our new recreation center in the spring of 2018. Along with facility experience, he has a great programming background and I'm sure our customers will be seeing some new program ideas that they will enjoy."

"I can't ask for a better place to work, this agency is filled with incredible people, doing incredible things," said LaPorte. "This is going to be a great place to work. Everyone cares so much about the community and each other; it's really fun to be a part of something special like that. Initially, my goal is simply to keep things running smoothly. There's been a great system set up by my predecessor (Rita Kipp). My immediate goal is to work with the team to get the new recreation center ready to open in the spring. I'm excited to work with the staff to add in some new program ideas and respond to the needs of the community."

Mundelein Park & Recreation District is committed to connecting the community with quality recreation through diverse programs, facilities and open space. Matt LaPorte can be contacted at 847.388.5458 or mlaporte@mundeleinparks.org.

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