

Candidate for: Downers Grove Park Board Commissioner

Name: Bob Gelwicks

Home Address: 1535 Grant St Downers Grove

Work Address: none, retired

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How long resident : 36 years

Web site : None

Do you own business in DG : NO

Reason for running for office ?

I believe retired executives should volunteer their time within community and apply their management experience within the community. I am passionate about youth sports and have been engaged in Park District activities over 30 years in Downers Grove. Having served on the Board I would like to see through the completion of the major projects currently underway.

What are the three most important issues facing the Park District ?

- 1) complete the 3 major capital projects underway:
 - . Barth Pond streambank
 - . Fishel Park bandshell
 - . McCollum Park renovationIn a timely fashion within budget and with minimal impact to the community
- 2) Meet the growing demands of the community for recreation facilities and programs while continuing to maintain the quality of the facilities while minimizing the dependence upon tax dollars.
- 3) Develop a strategic plan for the use of the land at Burlington and Walnut and improve the utilization of Lincoln Center by upgrading the physical plant.

Previous community service

35 years managing/coaching baseball for Downers Grove Youth Baseball (DGYB)

former Treasurer, DGYB Board of Directors, 1988-1994

Chairman, DGYB Board of Directors, 1995-2004

8 years volunteer Basketball coach, Downers Grove Park District

6 years volunteer Basketball coach, St Joseph School

Appointed Downers Grove Park District Commissioner, March, 2004

Elected Downers Grove Park District Commissioner, April, 2005 (current 6 year term)