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Support for Lisle Park District’s Organic Park Program Grows

Photo: [Connelly Memorial Park is one of four parks in the the pesticide-free program implemented by Lisle Park District](#)

Lisle, IL – Lisle Park District’s organic lawn project has officially begun, and has received support from local and nationally recognized organizations.

On Saturday, August 17, in partnership with Midwest Grows Green, Lisle Park District Board of Commissioners President Don Cook was joined by US Congressman Sean Casten, Illinois State Senator Suzy Glowiak, Illinois State Representative Terra Costa Howard, and members of the Lisle community at Connelly Memorial Park as the park district was presented with a generous donation from Stonyfield Organics. Elisa Kurth, a representative from Stonyfield Organics, presented the park district with a \$5,000 donation to support the park district’s conversion to organic grounds management. This donation was matched with a check from Jewel-Osco, presented to the park district by Ian Neizke, on behalf of the company.

Stonyfield Organic’s Play Free Initiative promotes stopping the use of harmful pesticides on playing fields, and works with communities across the country to provide resources and tools to make it possible. The park district’s pilot program for organic, pesticide-free maintenance methods began this past spring on four parks; Abbeywood Park, Connelly Memorial Park, Leask Lane Park, and Oak Hill Park.

With the generous support from Stonyfield Organics and Jewel-Osco, and the resources available from Midwest Grows Green, the park district will proudly continue its efforts in converting and managing these Lisle Park District parks with natural and organic products.

The Lisle Park District provides a variety of leisure activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Park district facilities include Lisle Community Park; the Recreation Center which houses Gentle Learning Preschool, SEASPAR, the Senior Center, and multipurpose rooms; Sea Lion Aquatic Park; River Bend Golf Course; Wheatstack – A Midwestern Eatery & Tap and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and parks offering amenities such as tennis courts, ball fields, walking paths and picnic areas totaling close to 400 acres. It is the mission of the Lisle Park District to enrich the quality of life for people of all ages by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities. For more information about the Lisle Park District, please call 630-964-3410 or visit lisleparkdistrict.org.

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