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Glen Ellyn Park District discusses improvements

The Glen Ellyn Park District will use \$2 million for proposed capital projects this year, officials said. The budget includes \$275,000 for improvements at Sunset Pool, \$275,000 for renovations at Churchill Park, \$134,000 for an expansion at Johnson Center and about \$900,000 for enhancements at Maryknoll Park. The remainder would be used toward rehab and maintenance at various sites throughout the district.

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The district has a yearly budget of \$4.5 million, with \$1 million to \$2 million going to capital projects, said Cory Atwell, executive director of the park district.

"Each year brings new challenges," he said.

At Sunset Pool, 483 Fairview Ave., officials expect to install a picnic pavilion, tennis courts and a playground.

Officials plan to simply continue expansions and develop a house into a nature center at Churchill Park, on the north side of Geneva Road just east of Bloomingdale Road,

At Johnson Center, 490 Kenilworth Ave., residents should expect an expansion at the back of the building, which will ultimately turn into an indoor softball and baseball batting cage.

At Maryknoll Park, 855 Pershing Ave., officials expect to put in a playground, tennis courts and a picnic pavilion. The park district received a \$400,000 matching grant two months ago, which it will use to further develop the park.

Officials expect to vote on the capital projects budget in June and hope to get started with the projects as soon as possible.

In March, voters rejected a \$12.5 million referendum measure that would have funded the construction of a new facility to replace the Main Street Recreation Center, expanding the Lake Ellyn Boathouse, installing bathrooms at Ackerman Park and acquiring additional open space.

Atwell said those projects will be put on hold until the park district decides what its next step will be. The district might decide to put the referendum back on the ballot in the November general election.

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