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## Lake in the Hills Parks & Recreation Department seeking focus groups for park planning

Lake in the Hills, IL – Within the next two years, the Village of Lake in the Hills has numerous playground replacement and comprehensive park review projects coming forward including three in northwest Meadowbrook neighborhood, located west of Haligus Road, as well as Jaycee Park located on Oakleaf, by the water tower off Algonquin Road.

The northwest Meadowbrook neighborhood parks include Avalon, Celebration, and Nature's View which are due for replacement in 2024 and 2025. The Parks & Recreation Department has identified an opportunity to comprehensively and simultaneously review all three of these parks to determine how to best plan them and assess amenities that serve the community without being duplicative.

Jaycee Park currently features a basketball court and playground. The location of Jaycee Park makes it unique, as the proximity to Algonquin Road and neighboring businesses might allow for alternative recreation uses to be considered.

"We are excited to engage the community to provide their thoughts and input as we review our playground replacements," stated Trevor Bosack, Director of Parks & Recreation. "We look forward to continuing to create welcoming multi-generational spaces within the Village for all to enjoy."

At this time, the Parks & Recreation Department is seeking interested individuals to participate in focus groups for each of the projects including the northwest Meadowbrook parks and Jaycee Park. A link to the focus group interest form can be found on <u>www.lith.org/park-projects</u>. The anticipated commitment schedule includes meeting once or twice a month through the end of the year with an expected result of determining park amenities to be installed in 2024. If interested, please fill out an interest form by Friday, July 14. The focus group meeting calendar and next steps will be on the agenda for the Tuesday, July 18, rescheduled Parks & Recreation Board Meeting at 6:30 PM. Questions can be directed to Trevor Bosack, Director of Parks & Recreation, (847) 960-7461 or <u>tbosack@lith.org</u>.