

**PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF PAUL FRIEDRICHS**

- WHEREAS,** Paul Friedrichs began his career with the Lombard Park District on July 20, 1998 serving as the Director of Finance and Personnel until his promotion on June 1, 2007 to the position of Executive Director; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2009 Paul Friedrichs received the IPRA Professional of the Year Award, and has served the Lombard Park District and the community with professionalism, dedication, commitment and with a focus on a vision to provide the best services for the residents and its visitors; and
- WHEREAS,** Under the leadership of Paul Friedrichs, the Park District received the National Gold Medal Award, both state and national Park District accreditation, and annual Financial Awards dating back to 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** Paul Friedrichs oversaw the Lombard Park District's success in putting through a referendum which led to the construction of the award-winning Paradise Bay Water Park that opened in 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** Among other achievements, Paul Friedrichs guided the Park District in adopting a Master Plan, OSLAD grant and renovation of the Sunset Knoll Park in 2010; a partnership with School District 87 for the construction of a turf field at Glenbard East in 2012; a partnership with School District 44 that led to a shared facility usage and provided gym space for athletic programs; executed a land swap with School District 44 which led to the construction of the Madison Meadow Athletic Center that opened in 2018; a Master Plan, OSLAD grants and renovation of Four Seasons Park as well as Southland Park; and
- WHEREAS,** Paul Friedrichs' Lombard pride is mirrored in his insight and his inspiration for the beautification of Lilacia Park, including hosting of Lilac Time activities and the Holiday Lights festivities;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim December 29, 2023 as **PAUL FRIEDRICHS DAY** in the Village of Lombard, in recognition of Paul's twenty-five year commitment to the Lilac Village, the Park District and the community.



