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Holly Cabel has been named Director of Parks and Recreation for the St. Charles Park District. At its September 10 meeting, the St. Charles Park Board approved Cabel's appointment, effective immediately. Cabel has served as the District's Superintendent of Recreation for eight years, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation for five years and a Recreation Supervisor the previous four years.

Karrsten Goettel, President, Board of Park Commissioners, said "The Park District's staff is its most valuable asset. Among them, we are fortunate to have found a natural leader in Holly Cabel."

Park Commissioner James F. Cooke added, "Holly has proven herself as a qualified and devoted member of the Park District management team for many years, garnering the support and endorsement of the staff, Park Board and community members. I fully anticipate her transition to Park District Director will be virtually seamless, and that she will provide the District with the integrity of leadership it deserves."

Park Commissioner Bob Thomson agreed, "The depth and breadth of her career with the District for nearly 20 years makes her eminently qualified to lead the District, Park Board and staff to a promising future."

Cabel stated, "The Park District is a passion of mine. It is nationally-recognized for its exceptional parks, programs and services. I am honored to serve as Director and am excited to continue to work with staff, the Park Board and the St. Charles community."

Having lived in St. Charles for more than 30 years, Cabel and her husband are now enjoying raising their three boys and being involved in Park District programs. "St. Charles is a wonderful community to raise a family. We enjoy many of the parks, the biking trails and seasonal facilities, she added."

As Superintendent of Recreation, Cabel's responsibilities included management of the recreation budget, which includes 1,500 annual programs and a multitude of services at Pottawatomie Community Center, Otter Cove Aquatic Park, Swanson Swimming Pool, River View Miniature Golf Course and the STC Underground Teen Center.

Cabel has been directly involved in the District's facility and park improvement projects, most recently the construction and grand openings of Otter Cove Aquatic Park and Hickory Knolls Discovery Center and the renovation of Swanson Swimming Pool in 2011.

She is actively involved in many community organizations such as the St. Charles River Corridor Foundation, St. Charles Arts Council, Norris Cultural Art Center, Kane County Healthy Places Coalition and Kane County Fit for Kids.

Cabel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from the University of Iowa in 1992. She is in the process of acquiring a Masters in Public Administration.

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