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Buffalo Grove Park District Executive Director Announces Retirement

(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL) - Buffalo Grove Park District executive director, Ryan Risinger, recently announced that he will be retiring, effective May 26, 2023.

Risinger first joined the District as an intern in May of 1992, and was hired as a fulltime recreation supervisor in November of that year. He worked his way up, becoming division manager in 1995, superintendent of recreation in 2001, director of recreation in 2010, and was appointed executive director by the Park Board of Commissioners in 2014, after the retirement of former executive director, Dan Schimmel.

"Not many people can say they've spent their entire career in one place. I am so incredibly fortunate to have landed where I did, and spend my entire professional career at an agency like the Buffalo Grove Park District," said Risinger.

He added, "I am so grateful to our Board for having the confidence in me to lead this organization for as long as I have. When I think about all of the Commissioners, former directors, coworkers and colleagues who have had an impact on me and my career, I am overwhelmed. There are so many great people; I am blessed to have been afforded the opportunity to serve this community."

Risinger entered the parks and recreation field after earning his bachelor's degree at Illinois State University. He went on to earn a master's degree in public administration from Villanova University.

While serving the Buffalo Grove community at the Park District, he also served as a member of the Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove for the past 10 years, and was the club president in 2017-18.

Risinger has been married to his wife Pari for 31 years; and, they have three adult children.

"We had our children when we were young; and, our goal was always to be able to retire young."

Buffalo Grove Park District Board President Scott Jacobson said, "Ryan has been a tremendous asset to the Park District, and to the Buffalo Grove community. He has devoted his entire career of over 30 years in making Buffalo Grove a great place to live. He will be missed; but, he has put into place a strong team behind him that will continue making our Park District one of the best park districts in the country. We wish him well in his retirement, which is well deserved."

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