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Subject: Grand Traverse County Welcomes New Parks and Recreation Director John Chase

Grand Traverse County - Grand Traverse County welcomes John Chase as the new Director of Parks and Recreation effective April 11, 2022. Mr. Chase brings with him his extensive experience and enthusiasm for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Chase most recently served as the Superintendent of Facilities at Bolingbrook Park District in Illinois where he was responsible for the oversight of an 86,000 sq. ft. recreation complex, a variety of programs, and prepared and administered the facilities division's \$2+ mm annual budget and work plan. While in Illinois Mr. Chase remained active and served on a variety of committees, boards, and associations pertaining to parks and recreation. Mr. Chase has over 20 years of experience overseeing and developing new programs, managing staff, and budgets as well as recreation complexes. Mr. Chase comes well equipped with the tools to help further improve Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation for all.

Parks and Recreation Director John Chase – "I take great pride in being visible to facility guests and members and developing strong relationships with those groups. I look forward to regularly connecting with members of the residential and business community here in Grand Traverse County."

*A photo of Director John Chase is attached.

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