

**Springfield Park District
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Roll Call.

A meeting of the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees was held at 5:30pm at the John F. Linxwiler Administrative Center.

President Sgro called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and requested roll call.

Present: President Sgro, Vice President Logan, Trustee Fulgenzi, Trustee Reardon, Trustee Noll, Trustee Beagles, Trustee Jannazzo

Others Present: Director/Secretary Stratton, Bob Walbaum/General Counsel.

Public Hearing on Budget Ordinance.

President Sgro requested motion to open public hearing for purposes of discussing the budget appropriation ordinance that is currently on file. Motion by Beagles, second by Reardon and approved by voice vote all voting yes. Public Hearing was open at 5:31pm.

President Sgro asked Director Stratton to provide the Board with an update on the budget and discussions with the unions concerning the budget and its impact on the District staff/operations. Director Stratton addressed the Board and provided detailed accounting of the budget, its impacts and discussion with Union.

President Sgro asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

1. Roger Griffith, AFSCME Council 31 Representative addressed the Board concerning the budget and reductions in staff and requested Board table vote on the budget and increase fees.
2. Brian Schroeder, Local 2050 President, addressed the Board concerning the impact of the reductions on union staff and requested Board table vote on the budget.
3. Pete Hood, Maintenance Employee of District addressed the Board requesting reconsideration of the cuts as it impacts his personal life and that of his family.
4. Unannounced Tax Payer not employee addressed the Board requesting increase in fees, request public support, and increased advertising of programs at zoo to save positions.
5. Megan Madura, Zookeeper addressed the Board describing her desire to continue as full-time employee and impact a reduction in pay and benefits would have on her.
6. Robert York, Maintenance Employee of District addressed the Board requesting increase in fees and impacts that a reduction in pay and benefits would have on his personal life.
7. Howard Nation, Tree Crew Foreman of District addressed the Board raising concern as to the impact this will have on his operations and concerns of his safety with less qualified persons.
8. Tyler Hood, son of Pete Hood (maintenance employee of District) addressed the Board stating the impact a loss of job would have on his home life.

No other persons came forward to address the Board.

Trustee Beagles asked Director Stratton if all attempts have been made to save in all areas as part of this budget. Director Stratton responded that his staff, department directors, and union have reviewed the numbers and that all attempts have been made in effort to stay within our mission.

Trustee Noll asked Director Stratton if

Trustee Jannazzo asked Director Stratton questions concerning professional service fees, negative cash balances in Workers Compensation, Unemployment and Pension and if enough is being done to correct these balances. Director Stratton and Finance Director Bartolozzi noted professional service fees consist of Architect and Engineer fees, legal fees and related professional services. Director Stratton note that the Board has met many times over the past year and half to develop a long term plan to address these fund balances and that a one-time fix would result in exhaustion of all reserve funds, elimination of programs and services and additional cuts in personnel.

President Sgro requested motion to adjourn from public hearing and return to regular session. On motion by Logan, second by Jannazzo and all approving by voice vote the public hearing was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was moved by Logan, seconded by Noll that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2010 be approved as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote 7 voting yes and 0 voting no. Motion passed.

Statement of Claims

Statement of Claims was presented by President Sgro for approval. It was moved by Fulgenzi and seconded by Reardon that the Statement of Claims be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – yes; Fulgenzi – yes; Jannazzo – Yes; Logan – Yes; Noll – Yes; Reardon – Yes; Sgro - Yes. Motion Passed: 7 voting yes, 0 voting no.

Business:

President Sgro reported on matters of new business and requested action as follows:

Farm Lease Agreement.

Motion: “Authorize execution of agreement with James R. Heissinger to farm barker property for an amount paid to the District of \$5,000,” by Jannazzo, second by Noll. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – Yes; Fulgenzi – yes; Jannazzo – Yes; Logan – Yes; Noll – Yes; Reardon – Yes; Sgro-Yes Motion Passed: 7 voting yes, 0 voting no.

Budget Appropriate Ordinance.

Motion: “Adopt Ordinance #1228-10 regarding Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance” by Logan, second by Beagles. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – Yes; Fulgenzi – yes; Jannazzo – No; Logan – Yes; Noll – Yes; Reardon – Yes; Sgro-Yes Motion Passed: 6 voting yes, 1 voting no.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board on motion by Jannazzo, seconded by Beagles and approved by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30pm.