

**Springfield Park District  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

**Roll Call.**

A meeting of the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees was held at 12:00pm at the John F. Linxwiler Administrative Center, 2500 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, IL:

President Sgro called the meeting to order at 12pm and requested roll call.

Present: President Sgro, Vice President Logan, Trustee Fulgenzi, Trustee Reardon, Trustee Beagles, Trustee Jannazzo (Trustee Noll arrived at 12:15pm)

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

It was moved by Reardon, seconded by Jannazzo that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2011 be approved as presented. Discussion: Bob Walbaum requested amendment to minutes under executive session to add: "no action was requested or taken in executive session." On motion by Reardon, second by Jannazzo the motion to amend the minutes of the February 16, 2011 regular Board meeting was approved by voice vote 6 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 Beagles and seconded by Fulgenzi that the Statement of Claims be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – yes; Fulgenzi – yes; Jannazzo – Yes; Logan – Yes; Reardon – Yes; Sgro - Yes. Motion Passed: 6 voting yes, 0 voting no.

**Oral Communication**

President Sgro asked if anyone wanted to address the Board.

1. Rosie Christy addressed the Board to request information on the long range plan for Stuart Park Dog run. Director Stratton noted the Long Range Planning Committee met on March 9<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed project requests by Mr. Christie and the Committee requested he come back to Committee in April and provide short term and long term funding and time lines for each item listed for review and consideration. Ms. Christy raised concerns about notification to public on change the meeting time and dates and requested that oral communication be placed at the end of the agenda rather than the beginning or both.
2. Larry Estep, Friends of Zoo Parks Foundation, addressed the Board on matters relating to his review of the vets invoices and billing at the Zoo and requested the Board look into these matters to assure compliance with his contract. Mr. Estep also distributed a copy of the budget for Scoville Zoo and that of the District's zoo and requested the Board consider a detailed review of both and review of recommendations by Mr. Estep to increase revenues and cut expenses.

**Committee Reports:**

**Long Range Planning Committee.** Trustee Beagles addressed the Board and reported on matters brought before committee on March 9, 2011 (minutes attached) and recommended the following action:

**Motion:** “Authorize the revisions to the site plan for Centennial Park development as recommende by Staff and authorize staff to proceed to bid the project as presented,” by Beagles, second by Reardon. **Roll Call Vote:** Beagles – Yes; Fulgenzi – Yes; Jannazzo – Yes; Logan – Yes; Reardon – Yes; Sgro – Yes. **Motion Passed:** 7 voting yes, 0 voting no.

Grey Noll entered the meeting at 12:15pm.

**Motion:** “Authorize the use of Southwind Park as the future site for the construction of Peace Garden with funding and maintenance/upkeep from private funds as presented by Mr. Mike Kemp” by Beagles, second by Logan. **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.

**Motion:** “Authorize staff to proceed to bid of Botanical Garden project as presented by staff,” by Beagles, second by Logan. **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.

**Motion:** “Authorize staff to proceed to bid of fencing project for exhibits at Henson Robinson Zoo as presented by staff,” by Beagles, second by Logan. **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.

**Informational Only.** Chair Beagles addressed Board noting that Mr. Robin Maye addressed Board on about a .88 acre tract of land that he would like to donate to the District for park development. Chair Beagles noted staff to review and made recommendation in April to Long Range Planning Committee.

**Informational Only.** Chair Beagles addressed Board noting that Staff provided list of projects as forwarded from Ms. Rosie Christie for the dog run in Stuart Park. Staff to provide more detailed information and costs at the April Long Range Planning Committee.

**Finance Committee:** Chair Fulgenzi addressed the Board reporting on matters brought before the committee on March 9, 2011 (minutes attached) with the following actions requested:

**Annual Appropriation Ordinance.** **Motion:** “Authorize the placement of the 2011/12 annual appropriation ordinance on file for 30 days,” by Beagles, second by Noll. **Discussion:** Board discussed the holding of a finance committee meeting as public hearing to hear from the public on the budget being proposed and that special meeting be held at later date for approval of final budget. Board directed Staff to coordinate meetings and provide notice to public. **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.

## **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 1