

Springfield Park District
BOARD MEETING

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Aiello, Eck, Farmer, Rodgers, and Theilen.

Members Participating by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustee Hoogland

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director, Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing; Doug Bates, Director of Finance and IT; Rob Cross, Legal Counsel; Staff and Public

1. Call to order

President Sgro called the meeting to order

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings for Approval

Motion: to approve Board Minutes of November 2025

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Rodgers

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
 Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

3. Public Comment: None

4. Committee of the Whole

Motion: to authorize staff to renew general liability insurance with IPARKS in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Farmer

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
 Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays:0

Motion: to authorize staff to purchase playground equipment for Cadigan Park from Landscape Structures, Inc. utilizing joint purchase agreement with Sourcewell in amount not to exceed \$100,000.00

Moved by: Trustee Eck

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays:0

Motion: to approve 2026 Park Board Meeting Schedule.

Moved by: Trustee Rodgers

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays:0

5. Long Range Planning

Motion: to authorize staff to execute agreement with Purpose TnE to purchase and install artificial turf around Gietl Park splash pad in an amount of \$29,999 utilizing funds from 2024 S&I Bond Fund 36-01-5340 OSLAD Gietl Park.

Moved by: Trustee Eck

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion: to approve the First Amended Easement Agreement with Prairie Power, which revises and updates the existing right-of-way easement originally executed on July 29, 1968, for property located within Gurgens Park.

Moved by: Trustee Rodgers

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

6. Finance and Human Resources (Chair Theilen)

Motion: to approve Ordinance #1528-26 Tax Levy (Year 2025 payable in 2026)

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Eck

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion: to approve Ordinance #1529-26 Bond Levy Abatement- Bond Series 2016B.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Farmer

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

7. Business

Motion: to approve Supplemental Statement of Claims/Visa Bills

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Farmer

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

8. Recreation (Chair Farmer)

Motion: to approve annual rate adjustments

Moved by: Trustee Farmer

Seconded by: Trustee Eck

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye

Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees,
It was moved by Trustee Rodgers and seconded by Trustee Aiello that the meeting be adjourned
at 5:40 p.m.