

Springfield Park District
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Nelson Center/Lincoln Park
1601 North Fifth Street / Springfield, IL

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, and Trustees Badger, Metcalf, Schmidt, Theilen, Eck
Members Participating via Phone: None
Members Unavailable: Trustee Wescott
Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance administration; Amanda Tippin, Asst Director of Recreation; Rob Cross, Legal Counsel; public

I. Call to order

President Sgro called the meeting to order

II. Minutes of Previous Meetings

A. Jan 19, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from Jan 19, 2022

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Eck

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye

Schmidt: Aye Theilen: Aye Westcott: Absent Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

III. Special Guests

A. Sonthana Thongsithavong. Staff informed the Board that Sonthana has been named the prestigious Illinois High School Tennis Coaches Association 1A Girls' Coach of the Year. Several other staff and players were also recognized for tennis accomplishment.

B. Lori Crowder. Staff introduced Lori Crowder administrative Assistant to the Board.

IV. Public Comment

A. No one from the public addressed the Board

V. Committee Reports

A. Committee of the Whole

i. Leland Summer Kitchen

Motion: Approve either Intergovernmental Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Springfield and the Springfield Park District regarding the relocation of the Leland Summer Kitchen, pending legal review.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Schmidt

Discussion: Some residents are upset about the tree trimming the City will perform on Wiggins Ave related to this project. It was clarified that the Park District only controls work performed on park property.

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Theilen: Aye Westcott: Absent Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

B. Finance and Personnel

i. Appointment of temporary Treasurer

Motion: Motion appointing Stephen H. Flesch as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Park District, Sangamon County, Illinois pursuant to Section 4-8 of the Park District code, as amended, through the issuance of the Park District's General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022, and the receipt of the proceed of such Bonds by the Park District.

Moved by: Trustee Metcalf

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Theilen: Aye Westcott: Absent Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

ii. Bond Sale

Motion: Approve Ordinance # 1481-22. AN ORDINANCE providing for the issue of approximately \$2,460,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022, of the Springfield Park District, Sangamon County, Illinois, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Moved by: Trustee Metcalf

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: Dan Forbes (Speer Financial) informed the Board that the Moody's has upgraded the District's bond rating from A1 to Aa3. This is the highest bond rating the District has ever obtained.

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Theilen: Aye Westcott: Absent Sgro: Aye
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

C. Buildings and Concessions

i. Interurban Bike Trail Shelter

Motion: Approve design plans for shelter on Interurban Bike Trail.
Moved by: Trustee Schmidt
Seconded by: Trustee Badger
Discussion: None
Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Theilen: Aye Westcott: Absent Sgro: Aye
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

VI. Business

A. Surplus Property

Motion: Approve Ordinance # 1482-22. Authorizing disposition or sale of personal property
Moved by: Trustee Metcalf
Seconded by: Trustee Theilen
Discussion: None
Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Theilen: Aye Westcott: Absent Sgro: Aye
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

B. Economic Development Council

Motion: Appointment Park Board President Sgro as Park District liaison to the Economic Development Council
Moved by: Trustee Badger
Seconded by: Trustee Metcalf
Discussion: None
Voice Vote: All approved by voice vote. President Sgro abstained
Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

C. Statement of Claims / Visa Bills

Motion: Approve Statement of Claims / Visa Bills
Moved by: Trustee Theilen
Seconded by: Trustee Metcalf
Discussion: None
Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Theilen: Aye Westcott: Absent Sgro: Aye
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Eck and seconded by Badger that the meeting adjourns at 5:55 p.m.

**Springfield Park District
Committee of the Whole**

**Erin's Pavilion/Southwind Park
4965 South 2nd Street / Springfield, IL**

Wednesday, Feb 9, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order

Members Participating in Person: Trustees: Badger, Eck, Metcalf, Theilen & Westcott and President Sgro, (Schmidt joined the meeting at 5:37 PM)

Members Unavailable: N/A

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Lynn Saputo, Director Recreation; Staff and Public

Recreation Committee

Proposal for shelter on Interurban Trail: Park advocates Greg Feeny and Joel Johnson presented a plan to construct a small shelter along the Interurban Trail (10 foot X 10 foot). The location of the proposed shelter will be on the West side of the Trail, South of Interstate 72 and North of Woodside Rd. Preliminary designs for the shelter were shared with the Board and are attached. Greg and Joel are working with the Parks Foundation to secure funding.

Trustee Schmidt joined the meeting in progress.

Committee of the Whole

IGA regarding Leland Summer Kitchen: Executive Director Harms provided an update on the relocation of the Leland Summer Kitchen. This is a complex project involving three municipal agencies and private contractors. The targeted move date is March 2. Harms also presented a draft IGA with the City of Springfield that describes the responsibilities of each party. Staff recommends the Board take action on the IGA next week.

Finance & Personnel Committee

2022 General Obligation Bond Issue: Staff recommendations for the 2022 bond projects were presented to the Board. The Board will need to take action on the bond list no later than next month. The Board discussed their priorities and agreed to submit their top 5 projects to staff in an effort to build consensus.

FY 23 Budget: Finance Director Felsch presented the FY23 budget to the Board. Flesch highlighted anticipated key initiatives to be accomplished within the FY 23 budget.

Staff Updates

Police Department

- Unsolved theft at Nelson Center will be highlighted on crime stoppers

General updates

- The Board selected January 28 at 5:00 PM to host a board retreat.
- Legislative Breakfast will be on Monday, Feb 14 at 10:00 AM.

Recreation Updates

- FY 23 Budget includes a mobile Santa House. The old Santa House will be surpluses.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.