

Springfield Park District
PUBLIC HEARING

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street, Springfield, IL

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
5:38 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Members Participating by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustee Rodgers

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; Patrick Murphy, Springfield Park District Police Chief; Staff and Public

Call to Order

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

Business

Open Public Hearing

Discussion of the OSLAD Grant Application for Jaycee Park Redevelopment Plan. Executive Director, Derek Harms, discussed the OSLAD Grant Planning Process and the steps that are required to submit an OSLAD Grant Application. Harms indicated that the purpose of the public hearing is to share the site plan with the public and solicit feedback and input.

Harms then presented a power point presentation that included:

1. Overview of Grant Planning Process
2. Existing Site Features
3. Proposed Conceptual OSLAD Plan
4. Proposed Playground Conceptual OSLAD Plan
5. Play Equipment Example
6. Multi-Court Game Area & Trail Marker/QR Fit Example
7. Grant Elements

Harms provided a detailed summary of the grant elements including:

1. Community Gathering Space (Sitting Areas)
2. Parking Lot Renovation
3. Playground Equipment & Plaza Area
4. Sensory & Pollinator Gardens with Interpretative Panels
5. Color Coat Existing Half-Court Basketball Court
6. Multi-Court Game Area
7. Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic Tables, Litter Cans, Etc.)
8. Native Tree Plantings
9. LED Lighting Upgrades

President Sgro asked if anyone from the public would like to share any thoughts.

No public comment.

Close Public Hearing

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees,
It was moved by Trustee Theilen and seconded by Trustee Aiello that the meeting be
adjourned at 5:50 p.m.