

**Springfield Park District**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park  
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL  
**Wednesday, April 8, 2026**  
**5:32 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Roll Call: President Sgro called the meeting to order.

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

Members Available by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustees Rodgers

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director, Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT; Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, Patrick Murphy, Springfield Park District Police Chief; staff, and public.

Public Comment: None

**Buildings & Concessions**

(Chair Rodgers)

1. Ascendant Facility Partners LLC

Doug Bates Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, introduced Stuart from Ascendant Facility Partners LLC. Stuart presented and discussed with the Board the various solar panel options for the Nelson Center. Stuart and Doug also reviewed the pricing details associated with each option presented.

**Long Range Planning**

(Chair Hoogland)

1. Washington Park Paving

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented the Washington Park paving project to the Board. Jason also reviewed the details of the proposed repaving of Upper Williams Boulevard in Washington Park, including an agreement with the City of Springfield through the Bituminous Overlay Program.

2. Refuse Truck

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented details to the Board regarding the purchase of an updated refuse truck. Jason explained that the addition of the vehicle would help enhance the maintenance department's ability to effectively and efficiently maintain areas throughout the Springfield Park District.

## **Staff Updates**

### 1. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, discussed projects updates the turf installation at Gietl Park, OSLAD projects at Lincoln Park, and the playground project at Patrick J. Cadigan Park.

### 2. **Police Department**

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, discussed the previous month's police reports. He provided the Board with an update about training events for staff within the Police Department.

### 3. **Finance & Administration**

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, discussed details about prepping for the new upcoming fiscal year, FOIA requests, and updates within the Finance Department.

### 4. **Recreation and Marketing**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, informed the Board about the previous months' recreational events Easter Bunny House, Spotlight on Ice, and the start of the season for the Springfield Southwest Baseball Association. He also discussed upcoming events such as the ribbon cutting for the Botanical Garden Dome project and the Carillon Festival.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Theilen and seconded by Trustee Hoogland that the meeting adjourn at 6:10 p.m.