

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Wednesday, September 9, 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, Rodgers and Theilen.
Members Available by Phone:	None
Members Unavailable:	None
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

Trustee Eck entered the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Staff Updates

i. **Police Department**

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, discussed Police Department operations from the previous month, including patrol activities during the Route 66 Festival, preparations for upcoming Jr. Blue's hockey games, calls for service, and updates on departmental activities and staff training.

ii. **Finance & Administration**

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, provided the Board with an update on the Alternative Revenue Bond, discussed upcoming budget planning, and shared additional departmental updates

iii. **Recreation and Marketing**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, provided the Board with an update on recent Recreation Department activities, including Fun Shop classes and the Art Spectacular, as well as upcoming events such as Glow Fest, Carve for the Carillon, and the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular.

iv. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided an update on the ongoing OSLAD projects at Lincoln Park, including the installation of new picnic shelters. He also reported on completed projects, including the installation of all-weather pickleball courts at Iles Park and Duncan Park and the resurfacing of basketball courts at Comer Cox Park and Lanphier Park.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Theilen and seconded by Trustee Aiello that the meeting adjourn at 5:48 p.m.