

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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:

Trustee 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

Long Range Planning

(Chair Hoogland)

1. Comer Cox Park Improvements

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented to the Board bid results for some improvement projects at Comer Cox Park, designed to enhance the park's overall use and functionality.

Committee of the Whole

1. Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association

Mary Shanklin, representing the Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association, addressed the Board to share information and formally request a 9:00 p.m. closure time for Comer Cox Park.

Staff Updates

1. Recreation and Marketing

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, provided the Board with an update on marketing activities from the previous month and shared details on upcoming events planned in celebration of the District's 125th Anniversary.

2. Parks and Planning

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, updated the Board on the status of current projects, including those nearing completion, upcoming projects, and projects that have been completed.

3. Police Department

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, provided the Board with an update on the previous month's police reports and shared new developments within the Police Department.

4. Finance & Administration

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, informed the Board that the audit has been completed and the final reports are pending; and shared updates within the Finance Department.

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 6:02 p.m.