

**Springfield Park District**  
**BOARD MEETING**

Washington Park Botanical Gardens  
1740 West Fayette Avenue / Springfield, IL

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

Members Participating by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustees Hoogland

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director, Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing; Rob Cross, Legal Counsel; Staff and Public

1. Call to order

President Sgro called the meeting to order

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings for Approval

Motion: to approve Board Minutes of May 2026.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Aiello

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion: to approve Board Minutes of June 2026.

Moved by: Trustee Eck

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

3. Public Comment:

Tom Huber, President of the Westwood Forum Neighborhood Association, addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation for the recently completed playground project at Cadigan Park.

4. Long Range Planning (Chair Hoogland)

Motion: to authorize staff to execute a 12-month lease agreement with Capital Area Career Center in the amount of \$3,214.10 for the use of the east half of the greenhouse.

Moved by: Trustee Rodgers

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye  
Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion: to authorize staff to utilize District's cooperative purchasing agreement with Equalis contract number COG-2138B with All Weather Courts for the crack fill and resurfacing of all the basketball courts at Lanphier Park for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Project is to be funded out of the 2018 S&I Bond Fund accounts 33-01-6336 and 33-01-6326.

Motion by: Trustee Rodgers

Seconded by: Trustee Eck

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion: to authorize staff to utilize the District's cooperative purchasing agreement with OMNIA Partners Contract Pricing Contract Number 2023261 with MTI Distributing for the purchase of three Toro Groundsmaster 7210 mowers and one Toro 7500-D mower out of the FY27 General Maintenance operating budget for an amount to not exceed \$186,000.00.

Motion by: Trustee Rodgers

Seconded by: Trustee Aiello

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

##### 5. Finance and Human Resources (Chair Theilen)

Motion: to authorize staff to book transfers of Fund Balance from the General Fund (01-01) of (\$380,000), \$380,000 to the Social Security Fund (05-98), and (\$1,400,000) from the Recreation Fund (02-99), \$1,400,000 to the Museum Fund (14-01). Said entry is to be booked immediately, and accrued into the period ended April 30, 2026, as it is the Board's intent to affect this transfer in Fiscal Year 2026.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Aiello

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion: to approve the FY27 Supplemental Budget Ordinance # 1538-27 as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Rodgers

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

6. Committee of the Whole

Motion: Semiannual review and potential release of executive session minutes

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Eck

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye

Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

7. Business

Motion: to approve Supplemental Statement of Claims/Visa Bills

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Farmer

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye

Rodgers: Aye Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees,  
it was moved by Trustee Theilen and seconded by Trustee  
Rodgers that the meeting adjourn at 5:42 p.m.