

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

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park  
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL  
**Wednesday, January 14, 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, and Theilen.

Members Available by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustees Hoogland and 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

**Staff Updates**

1. **Finance & Administration**

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, briefly discussed the FY2026 Budget; and shared updates within the Finance Department.

2. **Recreation and Marketing**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, updated the Board about recreation activities from the previous month and provided details about upcoming recreational events.

3. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided updates to the Board on the status of ongoing projects, upcoming projects, and projects that are nearing completion.

4. **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.

**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 5:50 p.m.