

**Springfield Park District
Decennial Committee**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
5:16 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees: Eck, Wescott, Theilen, Aiello, Hoogland and Rodgers

Public Members of Committee: Grant Hammer and C.J. Metcalf

Members unavailable: None

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Angie Whisnant, Director of Recreation and Marketing; Patrick Murphy, Chief of Springfield Park District Police; Staff and Public

Members of Public in person: None

I. Decennial Committee on local Government Efficiency

1. Discussion on local Government

Derek Harms, Executive Director, explained that this is a new act. The Decennial Committee on Local Government and Efficiency Act. It requires all units of local government that levy any tax including park districts to form a committee to study all local efficiencies and issue a written report to the county board.

Derek Harms, Executive Director, states following members are on the committee it includes the park board president and all elected and appointed trustees as well as two representatives from the public, CJ and Grant, and me as Executive Director. The Board President will Chair the Committees and the committee is considered a public body which means the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act, all apply, so to be compliant with OMA we properly noticed the public and the media of the meeting tonight. We will take written minutes of the meeting and follow, of course, Robert's rules.

Executive Director Harms states there are three duties of the Committee. One is to study governmental units governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, and governmental agreements and interrelationships with other government units and the State of Illinois. Sounds like a mouthful. Because we have a tremendous amount of intergovernmental agreements and partnerships to take a look at. Two, the committee is to collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to prepare a written report that includes recommendations with respect to increased accountability and efficiency. And finally, the committee is to provide a written report to the Administrative Office of the County Board no later than 18 months after the formation of the Committee. So, this committee was formed on May 17th of 2023. Eighteen months later, the report would be due on November 17th of 2024. So, we have plenty of time to do it, but we wanted to get started on it early.

Executive Director Harms states we have to have a minimum of three meetings and this one is the first.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.