

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Members Available by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustees Hoogland, Theilen

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

Finance and Human Resources
(Chair Theilen)

1. FY27 Budget
Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, presented to the Board the FY27 Budget. Doug discussed and highlighted key points within the Budget.

Long Range Planning
(Chair Hoogland)

1. Lincoln Park Development Bid Results
Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented to the Board the bid results for the Lincoln Park Development and briefly discussed the details for each of those bids.

Staff Updates

1. Recreation and Marketing
Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, informed the Board about the previous months' recreational events including Cabin Fever, and Season Golf Pass promotions. He also discussed upcoming events such as the Easter Bunny House event and the Carillon Festival.
2. Parks and Planning
Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, discussed projects updates for the Botanical Garden Dome, turf installation at Gietl Park, and upcoming OSLAD projects at Lincoln Park.

3. Police Department

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, provided the Board with an update on the previous month's police reports. He discussed staff training developments within the Police Department.

4. Finance & Administration

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, discussed the FY27 Budget process details. He shared updates within the Finance Department, including hiring a new Senior Accountant.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Rodgers and seconded by Trustee Theilen that the meeting adjourn at 6:06 p.m.