

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Thursday, February 13, 2025
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

Derek Harms, Executive Director called the meeting to order.

Members Participating in Person: Trustees Hoogland, Eck, Rodgers, Westcott, Aiello, and Theilen

Members Available by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: President Sgro

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director, Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, Doug Bates, Accounting Supervisor, staff, and public.

Public Comment: None

Finance and Personnel

(Chair Theilen)

1. FY26 Budget

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance and Administration, presented to the Board the FY26 Budget and discussed various points about it.

Long Range Planning

(Chair Hoogland)

1. Nelson Center Dasher Boards

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented to the Board the plan for and the cost amount that would be needed to purchase Dasher Boards for the Nelson Center.

Liaison Committee

(Chair Aiello)

1. IGA Route 66

Derek Harms, Executive Director, presented to the Board the 100th Route 66 Anniversary Project and discussed the 6 various parts of the project such as: removing debris, gateway entrance, installation of historical markers, installing nature preserve signs, installation of a scenic overlook and erosion plan.

Staff Updates

1. **Recreation and Marketing**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, updated the Board about the previous month's marketing events and about the different upcoming events planned for the 125th Anniversary.

2. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, updated the Board on the progress of projects that are finishing up; and about the progress of projects that have recently started, and are currently underway.

3. **Police Department**

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, updated the Board about the previous month's reports and discusses updates within the Police Department.

4. **Finance & Administration**

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration, updated the Board about the upcoming FY26 Budget and updates for the Finance Department.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Theilen and seconded by Trustee Westcott that the meeting adjourn at 5:59 p.m.