Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, July 8, 2026
5:33 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:	President Sgro called the meeting to order.
Members Participating in Person:	President Sgro, Trustees Aiello, Eck, Farmer, Hoogland, Rodgers, and Theilen.
Members Available by Phone:	None
Members Unavailable:	None
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

Long Range Planning
(Chair Hoogland)

i. Capital Area Career Center Greenhouse Lease

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented the renewal of the Capitol Area Career Center Greenhouse Lease to the Board. He reviewed the key points of the lease and outlined the benefits of renewing the agreement.

ii. Lanphier Park Basketball Court Renovation

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented information to the Board regarding the proposed renovation of the basketball courts at Lanphier Park. He explained that the project includes the renovation of two full-size basketball courts. He also discussed the anticipated benefits which included enhanced park aesthetics and an improved recreational experience for park visitors and court users.

iii. Equipment Purchases

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented information to the Board regarding the proposed purchase of two Toro mowers to replace the District's existing equipment. Jason explained that the purchase would enhance the Maintenance Department's ability to efficiently maintain the golf courses and parks throughout the Springfield Park District.

iv. Duncan Park Sewer Easement

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented information to the Board regarding the proposed permanent and temporary construction sewer easements with the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District to facilitate sewer improvements at Duncan Park.

Finance and Human Resources

(Chair Theilen)

i. FY 26 Fund Balance

Doug Bates, Director of Finance and IT, presented the FY26 Fund Balance to the Board. He reviewed the fund balance summary, discussed the purpose of the proposed fund transfers, and explained that the transfers are necessary to maintain the minimum required balances in designated accounts.

Grants & Marketing

(Chair Eck)

ii. FY 27 OSLAD

Derek Harms, Executive Director, presented information to the Board regarding the submission of an OSLAD Grant application. He reviewed recent changes to the application process and discussed potential park projects and locations that could be considered for the OSLAD application.

Staff Updates

i. Recreation and Marketing

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, provided the Board with an update on recent and upcoming Recreation Department activities. He reviewed recent programs and events, including the summer recreation camps, preschool camps, and Special Recreation Olympics.

ii. Parks and Planning

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided updates on several park improvement initiatives. He reported that the playground improvement project at Patrick J. Cadigan Park has been completed. He also provided an overview of upcoming OSLAD projects planned for Dreamland Park and Lincoln Park. Additionally, he reported that the Maintenance Tree Crew has been actively addressing fallen trees throughout the Park District Parks from recent storms.

iii. Police Department

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, reviewed the Police Department's activities for the previous month, including patrol operations during the Juneteenth Event, calls for service, and other department updates.

iv. Finance & Administration

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, presented information to the Board regarding the upcoming BINA Hearing for Alternative Bond Revenue. He also provided updates on the upcoming audit, the ongoing development of the FY27 budget, and various department updates.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Theilen and seconded by Trustee Hoogland that the meeting adjourn at 6:17 p.m.