

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

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

Members Available by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: None

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

Public Comment: None

Liaison Committee

(Chair Aiello)

1. Route 66 Improvement

Derek Harms, Executive Director, presented to the Board about the City of Springfield securing grant funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to revitalize a historic section of Old Route 66 that partially runs through Carpenter Park.

Long Range Planning

(Chair Hoogland)

1. Nelson Center Refrigerant Plant Replacement – Bid Results

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, and I. B. Storey presented to the Board the winning bids for each of the 9 tender packages and discussed the various points of each category.

Recreation Committee

(Chair Westcott)

1. Eisenhower Pool Improvement

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, presented to the Board and discussed the need to replace DE filters at Eisenhower Pool to help enhance the use longevity of the facility.

Staff Updates

1. **Police Department**

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

2. **Finance and Administration**

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration, updated the Board about the Tax Levy Bond Series and updates for the Finance Department.

3. **Recreation and Marketing**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation & Marketing, updated the Board on the different upcoming events planned for 125th Anniversary.

4. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning updated the Board on the progress of different projects that are upcoming, currently underway or finishing up.

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 to executive session at 6:18 p.m.