

**Springfield Park District
Committee of the Whole**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

Members Participating in Person: Trustees: Badger, Eck, Metcalf, Wescott, Theilen, Rodgers and President Sgro

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

Special Guest: Dirk McCormick of Legacy Point Sports.

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I. Legacy Point Development

Executive Director Derek Harms explained to the Board the newest project at Legacy Point and that representative Dirk McCormick of Legacy Pointe Sports is here tonight to answer any questions.

Executive Director Harms explains that Legacy Pointe has requested a property tax abatement from all the local taxing municipalities specifically abatement of the property taxes that will be directly caused by the construction of a multi-purpose indoor and outdoor sports complex to be located within Legacy Pointe Development adjacent to Scheels. Abated taxes would be used to maintain the facility. We met with Dirk McCormick and the developer to craft an agreement between Legacy and the Park District to add some real value to the Park District.

Executive Director Harms recommended instead of a property tax abatement we are proposing a property tax reimbursement after the county has collected the property taxes and distributed them to the Park District. Legacy Pointe Sports has agreed to this term. Number two, we requested discounted rental fees to use both the indoor and outdoor sports complex for park district programs and special events and Legacy has agreed to this as well. The third and final request was free marketing opportunities throughout the facility to educate out of town and local guests that will be coming to Springfield and staying, on all of the park areas and activities. Legacy has agreed to this term as well.

Staff Updates

1. **Finance & Administration**

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration, updated the board with additional information for the Finance and Administration Department.

2. **Recreation & Marketing**

Angie Whisnant, Director of Recreation & Marketing, updated the Board on the Recreation Department including upcoming special events.

3. **Long Range Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, updated the Board on the projects that are currently underway or finishing it at the Parks.

4. **Police Department**

Police Chief Murphy updated the board regarding the park district police department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board,
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 5:56