Springfield Park District PUBLIC HEARING

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

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Aiello, Eck, Farmer, Hoogland, and

Rodgers

Members Participating by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustee Theilen

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks

and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing; Doug Bates, Director of Finance and IT; Patrick Murphy, Springfield Park District Police Chief; Rob Cross, Legal

Counsel; Staff and Public

Call to Order

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

Business

Open Public Hearing

Discussion of the OSLAD Grant Application for Dreamland Park Redevelopment Plan. Executive Director, Derek Harms, discussed the OSLAD Grant Planning Process and the steps that are required to submit an OSLAD Grant Application. Harms indicated that the purpose of the public hearing is to share the site plan with the public and solicit feedback and input.

Harms then presented a power point presentation that included:

- 1. Overview of Grant Planning Process
- 2. Existing Site Features
- 3. Proposed Conceptual Site Plan
- 4. Grant Elements

Harms provided a detailed summary of the grant elements including

- 1. Pathway Renovation
- 2. Community Gathering Space (Sitting Areas)
- 3. Accessible Fishing Pier
- 4. Neighborhood Playground
- 5. Playground Shelter & Plaza
- 6. Site Furnishings
- 7. Native Tree Plantings
- 8. Native Shoreline Renovation

President Sgro asked if anyone from the public would like to share any thoughts.

No public comment.

Close Public Hearing

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees,

It was moved by Trustee Farmer and seconded by Trustee Aiello that the meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.