

**Springfield Park District
Committee of the Whole**

**Erin's Pavilion/Southwind Park
4965 South 2nd Street / Springfield, IL**

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order

Members Participating in Person: Trustees: Badger, Eck, Metcalf, Theilen & Westcott and President Sgro,

Members Participating by Phone: Trustee Schmidt

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Lynn Saputo, Director Recreation and Marketing; Amanda Weaver, Assistant Director of Recreation and Marketing; Patrick Murphy, Chief of Springfield Park District Police; Staff and Public

Additional Participant in Person: Adam Eichorn of Spohn Ranch presenting for Pump Track; Alderman Shawn Gregory

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Motion: Approve Trustee Schmidt joining the meeting by telephone.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Westcott

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye

Theilen: Aye Westcott: Aye Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Comer Cox Redevelopment Plan

Executive Director Harms provided information on the development plans for Comer Cox Park. Specifically requesting approval from the board to accept the design and initiate construction of the Pump Track and Fit Court. The targeted start date is June 2022. Harms also acknowledged Adam Eichorn of Spohn Ranch Professional Skate Park Design and Construction Company. Director Harms recommends the board to take action next week on just the Pump Track and Fit Court at this time.

Adam Eichorn presented the PowerPoint to the board showing the design of Pump Track and answered questions.

Finance & Personnel Committee

FY 22 Budget Amendment

Finance Director Flesch presented the issue regarding the need to amend the FY22 budget to the Board. Flesch indicated that the 2022 Bond was closed in February 2022 and proceeds were received in March 2022 and therefore this amendment to the FY22 budget is to show this addition of the 2022 Bond being added to FY22.

Staff Updates

Recreation Updates

Recreation Director Lynn Saputo presented the marketing reports and the RecTrac reports to board. She gave the Board updates on the new website plans and a timeframe when the new changes will start. She also discussed a partnership with the city and local artists for a new sign to go up at Comer Cox Park to face Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Long Range Planning

Parks and Planning Director Jason Graham informed the board staff is currently working on the design and architectural process for the new Lemur/Langur building with WDM architects. Rotary Park synthetic turf installation is done. Diamonds 1 and 2 are done and people have been using them since last Friday. Leland Summer Kitchen has made the move to Washington Park. All staff is back and the parks and facilities are all open and running.

Police Department

Police Chief Murphy updated the board on March activity within the Park District. A new electric police car that was recently added to the Department. Chief Murphy also addressed the issue of the ongoing speeding of vehicles through the pedestrian crosswalk at MacArthur and Williams and a few strategies that could assist enforcement efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.