

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

5:32 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call: President Sgro called the meeting to order.

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Aiello, Eck, and Rodgers.

Members Available by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustees Farmer, Hoogland, and Theilen

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

Finance and Human Resources
(Chair Theilen)

1. FY27 Budget
Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, presented to the Board the FY27 Budget. Doug discussed and highlighted key points within the Budget.
2. 2026 Bond Projects
Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, presented to the Board the list of 2026 Bond Projects and discussed details of those projects and the sale of the Bond.

Long Range Planning
(Chair Hoogland)

1. Lincoln Park Development Bid Results
Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented to the Board the bid results for the Lincoln Park Development and briefly discussed the details for each of those bids.

Staff Updates

1. Finance & Administration
Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, discussed the FY27 Budget process details. He shared updates within the Finance Department, including hiring a new Senior Accountant.

2. Recreation and Marketing

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, informed the Board about the progress of recreational projects including the Botanical Dome Project. He also discussed upcoming events including the Legislative Breakfast, Cabin Fever, and Season Golf Pass promotions.

3. Parks and Planning

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided updates to the Board on the status of ongoing projects at Gietl Park and Lincoln Park. He also discussed details regarding the upcoming projects at Lincoln Park.

4. Police Department

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, provided the Board with an update on the previous month's police reports. He discussed new developments within the Police Department and discussed attending the MLK Conference the previous month.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Aiello and seconded by Trustee Eck that the meeting adjourn at 6:08 p.m.