

**Springfield Park District**  
**BOARD MEETING**

Franklin P. Nelson Recreation Center / Lincoln Park  
1601 North 5th Street / Springfield, IL  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Members Participating in Person: Trustees Aiello, Eck, Farmer, Hoogland, Rodgers, and Theilen.

Members Participating by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: President Sgro

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; Rob Cross, Legal Counsel; Staff and Public

1. Call to order

Trustee Theilen called the meeting to order

2. Special Guest

Motion: to approve Resolution #454-26 honoring George Tucker for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Springfield Park District

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Farmer

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Hoogland: Aye Rodgers: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays:0

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings for Approval

Motion: to approve Board Minutes of December 2025

Moved by: Trustee Aiello

Seconded by: Trustee Eck

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Hoogland: Aye Rodgers: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

4. Public Comment: None

5. Finance and Human Resources (Chair Theilen)

Motion: appointing John D. Bates as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Park District, Sangamon County, Illinois, pursuant to Section 4-8 of the Park District Code, as amended, through the issuance of the Park District's General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, and the receipt of the proceeds of such Bonds by the Park District.

Moved by: Trustee Farmer  
Seconded by: Trustee Aiello  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Hoogland: Aye Rodgers: Aye Theilen: Aye  
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion: to approve an Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,525,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, of the Springfield Park District, Sangamon County, Illinois, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Moved by: Trustee Rodgers  
Seconded by: Trustee Farmer  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Hoogland: Aye Rodgers: Aye Theilen: Aye  
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

6. Business

Motion: to approve Supplemental Statement of Claims/Visa Bills  
Moved by: Trustee Eck  
Seconded by: Trustee Aiello  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Farmer: Aye  
Hoogland: Aye Rodgers: Aye Theilen: Aye  
Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees,  
It was moved by an omnibus vote that the meeting be adjourned  
at 5:48 p.m.