Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
5:32 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:	President Sgro called the meeting to order.
Members Participating in Person:	President Sgro, Trustees Aiello, Eck, Farmer, Hoogland, Rodgers and Theilen.
Members Available by Phone:	None
Members Unavailable:	None
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)

i. FY 26 Audit

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT; introduced Kristi Corpin, CPA, to the Board to present the FY25 Audit results .Kristi Corpin, from Eck Schafer & Punk LLP, presented the FY25 Audit Report to the Board and discussed various points of the report.

Staff Updates

i. Recreation and Marketing

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, introduced Tammy Naumovich, General Manager of Erin's Pavilion, who provided the Board with an overview of the previous month's Glow Festival event. Director Essex then shared updates on other recent Recreation Department activities and special events, including Carve for the Carillon and the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular.

ii. Finance & Administration

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, provided the Board with an overview of recent internet-related IT issues, discussed potential solutions, and shared additional departmental updates.

iii. Parks and Planning

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided the Board with an update on the ongoing OSLAD projects at Lincoln Park, including the installation of two new picnic shelters.

Director Graham also reviewed preliminary design plans and discussed upcoming improvement projects, including the OSLAD improvements at Dreamland Park, the addition of pickleball courts at Centennial Park, and planned enhancements to the Babbling Brook at Southwind Park.

iv. Police Department

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, provided an overview of Police Department patrol activities during the previous month, highlighting coverage of special events, including the Night Glow Festival and Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular. Chief Murphy also presented a summary of calls for service and provided updates on departmental staff training.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Rodgers and seconded by Trustee Aiello that the meeting adjourn at 5:50 p.m.