

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Long Range Planning
(Chair Hoogland)

i. **Duncan Park Sewer Easement**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented to the Board a proposed agreement between the Springfield Park District and the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District. He reviewed the key provisions of the agreement, which includes the installation of permanent and temporary construction sewer easement to facilitate sewer improvements at Duncan Park.

Recreation
(Chair Farmer)

i. **Platform Tennis**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented to the Board, details regarding a proposed contract with Platform Tennis for repairs to the tennis courts at the Velasco Tennis Center in Washington Park. He discussed the scope of the proposed work and the plans to complete the necessary repairs.

Staff Updates

i. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided updates on the continued progress of the Ascendant solar panel project at Lincoln Park and the paving project of Williams Boulevard at Washington Park. He also provided an update on the OSLAD improvements at Lincoln Park, including the sports courts, as well as the upcoming installation of two new picnic shelters.

ii. Police Department

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, reviewed the Police Department's activities for the previous month, including patrol operations during the State Fair Parade, calls for service, and other department and staff training updates.

iii. Finance & Administration

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, presented an update to the Board regarding the completion of the annual audit and the ordinance for the Alternative Revenue Bond. He also provided an overview of the increase in FOIA requests and shared additional departmental updates.

iv. Recreation and Marketing

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, provided the Board with an update on recent and upcoming Recreation Department activities. He highlighted the addition of new baby animals and a new show birds display at the Henson Robinson Zoo. He also provided updates on ongoing swimming lessons and summer camp activities, as well as the status of the ice rinks at the Nelson Center

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it
was moved by Trustee Farmer and seconded by Trustee
Theilen that the meeting adjourn at 6:15 p.m.