

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

Members Participating in Person:

President Sgro, Trustees, Eck, Rodgers, Westcott, Aiello, and Theilen

Members Available by Phone:

None

Members Unavailable:

Trustee Hoogland

Others Participating in Person:

Derek Harms, Executive Director, Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, Doug Bates, Accounting Supervisor, staff, and public.

Public Comment:

None

Long Range Planning

(Chair Hoogland)

1. I-55 Improvement Project

Jonathan Kelley, Engineer, with the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6, presented to the Board the plan and costs for the I-55 Improvement Project, and the areas of the project that would impact Springfield Park District property.

Buildings and Concessions

(Chair Rogers)

1. Washington Park Botanical Dome

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, updated the Board on the progress of the Washington Park Botanical Dome project.

Finance and Personnel

(Chair Theilen)

1. FY26 Budget

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance and Administration, presented to the Board the FY26 Budget and discussed various points about it.

Staff Updates

1. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, updated the Board on the progress of projects that are finishing up, about upcoming projects, and projects that are currently underway.

2. **Police Department**

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, updated the Board about the previous month's reports and discusses updates within the Police Department.

3. **Finance & Administration**

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration, updated the Board about the FY26 Budget and updates for the Finance Department.

4. **Recreation and Marketing**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, updated the Board about the previous month's marketing events and about the different upcoming events planned for the 125th Anniversary.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it
was moved by Trustee Westcott and seconded by Trustee
Theilen that the meeting adjourn at 6:28 p.m.