

**Springfield Park District
Committee of the Whole**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, July 13, 2022 – 5:42 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order

Members Participating in Person: Trustees: Badger, Eck, Metcalf, Theilen and President Sgro,

Members Participating by Phone: Trustee Wescott

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Amanda Tippin, Interim Director of Recreation and Marketing; Patrick Murphy, Chief of Springfield Park District Police; Sonthana Thongsithavong, Staff and Public

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Motion: Approve Trustee Wescott joining the meeting by telephone.

Moved by: Trustee Eck

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Eck: Aye Metcalf: Aye

Theilen: Aye Westcott: Aye Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

I. Long Range Planning

1. Zoo Perimeter Fencing

Director Jason Graham discussed Zoo perimeter fencing soon to be started that is needed. Approved a 100,000 in the bond. Prices are extremely high, but we don't want to walk away from this. It will start on the south part of the building down to Spring Bay and then from Spring Bay to where the Bear fencing starts. Its about 147,000.00. It does need to be done.

2. Enos / Gehrmann Site amenities package

Executive Director Harms reminded the board that this was a TIF project with the City of Springfield. \$404,000.00 the city is obligated to pay in various improvements. The board approved a budget for various things and one of them is the site amenities package that Jason had prepared so we would ask the board for action to execute that purchase next week.

3. Gehrmann Park playground additions

Executive Director Harms states leading into number 3, as a reminder, the board also budgeted \$100,000.00 to do the asphalt for walking paths at Gehrmann Park. We had a preferable bid that came in at \$52,000.00 which left a balance in that account of \$48,000.00 Staff is proposing to use those funds to purchase additional playground components at Gehrmann Park.

4. 2022– 2023 Springfield Park District Greenhouse Lease w/CACC

Director Graham also informed the Board that we have a great partnership with CACC and the 2022 – 2023 Springfield Park District Greenhouse Lease with CACC will need to be renewed and he would request a motion for this next week.

Finance & Personnel Committee

1. Director Stephen Flesch discussed the need for approval for Ordinance 1487-22, Sale of Surplus Property, so that the park district can auction the older vehicles and equipment.
2. Director Flesch also discussed the need for approval of Ordinance 1488-22 Fiscal Authority, to adjust the figures to cover inflation. It hasn't been done since 2017

Recreation Committee

1. Amanda Tippin and Sonthana Thongsithavong requested to serve alcohol at the Velasco Tennis Center as is done at the Golf Courses. To be contained to the tennis area only.

Staff Updates

1. **Recreation & Marketing Updates**

Recreation & Marketing Interim Director Amanda Tippin gave the Board updates on all of the new and exciting events going on with the park district currently and new marketing strategies

2. **Long Range Planning**

Parks Director Graham updated the board on work done and being done within the parks.

3. **Police Department**

Police Chief Murphy updated the board on everything going on with the park district police helpful information that the public might not be aware of and safety tips.

4. **Finance and Administration**

Director Flesch informed the Board of the upcoming audit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.