

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

Henson Robinson Zoo  
1100 Lake Shore Drive / Springfield, IL  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Aiello, Eck, Rodgers, and Theilen.

Members Participating by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustees Hoogland and Farmer

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director, Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing; Rob Cross, Legal Counsel; Staff and Public

1. Call to order

President Sgro called the meeting to order

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings for Approval

Motion: to approve Board Minutes of April 2026

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Aiello

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Rodgers: Aye

Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

3. Public Comment: None

Trustee Eck joined the Board Meeting at 5:32 p.m.

4. Long Range Planning (Chair Hoogland)

Motion: to authorize staff to utilize the District's cooperative purchasing agreement with Sourcewell Contract Number 101625 with Landscape Structures, Inc. to purchase playground equipment for the Dreamland Park OSLAD in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00

Moved by: Trustee Aiello

Seconded by: Trustee Rodgers

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye

Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion: to authorize staff to utilize the District's cooperative purchasing agreement with OMNIA Contract Number R230202 with FlexGround to install poured in place playground surfacing for the Dreamland Park OSLAD in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00

Motion by: Trustee Aiello

Seconded by: Trustee Eck

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye  
Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion: to authorize staff to utilize the District's cooperative purchasing agreement with Sourcewell Contract Number 112624-TTC with MTI Distributing for the purchase of 1 Toro Groundsmaster 4000-D out of the FY27 Golf Maintenance operating budget for an amount to not exceed \$97,000.00

Motion by: Trustee Aiello

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye  
Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

#### 5. Finance and Human Resources (Chair Theilen)

Motion: to approve Ordinance #1537-27, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Springfield Park District, Sangamon County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, 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, including the installation of a solar array along with other improvements to the Nelson Center roof and paying expenses incident thereto.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Aiello

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye  
Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion: to approve Ordinance #1535-27, an ordinance declaring as surplus and authorizing the sale of personal property of the Springfield Park District, Sangamon County, Illinois.

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Rodgers

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye  
Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

#### 6. Recreation (Chair Farmer)

Motion: to authorize staff to utilize District's cooperative purchasing agreement with Equalis contract number COG-2138B with All Weather Courts for the crack fill and resurfacing of all the basketball courts at Comer Cox Park for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00

Moved by: Trustee Rodgers

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye  
Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

7. Business

Motion: to approve Property Annexation Ordinance #1536-27

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Eck

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye

Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion: to approve Supplemental Statement of Claims/Visa Bills

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Aiello

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Aiello: Aye Eck: Aye Rodgers: Aye

Sgro: Aye Theilen: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees,  
it was moved by Trustee Rodgers and seconded by Trustee  
Theilen that the meeting adjourn at 5:39 p.m.