

**Springfield Park District  
Committee of the Whole**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park  
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

**5:25 p.m.**

**Immediately following Decennial Committee**

**MINUTES**

Roll Call

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

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

Members unavailable: None

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

Special Guest: Jill Egizii

President Sgro introduced Jill Egizii to the board.

Jill Egizii addressed the board with an idea that she would like to partner with the Springfield Park District on a project called the Rainbow Bridge Project for people to pay ohmage to their deceased animals in a location within a park.

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**Long Range Planning**

1. Director of Parks and Planning, Jason Graham requested authorization from the Board to execute a contract with Kuhn & Trello Consulting Engineers, LLC for work on the Washington Park Botanical Gardens Conservatory Dome in an amount not to exceed \$60,400.00 for the Tourism Attractions and Festival Grant.

2. Director of Parks and Planning, Jason Graham requested authorization from the Board to purchase 3 Pro Force Debris Blowers from MTI for an amount not to exceed \$31,908.33.

### **Staff Updates**

1. **Finance & Administration**

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration discussed the audit for the Springfield Park District and indicated it would be presented to the Board soon.

2. **Recreation & Marketing**

Angie Whisnant, Director of Recreation & Marketing, updated the Board on the Recreation Department including any upcoming special events.

3. **Long Range Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, updated the Board on the projects that are currently underway or finishing.

4. **Police Department**

Police Chief Murphy updated the board regarding the park district police department including any activity and updates.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board,  
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:04p.m.