

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, June 10, 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, and Rodgers.
Members Available by Phone:	None
Members Unavailable:	Trustees Hoogland and Theilen
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. **Capital Area Career Center Greenhouse Lease**
Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented the renewal of the Capitol Area Career Center Greenhouse Lease to the Board. He reviewed the key points of the lease and outlined the benefits of renewing the agreement.
- ii. **Lanphier Park Basketball Court Renovation**
Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented information to the Board regarding the proposed renovation of the basketball courts at Lanphier Park. He explained that the project includes the renovation of two full-size basketball courts. He also discussed the anticipated benefits which included enhanced park aesthetics and an improved recreational experience for park visitors and court users.

Finance and Human Resources
(Chair Theilen)

- i. **FY 26 Fund Balance**
Doug Bates, Director of Finance and IT, presented the FY26 Fund Balance to the Board. He reviewed the fund balance summary, discussed the purpose of the proposed fund transfers, and explained that the transfers are necessary to maintain the minimum required balances in designated accounts.

Staff Updates

i. **Finance & Administration**

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, presented information to the Board regarding the upcoming BINA Hearing for Alternative Bond Revenue. He provided an update on the development of the FY27 budget, including ongoing planning efforts and departmental budget considerations, and shared additional updates pertaining to Finance Department operations.

ii. **Recreation and Marketing**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, provided the Board with an update on recent and upcoming Recreation Department activities. He recapped recent events, including the Carilion Festival and the launch of the Teen Empowerment Program. He also reported on the opening of the pool and splash pads, the commencement of swim lessons, and the start of the summer recreation camp programs. In addition, he shared information regarding upcoming programs and events, including Unplug Day at the Nelson Center and the Henson Robinson Zoo scheduled in July.

iii. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided project updates for several park improvement initiatives. He reported that the walkway and curb enhancement project surrounding the playground at Lincoln Park has been completed. He also shared a progress update on the playground improvement project at Patrick J. Cadigan Park. In addition, he reported that the roof repair project for the Iles Park picnic shelter has been completed.

iv. **Police Department**

Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, reviewed the Police Department's activities for the previous month, including patrol operations during the Carilion Festival, calls for service, and other departmental statistics. He also provided the Board with updates on upcoming staff training opportunities.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Rodgers and seconded by Trustee Eck that the meeting adjourn at 5:51 p.m.