

**Springfield Park District**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park  
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL  
**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**  
**5:32 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Roll Call: President Sgro called the meeting to order.

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

Members Available by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustees Eck and Hoogland

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

**Committee of Whole**

1. Nelson Center Rink Update  
Ian Storey, Ice Rink Engineer with I.B. Storey, presented an update to the Board on the status and progress of the Nelson Center Ice Rink.
2. IPARKS Renewal  
Derek Harms, Executive Director, presented the IPARKS Renewal to the Board and reviewed key provisions of the policy.
3. Cadigan Park Playground Purchase  
Derek Harms, Executive Director, presented options for the Cadigan Park Playground Purchase to the Board and explained the differences among the available options
4. 2026 Park Board Meeting Schedule  
Derek Harms, Executive Director, presented to the Board the 2026 Park Board Meeting Schedule.

**Long Range Planning**  
(Chair Farmer)

1. Gietl Splash Pad  
Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented an update to the Board regarding the ongoing Gietl Splash Pad Project.
2. Gurgen's Park Easement  
Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, presented to the Board an amendment to the Gurgen's Park Easement Agreement.

## **Finance and Human Resources**

(Chair Theilen)

1. **Tax Levy- 2025 Payable in 2026**

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, presented to the Board the 2025 Tax Levy and discussed key points of the levy

2. **Tax Levy Abatement – Bond Series 2016B Debt Service Levy**

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, presented the Tax Levy Abatement to the Board and discussed important points about the abatement.

3. **2026 General Obligation Bond**

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT; presented to the Board the 2026 General Obligation Bond and discussed various points about the bond.

## **Recreation**

(Chair Farmer)

1. **Annual Rate Adjustments**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, presented to the Board information on Annual Rate Adjustments and discussed the different rates to which the adjustments would apply.

## **Staff Updates**

1. **Police Department**

Patrick Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, provided the Board with an update on the previous month's police reports and shared new developments within the Police Department.

2. **Finance & Administration**

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, briefly discussed the FY2026 Budget; and shared updates within the Finance Department.

3. **Recreation and Marketing**

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, updated the Board about recreation activities from the previous month and provided details about upcoming recreational events.

4. **Parks and Planning**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided updates to the Board on the status of ongoing projects, upcoming projects, and projects that are nearing completion .

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Rodgers and seconded by Trustee Theilen that the meeting adjourn at 6:23 p.m.