

**Springfield Park District
Committee of the Whole**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 5:34 p.m.
Immediately following Special Board Meeting

MINUTES

Roll Call

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

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

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: Charlie Hoogland, newly elected trustee to the Springfield Park Board.

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I. Buildings and Concessions

1. Nelson Center Roof Restoration.

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, explained that the Nelson Center Roof has met its life expectancy and needs to be replaced. The portion of the roof in question is over the lobby and the locker rooms in Rink #2. Also on top of this roof is a five-ton condenser humidification system for the rinks. This section of the roof is roughly \$165,000.

Director Harms recommended applying for a PARC grant and the Board discussed projects. Given the grant restrictions and the need to replace the roof on Rink #1 the Board felt the roof was a high priority.

II. Committee of the Whole

1. Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency

Executive Director, Derek Harms explains to the Board that The Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act, requires units of local government that levy any tax, including park districts, forest preserve districts, and conservation districts, to form a committee to study local government efficiencies and issue a report to the county board in which the unit of local government is situated. The law act requires park districts to appoint a committee made up of the Board and two members of the public. Harms recommended former Trustees Metcalf and Hammer to serve on the committee. This provides an opportunity for agencies to demonstrate the countless ways in which they efficiently and effectively deliver park, recreation, and conservation programs, facilities, and services to their residents.

III. Liaison Committee

1. Intergovernmental Agreement with Lincoln Park District

Executive Director, Derek Harms informed the Board that we have been working very closely with the Lincoln Park District to form a partnership to expand programming opportunities and to eliminate physical barriers for people with special needs in each of our respective communities. The Springfield Park District and Lincoln Park District strive to offer equal access to all recreational programs and service for people with disabilities; and that one method of facilitating equal access to programs and facilities to people with disabilities is through joint programming and the elimination of barriers through a cooperative agreement between the Springfield Park District and the Lincoln Park District, to work together for the purpose of establishing, maintaining, and managing joint recreational programs and services for the handicapped residents of each District.

Director Harms presented a draft Intergovernmental Agreement to the Board for consideration.

IV. Long Range Planning

1. Golf Course Equipment Purchase

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, informed the Board of the need for the golf course equipment purchase. We always put money in the operating budget for equipment purchases and about \$200,000 for our golf courses. And we have 4 golf courses to maintain and operate. That's a big operation, so we'd like to purchase a pull behind mower. The amount is \$45,000.

V. Staff Updates

1. Recreation & Marketing

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

2. Long Range Planning

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

3. Police Department

Police Chief Murphy updated the board regarding the park district police department.

4. Finance & Administration

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration, updated the board with additional information for the Finance and Administration Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board,
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.