

Springfield Park District
Committee of the Whole

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
5:34 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

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

Members unavailable: Trustee Aiello

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

Special Guests: Rees Memorial Carillon Society

Dave Robson of Springfield Disc Golf Club

Recreation

1. Rees Memorial Carillon Society Proposal

Jennifer Johnson, President of the Rees Memorial Carillon Society addressed the Board requesting permission to install new exterior lights at the Carillon at the Society's expense.

2. Springfield Disc Golf Club Proposal

Dave Robson, Treasurer of the Springfield Disc Golf Club addressed the Board regarding the need for new disc golf baskets at all of Duncan Park and the north part of Lincoln Park. The total project cost is approximately \$21,000.00. He indicated the Disc Golf Club could pay \$10,000.00 and asked for the Boards assistance in participating in the expense.

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1. Remote Attendance Policy

Executive Director Derek Harms updated the Board on the recent changes to the OMA that have expanded the reasons for remote attendance at a public meeting. An updated policy was presented and recommended for approval.

2. 2024 Board Meeting Dates

Executive Director Harms presented the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule.

Executive Director Harms indicated the date change for Juneteenth and Trustee Thielen requested a change to observe Valentines Day.

Long Range Planning

1. Lincoln Greens Sewer Agreement

Executive Director Derek Harms discussed the opportunity to connect Lincoln Greens Golf Course to the new sanitary sewer system.

Finance and Personnel

1. Rink Fund Proposal

Director of Finance and Administration, Stephen Flesch discussed reactivating the Rink Fund in order to set funding aside for replacement of the chiller.

2. Tax Levy

Director of Finance and Administration, discussed the Truth in Taxation Law

3. Bond Abatement

Director of Finance and Administration, Stephen Flesch discussed the need to abate the tax levy for the 2016B Alternate Revenue Bond

Staff Updates

1. **Police Department**

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

2. **Finance & Administration**

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration discussed the results of the FY23 audit as well as updates for the Springfield Park District.

3. **Recreation & Marketing**

Amanda Tippin, Assistant Director of Recreation & Marketing, updated the Board on the Recreation Department including any upcoming special events.

4. **Long Range Planning**

Director Graham updated the Board on the projects that are currently underway or finishing.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board,
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.