

Springfield Park District Committee of the Whole

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.2

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order

Members Participating in Person: Trustees: Badger, Eck, Metcalf, Theilen & Westcott and President Sgro,

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

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Langur Lemur Building – bid results

Parks Director Jason Graham told the board that we had bid opening for this construction yesterday and only received one bid for 1.5 million which is way over budget. He stated we are going to review the design again and try to scale the design back and see what we can do. This does push the project back and it would be hard to pinpoint the timeframe right now.

Executive Director Harms explained the disappointment in the one bid and the cost of it. Harms also explained the Grant timeline and the need to get an extension unfortunately given this delay of these things outside of our control.

Gehrmann Park Paving and Lincoln Greens Cart Path Update

Parks Director Jason Graham told the board that the ad has been put in the paper and we have the bid opening for this project the day before our Board meeting. We are trying to put these together to get a better price. The golf park path projects usually start in the fall but if we have time to get in there before we will. Gehrmann park paving should only take a day. We should expect a high bid.

Equipment Purchases

Director Graham informed the board that they are trying to find mowers and trailers for our crews in the parks department.

Finance & Personnel Committee

Sick time policy review

Finance Director Flesch presented the issue regarding the sick time policy and the need to review and change the sick time policy. Director Flesch said that he would like to look at raising authority from the board to make the policy better by changing the time length on payout for sick time and make it more reasonable and not impacting anyone currently employed in the district. Director Flesch said he is open to suggestions from the board.

Executive Director Harms explained that this is just information item for now. We have looked at this before about possible making a change to the sick time payout policy and wanted to gage the temperature of the board on this. It would have to be negotiated and we have plenty of time to review this.

FY22 Audit prep

Finance Director Flesch told the board they have a pre-audit meeting Monday and they are planning audit committee meetings and everybody is set and we are good to go. Director Flesch stated there is no danger of any issues but probably have some carry over issues.

Staff Updates

Long Range Planning

Parks Director Graham discussed the updates to Comer Cox Park and how it looks today.

Police Department

Police Chief Murphy updated the board on all recent activity, arrests and concerns within the Park District and thanked the Board for their continued support. Chief Murphy and Trustee Theilen also discussed new incentives to handout to children in the park to help keep them coming to the park.

Recreation & Marketing Updates

Recreation & Marketing Director Lynn Saputo gave the Board updates on all of the new and exciting events going on with the park district currently and new marketing strategies explaining the new survey for the parks that patrons can take and gave them recent fund handouts they have been providing at events in the parks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.