

**Public Hearing of the Springfield Park
District Board of Trustees**
John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
(Immediately following the Board Meeting)

MINUTES

Roll Call

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Rogers, Aiello, Theilen,
Westcott and Eck

Members Participating by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustee Hoogland

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of
Parks and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation
and Marketing; Doug Bates, Accounting Supervisor; Rob
Cross, Legal Counsel; Staff and Public

Business

Open Public Hearing

Discussion of the OSLAD Grant Application for Lincoln Park Redevelopment

Executive Director, Derek Harms, discussed the OSLAD Grant Planning Process and the steps that are required to submit an OSLAD Grant Application. Harms indicated that the purpose of the public hearing is to share the redevelopment plan with the public and solicit feedback and input. Harms then presented a power point presentation that included:

1. Overview of grant planning process
2. Existing Site Features
3. Proposed conceptual site plan
4. Grant elements

Harms provided a detailed summary of the grant elements including

1. Community Playground
2. Music Sensory Walk
3. Multi-Sport Court Games
4. Concrete Walks
5. Large Park Shelter (Playground)
6. Large Park Shelter (horseshoe Pits)
7. Site Furnishings

8. Passive Recreation Area and butterfly garden
9. Native Tree Plantings
10. LED Light upgrades

President Sgro asked if anyone from the public would like to share any thoughts. Members of the public expressed positive thoughts including:

Members of the public asked for more information about the music walk. Harms described this element in greater detail.

Members of the public asked if the new playground would be similar in size to the old playground. Harms responded in the affirmative

Resident Austin Baily expressed excitement for the conceptual site plan including the improvements to the horseshoe pits. Baily indicated that the horseshoe pits are an active area of the park, often home to large tournaments including the state Horseshoe pitching tournament.

No further inquiries from the public.

Close Public Hearing

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees,
It was moved by Trustee Theilen and seconded by Trustee Westcott that the meeting be adjourned at 5:56 p.m.