

**Springfield Park District  
Committee of the Whole**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park  
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL  
**Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

**MINUTES**

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order

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

Members Not participating: Trustee Metcalf

Members Participating by Phone: N/A

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

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I. Grants and Marketing Committee

1. Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant

Director Harms explained the details of this Grant and informed the Board that the district will not be applying for this Grant.

2. Tourism Attraction Grant

Executive Director Harms asked the Board for approval for staff to apply for the Tourism Attractions part of the Tourism Attractions & Festivals Grant to support the Conservatory Dome Renovation project for Washington Park Botanical Garden. The total anticipated cost of this project would be \$750,000. The grant funds will be used for a complete replacement of the existing Conservatory Dome structure, replace leaking windows in the three entryway connections into the dome and a HVAC cooling system replacement to the three existing cooling towers that frequently break down.

3. OSLAD Grant

Executive Director Harms informed the Board that Staff would like to apply for the FY23 OSLAD Grant and presented the Board with a list of proposed projects. Staff strongly recommends Option 1: Veterans Memorial Pool removal and replacing with Splash Pad.

**Recreation Committee**

1. Enos Park Playground design

Executive Director Harms presented the playground design to the Board and requested approval to purchase.

**Staff Updates**

1. Finance and Administration

Director Flesch informed the Board of the great results of the audit last month.

2. Recreation & Marketing Updates

Recreation & Marketing Interim Director Amanda Tippin gave the Board updates on all of the new and exciting events going on with the park district currently and new marketing strategies

3. Long Range Planning

Parks Director Graham updated the board on work done and being done within the parks.

4. Police Department

Police Chief Murphy updated the board on everything going on with the park district police unit. Recognized Officer Tuxhorn for all his work last month. And always provides the Board with helpful information that the public might not be aware of and safety tips.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board  
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:53