

**Springfield Park District
Committee of the Whole**

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024
5:33 p.m.**

MINUTES

Roll Call

President Sgro called the meeting called to order.

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro and Trustees: Westcott, Hoogland, Rodgers,
And Eck

Members unavailable: Trustees Aiello and Theilen

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

Building and Concessions Committee
(Chair Rodgers)

1. Law Enforcement Camera System

Derek Harms, Executive Director and Park District Police Chief, Patrick Murphy discussed the requirement for the new body and car cameras and the importance of a five-year lease with Midwest Public Safety, as opposed to buying equipment that would expire.

Liaison Committee
(Chair Aiello)

1. IPARKS Board of Trustees

Derek Harms, Executive Director explained that CJ Metcalf was previously elected to the Board of Trustees for IPARKS. Now that he is no longer a Springfield Park Board Trustee, the Park Board must appoint him as our representative to allow him to continue to serve on IPARKS Board and we all think he would be a great representative for the Springfield Park District.

Long Range Planning Committee
(Chair Hoogland)

1. Velasco Tennis Center Court Repairs

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, discussed the project to start repairing courts 4,5 and 6 and that Kevin McDermitt and John Drew of the McDrew Jazz Festival are going to donate \$50,000.00 toward the repair of those courts.

2. Playground Replacement Program

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning shared equipment replacement program with Board and asked for feedback.

Recreation Committee
(Chair Westcott)

1. Gietl Park Splash Pad Design

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning explained the process will start on several different purchases for the Splash Pad Design. How that last plan was approved by the Board with Vortex and they would like to get approval to start the purchases for this project.

LG Cart Paths Final Phase

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning informed the board that they are now on the final phase of the golf cart paths at Lincoln Greens.

Finance and Personnel Committee
(Chair Theilen)

1. Equipment Purchases

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance and Administration discussed he is requesting on Omnibus Motion with regard to the great deal of equipment purchases needed at this time.

Staff Updates

1. Finance & Administration

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration updated the Board on the budget as well as updates for the Springfield Park District.

2. Recreation & Marketing

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing updated the Board on the Recreation Department including any upcoming special events.

3. Long Range Planning

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

4. Police Department

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board,
it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.