

Springfield Park District
BOARD MEETING / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Erin's Pavilion – 4965 South 2nd Street, Springfield, IL
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Metcalf, Senor-Moore and Schmidt

Members Participating Remotely: Trustees Badger & Theilen

Members Unavailable: Trustee Hammer

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; and Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation; Rob Cross, Legal Counsel and Public

President Sgro opened the meeting and declared the following statement:

“Based upon the COVID 19 outbreak and the Governor Executive Orders, the Board declares in person meetings impractical at this time and not prudent based on the nature of the disaster.”

Minutes of the of June Board Meeting

Motion: To approve the June 17, 2020 Board meeting minutes as presented

Moved by: Trustee Senor-Moore

Seconded by: Trustee Schmidt

Discussion: n/a

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Hammer: -- Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Senor Moore: Aye Theilen: Aye Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Public Comment

President Sgro asked for public comment. President Sgro asked that the public wishing to address the Board to keep their comments to 90 seconds so everyone would have an opportunity to address the Board. They were reminded this would not be a Q & A but a time to pass along their thoughts and staff would address questions at a later date.

Director Harms added additional background information related to the annexation. (attached)

Numerous Non-Resident Members of the public addressed the Board voicing their concerns about the proposed. All members of the public were provided an opportunity to address the Board. A copy of the guest sign in sheet is attached.

Public Comment portion of meeting formally closed at 6:18 p.m.

Annexation Ordinance #1462-20

Motion: Table Annexation for 30 days

Moved by: Trustee Badger
Seconded by: Trustee Schmidt

Discussion: Trustee Metcalf indicated that all of the proposed properties meet the legal criteria and this is an issue of fairness and we should not choose to selectively remove some properties and include others

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Hammer: -- Metcalf: Nay
Schmidt: Aye Senor Moore: Aye Theilen: Nay Sgro: Nay

Motion Failed: Ayes: 3 Nays: 3

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Motion: Motion to Approve Annexation Ordinance #1462-20

Moved by: Trustee Metcalf
Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: Trustee Schmidt indicated concern about timing of the annexation and that although we met our legal obligation for notification, we could have done more. Trustee Badger voiced concern about a misinformation campaign that spread false rumors in an attempt to build opposition to the annexation. Trustee Badger further indicated that she plans to vote no because she does not feel people's questions have been addressed to their appropriate level of comfort.

Roll Call: Badger: Nay Hammer: -- Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Nay Senor Moore: Aye Theilen: Aye Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 2

Lease Agreement with Capitol Area Career Center

Motion: Motion to Authorize Park Board President to execute 1-year lease agreement with Capitol Area Career Center for \$2,758.40 for the use of the Greenhouse to grow and maintain plants

Moved by: Trustee Senor-Moore

Seconded by: Trustee Theilen

Discussion: n/a

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Hammer: -- Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Senor Moore: Aye Theilen: Aye Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Purchase 2020 Ford F-250

Motion: Motion to authorize staff to purchase a 2020 Ford F-250 from the FY-21 General Maintenance Budget. This vehicle will be acquired through the Sourcewell joint purchasing contract 120716-NAF. Amount not to exceed \$30,000

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Metcalf

Discussion: n/a

Roll Call: Badger: Nay Hammer: -- Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Senor Moore: Aye Theilen: Aye Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 5 Nays: 1

Purchase Three Toro Groundsmaster 4000's and Two Toro Groundsmaster 7200's

Motion: Motion to authorize staff to purchase (3) Toro Groundsmaster 4000's and (2) Toro Groundsmaster 7200's from the FY-21 General Maintenance Budget. These (5) mowers will be acquired through the Illinois State Contract #4018513 and OMNIA Partners contract #2017025. Amount not to exceed \$199,000

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Metcalf

Discussion: Trustee Badger asked if these were replacement mowers. Director of Parks & Planning Graham responded in the affirmative.

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Hammer: -- Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Senor Moore: Aye Theilen: Aye Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Statement of Claims

Motion: To approve the Statement of Claims and Visa bills as presented by President Sgro

Moved by: Trustee Theilen

Seconded by: Trustee Metcalf

Discussion: n/a

Roll Call: Badger: Aye Hammer: -- Metcalf: Aye
Schmidt: Aye Senor Moore: Aye Theilen: Aye Sgro: Aye

Motion Passed: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Senor-Moore and seconded by Metcalf that the meeting adjourns at 6:34 p.m.

Annexation Statement Prior to Public Comment

The Park District began this process nearly two years ago. The purpose was to address an Issue of fairness. All of the properties identified in the proposed annexation represent properties that are completely surrounded by our current corporate authority, yet these properties have not been annexed into the Springfield Park District. The properties identified in the annexation Ordinance meet the statutory requirement for annexation under the Park Code 70 ILCS 1205 Section 3-9 and/or section 3-10.

In an effort to inform the public, the Park District ran an eight page ad in the SJR on June 19, 2020. Additionally, Bernie Schoenburg wrote an article in the SJR on June 22, this issue has been discussed on several local radio stations, channel 20 has reported on it during the nightly news broadcast and the Park Board publicly discuss this issue during the Park Board Committee Meeting on July 8, 2020 during which various members of the public joined us and shared various thoughts.

As a matter of clarity, the Springfield Park District is a standalone unit of local government completely separate from the City of Springfield, the County or any other local municipality. The Springfield Park District services an area substantially larger than the corporate boundaries of the City of Springfield. In fact, all of the properties in the proposed annexation are outside of the corporate boundaries of the City of Springfield. Arguably, our name "Springfield Park District" should be changed to something that more appropriately includes the residents we serve such as the Metro Area Park District or Central Sangamon County Park District. Regardless, if approved, this annexation will not impact the municipal services currently provided by the respective municipal agencies such as access to utilities, road improvements, street lights, sidewalks, etc...

Recently, some property owners have asked for their properties to be removed from the proposed annexation either individually or collectively. It is important to note that all of the proposed properties meet the criteria for annexation as described in the Park District Code and therefore the Park District has the authority to annex. Any action to exclude individual properties without a legal basis would create a legal problem and cause the remaining property owners to question a process that has up to this point, been completely objective.

Over the past few weeks, I have received approximately 30 phone calls and/or emails from property owners with various questions about the proposed annexation. Some of these individuals have expressed desire to share their thoughts with the Board but were unable to attend the meeting tonight. I encouraged those individuals to send me their concerns in writing. All correspondences have been shared with the Board for their advanced review.

In terms of timing, if approved, the earliest the SPD tax would become payable would be Spring 2022.

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Springfield Park District
PUBLIC HEARING
Erin's Pavilion – 4965 South 2nd Street / Springfield, IL

July 22, 2020 – Immediately following the Regular Board meeting

MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 immediately following the Regular Board meeting.

President Sgro called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and requested roll call.

Roll Call:

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Metcalf, Senor-Moore and Schmidt

Members Participating Remotely: Trustees Badger & Theilen

Members Unavailable: Trustee Hammer

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; and Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation; Rob Cross, Legal Counsel and Public

Open Public Hearing

President Sgro opened the Public Hearing regarding the FY 2021 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance # 1463-20, which had been on file for at least 30 days for public inspection.

Public Comment

President Sgro asked if anyone from the public would like to comment on the budget. No one addressed the Board.

Closed Public Hearing

Motion by Trustee Theilen and second by Trustee Schmidt. All approved by voice vote.

President Sgro closed the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board
The Special meeting concluded at 6:36 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Erin's Pavilion – 4965 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL

MINUTES

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Metcalf and Schmidt
Members Participating Remotely: Trustees Badger, Hammer, Senor-Moore & Theilen

Members Unavailable: None

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham,
Director of Parks; Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation,
Rob Cross, Legal Counsel and Public

Other Staff Participating Remotely: Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on July 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Members of the public could attend, compliant with the Governor's executive Order issued as a result of the COVID-19 procedure temporarily suspending various requirements of the OMA.

President Sgro opened the meeting and declared the following:

“Based upon the COVID 19 outbreak and the Governor Executive Orders, the Board declares in person meetings impractical at this time and not prudent based on the nature of the disaster.”

President Sgro asked for public comment unrelated to the Property Annexation item. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Property Annexation

Members of the public addressed the Board with concerns regarding the proposed property annexation. A sign-in sheet is attached. Executive Director Harms explained the process began with compiling a list of properties meeting the criteria. All properties are bound by Springfield Park District and considered donut holes and should have previously been annexed. Legal Counsel, Rob Cross added that Board members may not pick and choose to omit individual properties without a sound legal reason. A legal reason has to be given to remove a property not due to a public request. It was also noted that the Board must consider action within a 15-day window in order to satisfy the Park Code.

Capitol Area Career Center Lease Agreement for Greenhouse

Staff provided the Board a new Lease with Capital Area Career Center for use of the greenhouse. The new lease consists of 640 square feet for \$2,758.40 for one year. Staff will ask for Board consideration at the July Board meeting.

FY 21 Budget

Approval of the budget has been delayed due to COVID-19. It will need to be passed by the end of July. Director Flesch has been using actual performance for a more accurate budget as a reflection of COVID-19 and continues to track changes in the FY21.

Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation, added the Rec department has reassigned job responsibilities to have a better use of staff for strategic plan using existing resources elevating certain staff.

Equipment Purchase

Once the budget passes, Staff will be seeking approval to purchase mowers and a truck for the maintenance crews. Funding will come from the operating budget. Items for Board approval at July Board meeting.

COVID-19 Updates Given:

IDNR Grant Update. Fast Track Grant will be first come / first served.
Dog Park in motion for next Spring.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before
The Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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SIGN IN - TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Name	Topic
Sarah Dams	Annexation
Katie Barton	"
Kelly Thompson	Annexation
Lode Marsh	Annexation
Betsy Allen	Sun Town
George Dennis Peterson	Amis

