

**Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**\*Virtual Meeting\***

**MINUTES**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. immediately following the Public Hearing.

President Sgro called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and requested roll call.

**Roll Call:**

Members Participating Virtually: Trustees Eck and Metcalf

Members Participating in Person: Trustees Badger, Beck, Schmidt, Theilen and President Sgro

Members Unavailable: None

Others Participating Virtually: None

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Jason Graham, Director of and Parks; Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation, Staff & Public

A virtual meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on June 9, 2021 immediately following the Public Hearing. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to participate through a tele-broadcast, 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.”

**Springfield Pickleball Club Presentation**

Jack Handy spoke on behalf of the Springfield Pickleball Club about a possible donation the club would like to make to the District to install more courts in the parks. The club would prefer to convert existing underutilized tennis courts at Rotary Park on the west side of Springfield to accommodate their club's needs. The cost of new courts would be approximately \$35,000 \$40,000 and the Pickleball Club would pledge a minimum of \$20,000 toward the project. The Board suggested Centennial Park as a more suitable location for the courts as Rotary Park is already very heavily used. The Pickleball Club indicated the donation would not be offered for Centennial Park. The Board held a discussion and gave members of the Pickleball Club the

opportunity to voice their opinions and staff to offer input. Staff will continue to research options.

Reappropriation of Bond Funds for Improvements at Nelson Center

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration, introduced Justin Ford, an accounting major at UIS.

Flesch also explained staff would be asking for Board approval to authorize change appropriation of monies from 32-01-6311 (2016 Bond S&I Fund, \$9,575.00), previously appropriated specifically for new Junior Blues lockers. These Junior Blues lockers were completed by utilizing other funds appropriated for lockers. This appropriation will be combined with \$1,590 previously appropriated for lockers in 32-01-6316, effectively changing the appropriation to be defined as “new lockers throughout the facility (Nelson Center)”

Reappropriation of Bond Funds for Sewer Repairs

Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration, would also ask during the June Board meeting to change the appropriation on 31-01-6255-Replace Storm Drain East Lincoln Park (\$25,709.09 remaining), renaming it as Repair or Replace Storm Sewers in Parks (District-wide). Such change will allow staff to utilize the funds for repairing/replacing storm sewers as needed throughout the parks system, while still leaving the funds available to address the originally appropriated purpose, as needed.

Renewal of Lease Agreement with Capitol Area Career Center for shared use of the Greenhouse

Director Harms explained the Park District has had a successful partnership with the Capital Area Career Center and would recommend renewing the Lease for the East half of the greenhouse that allows us to grow annuals for Southwind Park. The agreement includes a small fee increase of \$44/year.

Bid Results for Tennis Court Repairs at Velasco Tennis Center

A bid opening for premier court installation of three courts at the Velasco Tennis Center was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. One bid was received from All Weather Courts in the amount of \$192,900. Funding of \$200,000 is available in the 2018 Bond Fund. Project timeline: Late July/August (weather dependent). Staff will ask for Board consideration at the June Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Badger that the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.