

**Springfield Park District
Committee of the Whole**

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

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 5:47 p.m.
(Immediately following Special Board meeting)**

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order immediately following the Special Board meeting and requested roll call.

Members Participating in Person: Trustees: Badger, Eck, Metcalf, Schmidt, Theilen & Westcott and President Sgro

Members Unavailable: None

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

Public Input

n/a

Finance & Personnel

FY 21 Audit Presentation

Krisi Corpin, Eck Schafer & Punke LLP, gave a summary the final audit. She had also previously met with the Audit committee to review and answer any questions regarding the audit. The audit was very favorable. President Sgro thanked staff and Board for their work. The Audit will be presented at the October Board meeting for approval.

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance informed the Board staff are working on the upcoming FY23 budget, capital project list and tax levy. He noted a Truth in Taxation Hearing will be required due to staff's recommended increase to capture property tax and high level of inflation.

Surplus Property Ordinance

Legal counsel is reviewing the process necessary to include weapons confiscated by Park Police in an Ordinance to either sell or dispose of property by following state statute and generate potential revenue. Ordinance will be presented for Board approval.

Long Range Planning Committee

Easement Request from Ameren at Comer Cox Park

Jason Graham, Director of Parks & Planning presented an easement request from Ameren for a 15' x 30' section of land on the north side of Cox Park. The easement would include guide wires but no poles to provide an upgrade for downtown service. The easement follows the 2012 ordinance guidelines and lasts for 99 years. Board approval will be requested at the October Board meeting.

Assignment of Property Lease Adjacent Lincoln Park

Staff explained a Property Lease was previously approved (2018) for land, 309 East Black, adjacent to Lincoln Park, which was on Park District property. The property has been sold and the new owner will assume the lease agreement for the remainder of the term or until the lease is assigned to another party per Park District approval. Staff explained to new Board members this is a long-term lease that corrects a land issue and follows a formula given to determine payment to the District for the lease.

Recreation Committee

SPOHN Ranch proposal to design and construct pump track at Comer Cox Park

A workshop is scheduled for October 26th at 5:00 pm at the Salvation Army, 1600 East Clear Lake Avenue. The focus of the workshop is to get input from the public regarding the design of the new pump track for Comer Cox Park. SPOHN Ranch will be at the workshop to gather public input. SPOHN Ranch Funding comes from a generous donation from the Betty Smith Estate. \$300,000 will go toward SPOHN Ranch for the Sourcewell Contract and another \$100,000 for items not included in the contract. Funds will be used to construct the pump track, program at Comer Cox Park and ongoing operational costs. The Park District has been very pleased with the working relationship they have experience with SPOHN Ranch and their work with the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before
the Board the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.