Springfield Park District Committee of the Whole

Erin's Pavilion/Southwind Park 4965 South 2nd Street / Springfield, IL

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order and requested roll call.

Members Participating in Person: Trustees: Badger, Eck, Metcalf, Schmidt, Theilen &

Westcott and President Sgro

Members Unavailable: N/A

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham,

Director of Parks; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Lynn Saputo, Director Recreation; Staff

and Public

Public Input

No one addressed the Board

Executive Director Harms noted Chief Limey Nargelenas retired January 7, 2022 and has relocated. The next time he is in Springfield he will come to a meeting to be acknowledged by the Board for his service. Pat Murphy has promoted from Captain to Chief of Police. Murphy was previously employed by the Il State of Police for 27 years and is a seasoned experienced law enforcement officer.

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Leland Summer Kitchen

A draft agreement was given to the Board and legal counsel for review. The agreement summarizes past conversations and includes cost of the move as well as a \$5,000 upfront donation given to the Park District for maintenance of structure. Friends of the Original Leland Farmhouse informed the Board they were given a one-month extension, and everything is moving forward well. The Park District is working with the City on an Intergovernmental Agreement. The Board will vote on this matter at the January Board meeting

Recreation Committee

Capital City Baseball

Staff has provided an agreement with Capital City Baseball to the Board and legal counsel for review. The agreement is for five years with a five-year extension. Yearly fee of \$20,000 plus a 2% annual increase. Capital City will also share 5% of the ticket sales beginning in year 2 or per contract. Announcement of brand is scheduled for February 17th and home opener for June 4th.

Rate Adjustment

Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation, presented proposed rate changes for campground rentals, Aquatics admission, Botanical Garden membership, Nelson Center admission, Tennis admission and passes and Zoo passes and event admission. (attached) President Sgro voiced concern regarding increasing admission fees for children. Family passes and promotional programs to keep family rates accessible to all were encouraged. It was noted the Zoo and Botanical Gardens have a reciprocal membership as an added benefit. Revisions to the proposed schedule will be made and presented to the Board for consideration.

Finance & Personnel Committee

Tennis Center Flooring

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance, explained staff would like to reallocate funds from completed projects to cover the expense of new flooring in the tennis center, which were not previously budgeted. Cost of materials is \$4,341 and staff would do the installation.

Power Equipment Purchase

Staff would also like to reallocate funds from the purchase of the garbage truck to buy chain saws for the tree crew in the amount of \$6,954.

2022 General Obligation Bond Issue

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance informed the Board the bond information notice compliance required by law to give public notice has been met. Notice was in the State Journal-Register Sunday, January 9th. It was noted the meeting location has since changed due to increase in COVID cases but the meeting location has been posted on our website as well as both Bunn and Erin's facilities. The preliminary list of bond items totals \$37 million. Staff and Board will review and cuts will be made. List should be finalized by the end of February.

STAFF UPDATES

Finance & Administration

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration noted upcoming staff travel:

- IAPD/IPRA Conference in Chicago end of January
- GCSAA Conference & Trade show in San Diego, CA early February

- Lance Flury, Head Golf Professional will be attending the Merchandise Show in Orlando, FL
- Jill Danner Harris, Executive Assistant will be retiring this Friday after 37 years.
- IL Department of Revenue reported today 7% CPI. Park District will be capped at 5%.

Recreation & Marketing

Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation gave a brief update on the following:

- Staff continues to stay afloat while navigating the COVID staffing shortages and adapting programing
- Summer brochure is in the works
- Working with LRS on a new website budgeted in 2017

Long Range Planning

Jason Graham, Director of Parks gave a brief update on the following:

- Zoo Museum Grant RE: Lemur / Langer Exhibit working with architect
- Pump track working with Spohn
- Enos/Gehrmann Parks: Paving/Lighting/Shelter Meeting to gain public input

Police Department

Chief Patrick Murphy gave a brief update on the following:

- Thanked Limey Nargelenas for his service and dedication to the department
- Update on the number of service calls
- Community involvement and work with Crime Stoppers
- Fleet lease program/improvements
- First place winner of IL Traffic Safety
- Plans for continued growth in police department
 - o Bring back bike patrol
 - Computerized scheduling
 - Expand online training
 - Bodycam system
 - o Continuing expanding diversity hiring in Police Department
 - Surveillance

Misc. Notes:

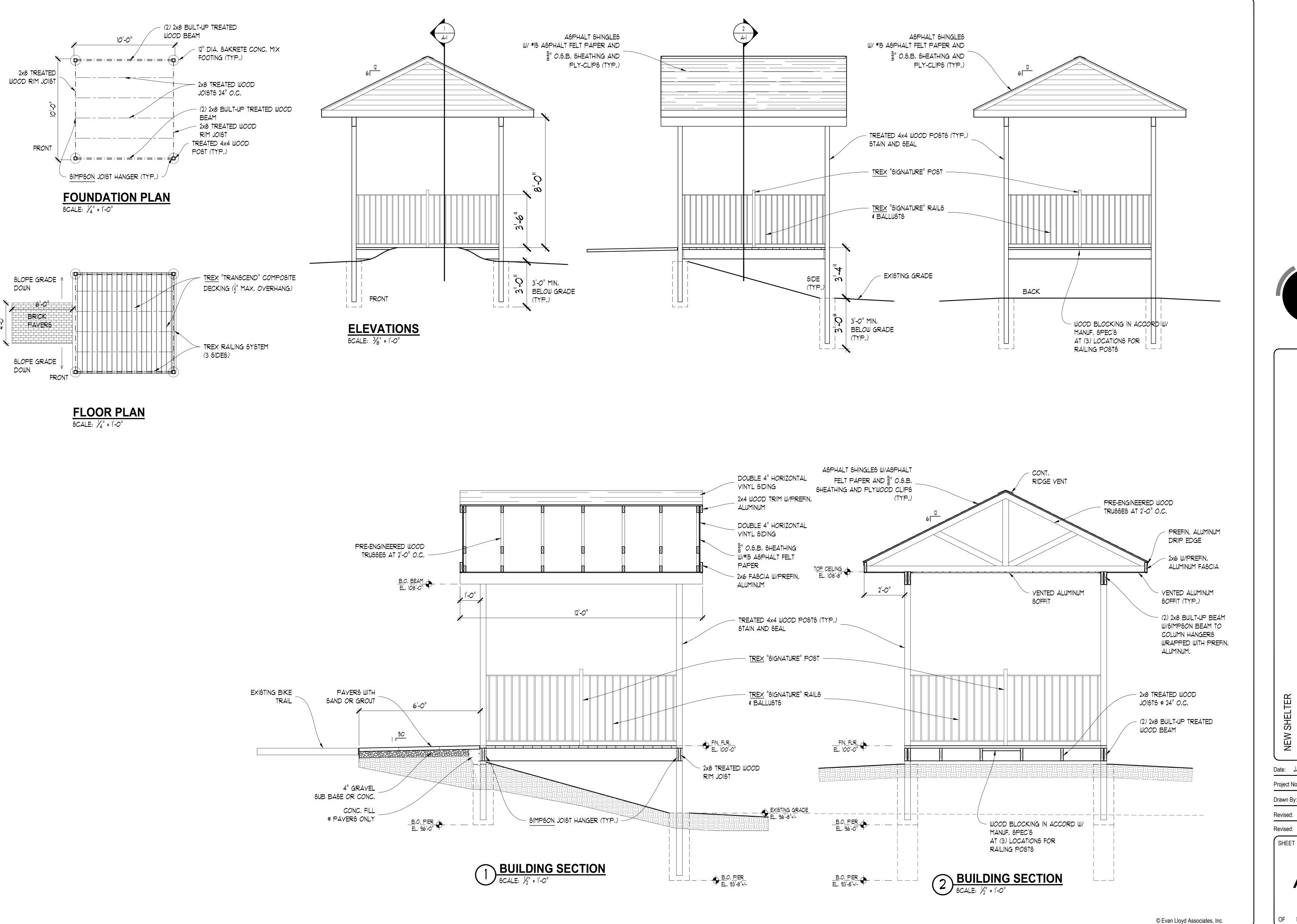
Trustee Eck and Director Harms attended a virtual Parks Foundation meeting.

Introduced new member: Dillion Grady.

Greg Finney: with Urban Trail to help clean up along trails. Addressing Board regarding construction of a respite center along trail.

New Tree sale / \$150 for a 6-foot tree to be purchased and you can plant on your property or donate to the SPD

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved that the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.





INTERURBAN BIKE TRAIL
BETWEEN WOODSIDE ROAD & 1-72 OVERPASS

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS NEW SHELTER

Date: JAN. 06, 2022 Project No. 21-098

Drawn By: MEB

Revised: Revised: ,

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