



Call to Order: Supervisor Moreau called the June 23, 2023, Special Meeting of the Springfield Township Board to order at 9:00am at the Springfield Township Civic Center with members of the public onsite in the Conference Room.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Laura Moreau	Township Supervisor
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Sean Miller	Township Clerk
Dave Hopper	Township Trustee
Jason Pliska	Township Trustee
Denny Vallad	Township Trustee

Board Members Not Present

Bill Whitley	Township Trustee
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Others Present

Sarah Richmond	Parks Director
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Agenda Additions & Changes:

Board proceeded with presented agenda.

New Business:

1. Parks and Recreation Grant Application and Resolution

Director Richmond stated that she is in the process of preparing an application for a DNR Spark grant which requires that the Township Board adopt a resolution approving the application. She explained that a Spark grant is funds that the DNR received as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. This means that federal guidelines regarding bidding will need to be followed. Additionally, there is no match required unless the amount exceeds \$1,000,000.00

Director Richmond presented conceptual design graphics depicting the proposed updates to Mill Pond Park including new signage, pickleball courts, a pavilion next to the pickleball courts, corn hole courts, and swing sets. This is all part of phase 1 which also includes the Boardwalk and pathway from Downtown Davisburg, through Rotary Park and into Mill Pond Park. Phase 2 will include things like overlooks, interior pathways in the park, picnic tables, and park benches.

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The grant application asks whether the plans had been reviewed by a physical therapist or other senior assistance organizations. Director Richmond stated that they have a letter of support from a physical therapist, a letter of support from a representative of Trinity Health, and letters of support from other community organizations.

Supervisor Moreau asked Director Richmond to explain how she answered the application questions regarding how they were negatively impacted by COVID.

Director Richmond answered by highlighting that this is a community park and our community is rural in nature. We not only service our community but we also service neighboring communities. She stated that our community center is home to a non-profit organization that provides food and clothing to low-income individuals, many of whom were greatly impacted by COVID. She added that we do not charge an entrance fee to any of our parks and during COVID, our parks got a lot of use and this put a lot of strain on our parks system and Parks & Recreation staff. Additionally, the Parks Department lost a lot of rental and program revenue during COVID.

The total amount being requested in this grant is \$982,300.00

Trustee Hopper moved to adopt Resolution 2023-12 as presented. Supported by Clerk Miller. Yes: Dubre, Hopper, Miller, Moreau, Pliska, and Vallad; No: none; absent: Whitley. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjourn:

Hearing no other business, Supervisor Moreau adjourned the Board meeting at 9:28am.

Laura Moreau, Supervisor

Sean R. Miller, Clerk