

# **Effingham Park Board Meeting**

January 5, 2022

6:30 pm

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The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

## **Present:**

Russ Sehy, President

Jason Semple, Commissioner

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Leah Ritter, General Manager

Workman Sports Complex

## **Absent:** Anita Broom, Treasurer

Mike Cunningham, Commissioner

Roll call was taken by President, Russ Sehy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with the regular meeting beginning at 6:30 pm.

## **Secretary's Report**

**A motion to accept the secretary's report was made by Semple; second Kronewitter; all ayes.**

## **Treasurer's Report**

Due to the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, the treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting.

## **2022 Passage of Bond Ordinance #299**

The lowest interest proposal received was .75% from Washington Savings Bank. The money will be received after closing with the bank February 1<sup>st</sup>. The \$625,000.00 plus interest will be paid back by December 1, 2022. About \$475,000.00 of the money will be used to cover debt certificates related to the Workman Sports Complex. This will be year seven of a 15 year pay off schedule. The original loan was \$6 million. The remainder, about \$150,000.00, will be used for fencing, pavilions, outdoor restrooms, and other park facility improvements and costs.

## **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public

## Workman Sports Complex Report

General Manager, Leah Ritter, noted the following good increase in membership numbers.

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|------------------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Current Regular Memberships: | 1524 | November: 2021; | 1448 |
| SS/Prime Memberships:        | 669  | November: 2021  | 578  |
| Suspension (Frozen)          | 108  | November: 2021  | 102  |
| Total Membership:            | 2301 | November: 2021  | 2128 |
| Total Members:               | 3661 | November: 2021  | 3497 |

### Memberships:

Terminated 9: breakdown, 7 no longer use the facility, 2 moved

### Fitness:

Class attendance breakdown:

Aqua – Attendance for the month, 503 versus 566 for November

Studio 1 – Attendance for the month 295 versus 331 for November

Studio 2 – Attendance for the month 129 versus 165 for November

### Additional Events/Information

20 Holiday Gift Certificates were purchased

172 half price guest passes were sold during the Christmas sale

Special Holiday Personal Training Pricing: \$25.00 for ½ hour and \$35.00 for 1 hour

49 ½ hour sessions purchased and 24 1 hour purchased

### Aquatics:

December Swim Lessons: Breakdown – 5 Parent Tot, 7 Level 1, 2 Level 2, 0 Level 3

January Lessons are full. Registration for February lessons will be out in a week.

### Programming:

WBL: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> registration opened. Assessments for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade league was Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. League starts Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Tournament will be Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. A total of 129 participants registered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade group which Ritter said is the most there has been in years.

WBL 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> registration is still open. Assessments will be Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. League starts Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Tournament will be Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

### In the Works:

Dance class with Rachael

Appalachian Trail Challenge

3 month Seasonal Membership – this is very popular

Membership incentives for 2022

February Swim Lessons

## Director's Report

The fencing to be installed all around the second ball diamond at Hendelmeyer Park has been ordered from Effingham Fence and Railing. It is hoped that work can be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> when the season starts.

Quotes are being received for the 135 foot long netting for the outfield at the 3<sup>rd</sup> diamond at Hendelmeyer Park. The netting is needed to keep long fly balls from landing on neighbor's property.

Plans are being made for all summer activities. Start dates for leagues are being reconsidered due to the problem of getting participants to register on time.

**A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and move to Executive Session at 7:00 pm was made by Kronewitter; second Semple; all ayes.**

**A motion adjourning the Executive Session to return to the regular meeting at 7:35 pm was made by Semple; second Kronewitter; all ayes.**

**As a result of discussion in Executive Session a motion to approve increasing the salaries of Ron Schroeder and Jerry Worman \$.50/hour, the salary of Cole Smith \$5.00/hour, the salary of Anita Broom \$25.00/month, the salary of Director Jeff Althoff 3%, and increasing all other non-seasonal and part time employees \$1.00/hour beginning January 1, 2022, was made by Sehy; second Semple; Four ayes/No Nays.**

## Commissioners/ Comments

Palmer said he thinks a concrete centerpiece at the skate park would be good upgrade.

**A motion for adjournment at 7:40 pm was made by Semple; second Kronewitter; all ayes.**