

Effingham Park Board Meeting

March 2, 2022

6:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

Present:

Russ Sehy, President

Mike Cunningham, Vice-President

Jason Semple, Commissioner

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Leah Ritter, General Manager

Workman Sports Complex

Absent:

Anita Broom, Treasurer

Kevin Palmer, 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

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, Althoff presented the treasurer's report. He reviewed fund balances as of January 31, 2022. He noted that \$115,641.12 in personal property replacement tax money has been received compared with \$55,090.57 received at this time last year. Facility usage and program and sponsorship fees are considerably higher this year than last partly due to less influence of COVID-19.

The following bills for the month of February greater than \$100.00 were reviewed for payment.

Capital One Bank	\$43,226.09	Creative1, Inc	\$220.00
Commercial Site Furnishings	10,637.77	Dan Hecht Chevrolet	881.45
Beacon Athletics	5,557.00	Effingham Equity	147.86
Capital One Bank	4,588.08	Rural King	297.49
Bierman Welding	1,600.00	Effingham Builders Supply	445.00
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	1,508.57	Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	107.66
WEX Bank	1,400.19	NEVCO	290.00
Menards	1,354.88	Walmart	142.86
South Central FS, Inc.	1,330.45	Menards	251.87
Doehring, Winders	3,500.00	Rural King	286.96
Systems Development Services	1,446.58	Burford Electric, Inc.	305.90

Great America Financial Services	\$326.56	Effingham Asphalt Co.	\$ 671.65
Interstate Billing Service, Inc.(Bobcat)	365.69	JEDCO Sales, Inc.	788.28
Great America Financial Services	106.98	O-Reilly Automotive	145.77
Dasenbrock Fence	663.80	Effingham Asphalt Co.	367.50
Interstate Billing Service, Inc.(Bobcat)	597.03	NEVCO, Inc.	540.00
Thoele Plumbing Inc.	510.00	WEX Bank	299.31
Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	296.00		

Bond Account

Zions Bank (debt certificate payment)	\$469,050.00	\$430,000.00 principle
		\$ 39,050.00 interest

Workman Sports Complex Account

Workman Sports Complex (Rink Management)	\$ 47,656.60
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The payment of \$5,557.00 to Beacon Athletics was for windscreens for the pickleball courts. The payment of \$10,637.77 to Commercial Site Furnishings was for benches for the pickleball courts.

A motion to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills was made by Semple; second Cunningham; Four ayes/No nays.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Workman Sports Complex Report

General manager, Leah Ritter, noted the continuing good increase in membership.

Current Regular Memberships:	1725	January 2022:	1662
SS/Prime Memberships:	155	January 2022:	101
Suspension (Frozen):	106	January 2022:	108
Total Membership:	1890	January 2022:	1871
Total Members:	3829	January 2022:	3754

The recreation pool had to be closed from February 14th - 22nd for its annual maintenance. Ritter said it is important to drain and pressure wash the recreation pool once a year. It gets a lot more use than the lap pool. Maintenance for the lap pool is scheduled every other year. Temperature maintained in the recreation pool is 90 degrees, the lap pool 80 degrees.

Memberships:

Terminated (January and February): 25. Breakdown - 15 no longer use the facility, 6 moved, 2 financial, 1 medical, 1 deployment.

Fitness:

Class attendance breakdown: Note – pool closed Feb. 2nd - 4th due to weather, and Feb. 14 – 22 for maintenance

Aqua - Attendance for the month, 377, versus 566 January

Studio 1 - Attendance for the month 343 versus 329 for January

Studio 2 - Attendance for the month 130 versus 138 for January

Personal Trainer Circuit Training:

A specialized weight and cardio training plan written by a personal trainer of choice, based on individual goals. Initial visit is similar to a regular personnel training session and documented on progress cards. Each week the trainer will adjust or modify workout for the next week. Cost is \$30.00/ half hour.

Hot 26 Yoga:

A specialty class offered on Saturday mornings. Classes are \$12.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members.

Additional Events/Information

2022 Incentives: Monthly memberships(year contract) receive 1 additional month and 10 guest passes. Paid in full memberships receive 2 additional months and 15 guest passes.

Aquatics:

Ritter said, "January and February swim classes were full with a wait list that takes us to May, which is phenomenal ! We are looking to add more lessons during the week to accommodate."

Programming:

WBL 2nd and 3rd grade tournament was Saturday, February 26th. Jr. High tournament is Saturday, March 5th. Between all grades a total of 137 participated this season which is more than each of the last two years.

In the Works:

Spring basketball clinic with Coach Reed

Private dance lessons with Rachel

Ballerina Camp with Rachel

March swim lessons

Just Tri Event March 12

Director's Report

Materials for the fencing to be installed around the second ball diamond at Hendelmeyer Park have been received. Installation needs to be completed by April 1st when the season starts.;

Imagine This! Marketing Group is working on setting up a new website for the park district.

Althoff distributed a list of the number of participants registered for spring soccer (April), and Girls Softball and Boys Baseball. Registrations are still being taken. Overall, Althoff is happy with the numbers especially the large increase from last year for girls and boys soccer. There are three leagues of both boys and girls for children 4 years old through 4th grade. Four weeks of soccer are scheduled in the spring, six weeks in the fall. Althoff said that because of the extra large number of participants this year, the girls might have their own leagues next year.

Registration for girls softball continues until the middle of April. Althoff is happy with the numbers so far. He is trying to find girls from nearby towns who might want to join these leagues.

He said T-Ball numbers are always high. Registration starts next Wednesday.

Numbers for boys baseball leagues are at this time lower than last year. He thinks more will register.

He said lots of coaches, referees, and umpires are needed. Children of coaches do not have to pay a league fee.

Maintenance staff is working hard to get baseball and softball fields ready. High School teams are practicing now.

Commissioners' Comments

Cunningham asked if it has been determined whether Jerry Worman can be covered by IMRF. Althoff said Broom is working to see if the district can buy in the years he was eligible to receive IMRF benefits. Worman has worked for the park district since 1978.

Sehy said a call has been received from Greg Koester, representative of the county board, to see if the park district would take over ownership of the Trec Trail. Currently the county owns the trail. A government entity needs to be the owner in order to get benefits like grants.

Althoff said the majority of the land is not in the park district. Owning it would mean being responsible for all maintenance and repairs, including necessary replacement of the wooden fencing, structures, and switchback ramps, and correcting any erosion problems. Currently the park district cleans the trail itself removing any debris and mud.

After discussion it was the consensus of board members not to own the Trec Trail.

A motion for adjournment at 7:15 pm was made by Kronewitter; second Cunningham; all ayes.