

Effingham Park Board Meeting

June 1, 2022

6:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, June 1, 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

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Leah Ritter, General Manager

Workman Sports Complex

Absent: Anita Broom, Treasurer

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 Cunningham; second Semple; All ayes.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, Althoff presented the treasurer's report. He reviewed fund balances as of April 30, 2022. Year to date corporate fund net income is \$120,715.76, about normal for this time of year. Year to date recreation fund net income is \$17,395.28. The cost of uniforms is higher this year partly due to the added number of teams.

Althoff noted that \$118,584.20 of the \$625,000.00 general obligation bond money has been deposited in the Bond Proceeds Account. The money can be used for the planned dog park, fencing, skate park additions, and other park facility improvements and costs. He said it is too expensive to oil and rock any roads and parking lots this year but pot holes will be filled.

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

Bobcat	\$17,500.00	Effingham Equity	\$218.35
Menards	2,338.88	Great America Financial	157.24
Capital One Bank	3,668.54	Rural King	198.98
JEDCO Sales	4,868.61	Effingham Builders Supply	146.44
MTI Distributing, Inc.	1,688.13	Wolke Nursery	541.50
Effingham Fence & Railing	3,555.00	Beacon Athletics	249.00
Spectrum Screen	6,751.75		

Bond Proceeds Account

Effingham Fence & Railing \$43,307.73 final payment for fencing for second ball diamond at Hendelmeyer Park

Extra netting was installed at the third diamond to protect neighbor's homes.

The payment of \$3,688.54 to Capital One Bank was 90% of the cost of recreational supplies for the Adventure Camp. The payment of \$4,868.61 to JEDCO Sales was for T-Ball and Small Fry T-Shirts. St. Anthony Hospital pays \$6,000.00 every year to put their logo on all the T-Shirts. This is about ½ the total cost of the shirts. Team sponsors pay \$450.00 for their team's uniforms.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Sehy; second Kronewitter; Five ayes/No nays.

Budget Committee Report

Althoff presented the proposed 2022-2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. The amount budgeted is \$3,998,134.49 and the total appropriation is \$7,361,780.78 for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2023. He said these figures come from the tax levy. They are in line with last years' budget. The proposed budget for the Corporate fund is \$479,445.00. Proposed budget for the Recreation fund which includes the Kluthe pool is \$776,254.00.

A motion to approve the 2002-2023 Budget/Appropriation Ordinance as presented was made by Semple; second Kronewitter; Five Ayes/No nays.

The ordinance will be placed on file at the park district office for 30 days prior to passage.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Workman Sports Complex Report

Memberships:

Leah Ritter reported that current numbers are not accurate. Membership numbers and other information is still being updated in the new system. As of last week ACH payments are being accepted. There are not as many suspensions so far this summer as there have been in the past. An email blast will be sent out asking members to stop by and update banking information.

Fitness:

Class attendance breakdown – a lot better than in April

Aqua - Attendance for the month, 602 versus 562 for April

Studio 1 – Attendance for the month, 460 versus 380 for April

Studio 2 – Attendance for the month 162 versus 130 for April

Aquatics:

May swim lessons were full with additional classes to accommodate. May lessons breakdown: 11 Parent/Tot; 19 Level 1; 5 Level 2; 3 Level 3.

Red Tide Swim Team:

Red Tide currently has 50 swimmers. This week is a free trial for those who are interested. More participants are coming for this free trial. Practice is Monday – Friday, 7:30 – 9:30am.

In the Works:

Ballerina Camp with Rachael June 7th - 9th (ages 3-6) and June 14th - 16th (ages 7-9)

June Swim Lessons

Youth Empowerment Camp June 27th - 30th (ages 13-18)

Private Yoga Lessons

Shooting Clinic with Coach Reed July 11th - 13th (4th - 9th grade)

Kickoff to Summer: Memorial Day (May 30th – June 1st). Half price guest passes and a trainer challenge from Holly Sigrist

Special Needs Fitness Walk Class

Membership Drive

Two more personal trainers have been hired making a total of six, and two more people have been hired to work at the front desk. More lifeguards are still needed.

Director's Report**Update on Summer Programs and Facilities**

The parks are looking good. Playground mulch has been put down.

All summer leagues have started.

Adventure Camp is open. There are 100 participants this week.

The Heaters baseball tournament held over the Memorial Day weekend was a resounding success. Seventy teams participated. Lots of comments were received about the beautiful ball diamonds and great facilities.

A Pickleball tournament is being held at Hendelmeyer Park this weekend.

An NSA softball tournament is planned for next week.

Kluthe Pool

Althoff reported that the pool's scheduled opening today has been postponed due to a problem with the leisure pool. The pool had just been repainted and looked great. Then it rained two days in a row. After waiting another day the pool was filled hoping the paint would hold. It did not. It started peeling off. Yesterday the decision was made to drain the

pool and pressure wash the bottom and sides to knock the loose paint off. Althoff is hoping to get everything cleaned up by Friday so they can start filling the pool overnight Friday. It takes about a day and a half to fill the leisure pool with 65,000 gallons of water. After the chemicals are balanced Althoff hopes the pool will be open by Monday. Plans are to repaint the pool this fall. Enough lifeguards have been hired.

Future of Electric Rates

Althoff distributed information received from a company regarding the projected price increase in electric rates per kilowatt hour. The district's current contract that is locked in at \$.045/kWh will expire within one year. The future price is projected to be \$.1020/kWh. The district has the option to lock in new rates now which would take effect after expiration of the current contract. The rate offered for 24 months is \$0.0628/kWh. The rate for 36 months is #0.0606/kWh. The company indicated that if the market would go down during life of the contract the rate would be lowered. It was noted that better rates might be obtained if the Sports Complex building was included. Ritter said there has been a big savings in electric costs at the sports complex since all LED lights have been installed. She mentioned that installation of solar panels at the sports complex might be a way to lower electric costs but the idea would have to be researched.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to lock in the 36 month contract for \$.0606/kWh.

Commissioners' Comments

Sehy said a lot of people were in attendance at the sectional baseball games hosted by St. Anthony High School and the weather was perfect.

A motion for adjournment at 7:30 was made by Palmer; second Cunningham; All ayes.