

# Effingham Park Board Meeting

July 6, 2022

6:30 pm

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

## Present:

Russ Sehy; President	Jeff Althoff, Director
Mike Cunningham, Vice-President	Anita Broom, Treasurer
Jason Semple, Commissioner	Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary
Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner	
Kevin Palmer, Commissioner	

**Absent:** Leah Ritter, General Manager Workman Sports Complex

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 Palmer; second Cunningham; all ayes.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anita Broom, reviewed fund balances as of May 31, 2022. Corporate fund net income for May was \$6,900.46. Recreation fund revenue for May was \$39,714.68 of which \$32,559.42 was from program fees. Expenses of \$48,227.90, which included a purchase of \$11,228.90 for league uniforms and equipment, left a net income for May of a negative \$8,513.22. These expenses are normal for this time of year.

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

Capital One Bank	\$7,324.78	Effingham Equity	\$156.87
Menards	1,939.58	Lake Land College	381.44
Designs Unlimited	1,749.00	Spear Corporation	460.80
South Central FS	1,596.95	Effingham Tire & Auto	748.58
BSN Sports	1,630.61	Lorenz Supply Co.	850.15
Ad-Hatters	2,494.40	Safeguard Business Systems	121.95
Thoele Plumbing, Inc.	1,865.00	Rural King	266.27
Conserv FS	4,440.00	Heartland Coca Cola	755.90
Burford Electric, Inc.	1,425.62	Walmart	470.55
Walmart	1,555.85	Effingham High School	432.00
Spear Corporation	1,035.46	WEX Bank	293.86

Trophies Unlimited	\$1,650.16	Burford Electric, Inc.	\$445.63
ULINE	2,347.22	Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	338.29
Community Support Systems	200.00	Jansens Auto Sales	967.90
Spectrum Screen Graphics	999.25	Postmaster	290.00
Effingham Equity	552.00	Tucker Accounting	214.50

**Workman Sports Complex**

Fred Biggs Electric Supply \$1,608.16

The payment of \$7,324.78 to Capital One Bank was for recreation programs and supplies and expenses for concessions that were ordered online.

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

**Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**Passage of Budget/Appropriation Ordinance #300**

**A motion to adopt Ordinance #300, the 2022-2023 Budget/Appropriation Ordinance of the Effingham Park District for fiscal year 6/1/2022 – 4/30/2023, was made by Sehy; second Cunningham; Five ayes/No nays.**

**Prevailing Wage Ordinance Discussion and Passage**

Board members reviewed the Illinois Department of Labor Wage Report.

**A motion to adopt the Illinois Department of Labor Wage Rates for Effingham County as Ordinance #301 was made by Cunningham; second Palmer; all ayes.**

**Workman Sports Complex Report**

Due to the absence of General Manager, Leah Ritter, the sports complex report was tabled until the next meeting.

**Director’s Report - Update on Summer Programs and Facilities**

**Baseball/Softball**

This is the last two weeks of play. Tournaments begin this week. Due to only having four teams for 7th & 8<sup>th</sup> grade baseball, a team from T-Town has been added the last several years. Board members would like to see players from T-Town integrated into all Effingham leagues where they would get drafted on teams.

### **Adventure Camp**

Season is half way through. Having more structured activities this year is helping but getting children to listen and follow directions is still a problem.

### **Skate Park Upgrade**

Althoff distributed copies of a picture of an architect's rendering of a layout of an all concrete park. He said concrete ramps especially would be a big improvement over the current metal ramps. Using this concrete layout Althoff will put the project out for bid as a total project and/or each piece separately if the project would have to be completed in phases. He hopes to get prices by the next meeting. An all-concrete park will last a long time. Adding lights will enable more nighttime play since with no shade it is many times too hot to skate in the daytime.

The district has \$30,000.00 held by the Community Foundation and \$30,000.00 designated by the city for this project. It was suggested that it might be possible to get some Covid Relief money for this project and maybe for pool renovations too.

Althoff noted the crowded parking conditions on the road that runs between the skate park and tennis courts and continues back to the three ball diamonds. He suggested adding big parking blocks to the large parking lot at Hendelmeyer Park to define parking spaces and slow down traffic.

### **Kluthe Pool**

The pool will close this year on August 14 when employees are back to school. Althoff said the pool is holding together. There are leaks in the pump room which can't be fixed unless the pool is shut down. There are other issues with the pool which is 25 years old. In order to break even the pool needs 100 people in attendance each day. Six lifeguards are also needed at \$15.00/hour.

Althoff would like to get an official cost to renovate the current pool and bathhouse and also the cost to replace the pool with a splash pad. He will contact Spear Corporation which had provided estimates for each last September. Spear Corporation had priced a splash pad with a lazy river. Althoff will get prices on everything. An idea was expressed that the pool could be moved to an area near the sports complex.

### **Mini Golf Facility**

Althoff said money has finally been received from Adam Huston, operator of the facility, for the amount owed to the park district for last year.

### **Commissioners' Comments**

Cunningham would like to see the baseball diamond at Evergreen Hollow Park upgraded like the Paul Smith diamond at Community Park.

Kronewitter said she is super excited about getting upgrades to the skate park. She has seen many parents bring their little children there with scooters.

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

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