

Effingham Park Board Meeting

August 3, 2022

6:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, August 3, 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 Kronewitter; second Semple; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, Althoff presented the following bills for the month of July greater than \$100.00 for review and payment.

Capital One Bank	\$5,960.19	Menards	\$854.71
WEX Bank	1,776.76	Effingham Equity	552.00
South Central FS	4,155.67	Heuerman Bros.Trucking	345.40
Stillwater	3,455.00	KCH Mechanical	275.00
WEX Bank	1,807.92	Stillwater	975.00
Heuerman Bros.Trucking	991.00	K&W Auto Electric	188.25
Staples Advantage	119.71	Megan Tylka	700.00
Thoele Plumbing, Inc.	506.00		

Transfer to Workman Sports Complex – Rink Management \$30,665.00

Workman Sports Complex

Fred Biggs Electric Supply \$1,608.16

The payment of \$5,960 to Capital One Bank was for Recreation Center supplies, snacks, etc.

The payment of \$3,455.00 to Stillwater was for playground mulch. The payment of \$700.00 to Megan Tylka was for life guard training. The payment of \$4,155.67 to South Central FS was for turf supplies. Some went to local schools which will be reimbursed.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Cunningham; second Kronewitter; Four ayes/No nays.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Review of Closed Minutes

The review of closed session minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Workman Sports Complex Report

Ritter presented the following membership numbers.

Current Regular Memberships:	1360	June 2022:	1326
SS/Prime Memberships:	170	June 2022:	168
Suspension (Frozen):	69	June 2022:	73
Total Members:	1599	June 2022	1567

She said they are still getting memberships/updating information in the new system and are close to having all services on line.

Fitness:

Class attendance breakdown – lower than last month partly due to several instructors being unavailable. Ritter is teaching two to three classes now.

Aqua - Attendance for the month, 442 versus 602 for June

Studio 1 – Attendance for the month, 421 versus 348 for June

Studio 2 – Attendance for the month, 59 versus 94 from June

Aquatics:

July swim lessons were full with additional added classes to accommodate. July lessons breakdown: 9 Parent/Tot; 21 Level 1; 2 Level 2; 3 Level 3. August lessons are full with a waiting list. There is also a waiting list for October.

Shooting Camp with Coach Reed:

Three day shooting camp, July 11th – 13th. There were 22 participants in the 4th - 6th grade and 13 participants in the 7th - 9th grade league.

In the Works

Workman Basketball League

Heartland Hurricane Swim Team

Pickleball private lessons, leagues, tournaments

Half price guest passes August 15th - 21st

August Swim Lessons

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Director's Report

Capital Improvement Projects

Skate Park

Althoff expects to have prices for the skate park renovations by the next meeting with the goal to make it an all concrete park. He said the project will probably have to be completed in phases starting with the middle piece which will be cut out and replaced with an all concrete ramp. The price is estimated to be \$100,000.00. The district currently has \$30,000.00 held by the Community Foundation and \$30,000.00 designated by the city for this project. Althoff said the park district can add enough money to complete this phase of the project.

Dog Park

Althoff presented a rendering of the new planned large and small dog park which can be completed in phases. He said a 5 foot black coated fence has been ordered at a price of \$36,000.00. Park Maintenance staff can install it. The city has earmarked \$30,000.00 toward establishment of the dog park. Althoff is getting a price on water lines. When the fence and water lines are in place it can be decided where to put trees, benches, shade structures, picnic tables, etc. Two drinking foundations will be needed at a cost of \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 each.

Money will need to be raised for walkways which could cost over \$85,000.00. Althoff would like to see a paved walkway from the brown pavilion to the dog park and also from the tennis court parking lot to the park. Total cost of the dog park project before Covid-19 had been estimated at \$180,000.00. The park is to be located at Evergreen Hollow Park east of the Harmony Playground and north of the right field of the baseball diamond.

Representatives of the Effingham Police Department have asked if they could use the dog park for training purposes.

Fall/Winter Leagues

Soccer

Althoff said fall registration numbers are pretty good, similar to last year's except for Strikers, 3rd and 4th grade. This league has increased from 6 teams – 49 players, to 8 teams – 73 players.

Flag Football

Althoff is excited about the jump in numbers in the "B" league, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade, which increased from 7 teams with 71 players to 12 teams with 112 players. Registration for "A" league, 5th and 6th grade, is disappointing, currently with 4 teams – 30 players, nine less than last year. Althoff hopes there will be some late sign ups.

Youth baseball/softball is over. Staff is working on outside projects and trying to get caught up with maintenance of the Trec Trail.

Commissioners' Comments

Kronewitter and Sehy expressed their excitement about getting work started on the skate park and dog park. Once people see work starting maybe more donations will be received.

A motion for adjournment at 6:55 pm was made by Sehy; second Kronewitter; all ayes.