

Effingham Park Board Meeting

September 7, 2022

6:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, September 7, 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
Anita Broom, Treasurer
Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Absent: Leah Ritter, General Manager
Workman Sports Complex

Guests: Matt Cekander, Jacob Donaldson
Doehring, Winders & Co.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anita Broom, reviewed fund balances for the two months ending June 30, 2022. Recreation fund total revenue was \$57,852.20 of which \$34,912.90 was for program fees. Pool fund revenue was \$30,913.18 of which \$18,378.00 was for pool admissions. Year to date net income at the end of June for the pool is a positive \$15,154.61. However, Broom said after July and August, taking pool salaries into account, the pool should be operating in the red. A mini golf lease payment of \$4,962.16 has been received from Adam Huston for operation of the facility last year.

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

BSN Sports, LLC	\$1,226.89	Country Mutual Insurance	\$694.95
Walmart	1,246.81	Bahrns Equipment	966.86
Capital One Bank	3,355.79	Barlow Lock & Security	235.00
Crossroads Truck Equipment	1,650.00	Menards	965.07
Effingham Asphalt	1,691.36	Effingham Equity	361.43
JEDCO Sales, Inc.	3,484.24	Rural King	262.06
South Central FS	1,670.18	Q. Anthony Siemer	240.00
WEX Bank	1,563.32	Systems Development Services	106.70
AdHatters	2,037.50	Al's Tire Mart	949.60
Interstate Billing (Bobcat)	1,338.64	Systems Development Services	372.00

Walmart	\$ 645.36	K & W Auto Electric	\$ 260.00
Landfill 33, LTD	204.00	Zions Bank	500.00

Workman Sport Complex A/C

Transfer to Workman's Sports Complex - Rink Management \$40,281.00

Broom said approval is needed to transfer this money from the corporate account. From now on she recommends transferring money from the working cash account to the corporate account from which it can be sent to the Workman Sports Complex when requested.

Bond Account

Zions Bank - interest on debt certificates \$34,750.00

Broom noted that nearly every month money has been transferred through the corporate account to the Workman Sports Complex to help with expenses. In August \$30,665.00 was transferred. Other than money collected from memberships the only other revenue the complex receives is the \$11,800.00 monthly rental from St. Anthony's Physical Rehabilitation. Althoff said it is hoped that membership in the complex will increase in the fall and winter which would enable the complex to cover more of its expenses.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report, transfer \$40,281.00 from the corporate account to the Workman Sports Complex, and pay the bills, was made by Cunningham; second Palmer; Five ayes/No nays.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Workman Sports Complex Report

Althoff presented the following membership numbers received from General Manager Leah Ritter for August.

Current Regular Memberships:	1418	July 2022:	1360
SS/Prime Memberships:	170	July 2022:	170
Suspension (Frozen):	67	July 2022:	69
Total Members:	1655	July 2022:	1599

Audit Report - Doehring, Winders & Co.

Matt Cekander, CPA, presented and discussed a draft of the Independent Auditor's Report of the financial statements of the Effingham Park District for the year ended April 30, 2021. Total net position at the end of the 2021 fiscal year was \$20,229,427.00 compared with \$20,303,305.00 at the end of fiscal year 2020.

Director's Report

Update on Parks and Facilities

Skate Park

Althoff said only one company submitted a proposal for the skate park renovations. Other companies he had talked with indicated they would not do the total renovations for under \$300,000.00. He presented the proposal from Bryan Bedwell – Always Hard Concrete LLC, a company from St. Louis, for prices for the renovations. A price was listed for each of the four sections totaling \$192,350.00. Althoff wants to talk with the references Bedwell listed.

Althoff would like to move forward with upgrades to the middle section at a cost proposal of \$83,200.00. This section could be cut out and the existing concrete used. The district currently has \$30,000.00 held by the Community Foundation and \$30,000.00 designated by the city for this project. The plan for the renovations will have to be submitted to the city for their approval in order to receive the \$30,000.00. If the plan is approved Althoff thinks the work can probably be done in the spring. The park district will have to add enough money to complete this phase of the project.

Palmer questioned whether renovations to sections 2 & 3 could be done first instead. The metal ramps are getting in bad shape. Cost proposal for sections 2 & 3 is \$81,850.00.

Board members agreed to consult with Deano Tull who is trying to raise money for the improvements to see what work skateboarders would like to see completed first.

A motion to approve \$30,000.00 of park district money for improvements to the skate park was made by Kronewitter; second Semple; Five ayes/No nays.

Dog Park

Fencing has been ordered for the dog park. The city has earmarked \$30,000.00 toward establishment of the park and will have to approve the plan.

Kluthe Pool

Referring to a presentation of budget estimates for equipment replacement for the Kluthe Pool Mechanical Renovation received from Spear Corporation August 31, 2021, Althoff said he is meeting with Spear Corporation representatives to prepare a long term plan for upgrading the pool. This fall the pool will be repainted and repairs made in the pump room.

Commissioners' Comments

Kronewitter said she is excited that work will be starting soon on the skate park and dog park.

Sehy said all the baseball and softball diamonds look very good.

Palmer said he has received kudos from many people on how nice the parks look.

A motion for adjournment at 7:30 pm was made by Palmer; second Kronewitter; all ayes.