

Effingham Park Board Meeting
October 5, 2022
6:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, October 5, 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
Kevin Palmer, Commissioner	Leah Ritter, General Manager
	Workman Sports Complex
	Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News

Absent: Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Guests: Todd Hull, Economic Development Director

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anita Broom, reviewed fund balances for the two months ending July 31, 2022. Corporate fund total revenue for July was \$37,940.17, of which \$37,883.17 was personal property replacement tax received from the State of Illinois. Recreation fund total revenue was \$32,716.32 of which \$26,205.80 was for program fees. Year to date total revenue is \$127,463.48 which is \$20,000.00 higher than last year at this time. Pool fund revenue was \$18,962.50 of which \$14,844.00 was for pool admissions. Expenses for the pool left a negative balance for July of \$9,149.69. Year to date net income is a positive \$6,229.37.

A first tax distribution of \$1,187,099.78 has been received from the county.

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

CC Services	\$124,123.00	Menards	\$562.95
South Central FS	2,268.43	Rural King	272.62
WEX Bank	1,601.38	Effingham Builders Supply	257.55
Capital One Bank	8,423.16	Effingham Asphalt	580.78
Systems Development Services	1,845.00	Effingham Tire & Auto	796.68
Imagine This	3,800.00	Great America Financial	133.88
Al's Tire Mart	1,514.58	Dan Latch	112.00
Encova	12,979.00	Effingham Equity	250.60
Systems Development Services	719.00	IL. Depart. of Agriculture	100.00

The payment of \$124,123.00 to CC Services, Inc. was for liability insurance. The payment of \$12,979.00 to Encova for workman compensation insurance is \$597.00 less than paid last year.

Workman Sports Complex A/C

Transfer to Workman's Sports Complex -	
Rink Management	\$37,492.00
Eric Metzelaar	2,673.00

Bond Account

Effingham Fence & Railing, Inc. (Dog Park)	\$37,070.00
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A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Semple; second; Palmer; Four ayes/No nays.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.150, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ABATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX IN THE EFFINGHAM/EFFINGHAM COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE CITY OF EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS, EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND THE VILLAGE OF TEUTOPOLIS, ILLINOIS.

Todd Hull distributed copies of Resolution No. 152 and explained that it would give residential property owners within the zone tax incentives to build new single-family and multi-family residential housing or improve current residential property. This could help reduce a housing shortage in Effingham. Governing boards of every taxing body in the City of Effingham, Effingham County, and the Village of Teutopolis need to vote on this resolution.

After discussion, it was the consensus of board members to wait to vote until the next meeting when a complete quorum will be present.

Workman Sports Complex Report

Leah Ritter presented the following membership numbers.

Current Regular Memberships:	1422	August 2022:	1418
SS/Prime Memberships:	181	August 2022:	170
Suspension (Frozen)	62	August 2022:	67
Total Members:	1665	August 2022	1655

Guest passes:

September class attendance breakdown follows:

 Aqua – total weekly offerings 15 or 65 for the month

 Attendance total for the month - 738 versus 665 for August

Studio 1 – Land total weekly offerings 12 or 51 for the month
Attendance total for the month – 278 versus 308 for August
Studio 2 – Spin total weekly offerings 2 or 9 for the month
Attendance total for the month – 50 versus 68 for August

Ritter noted the big increase in aqua class attendance. Land class attendance was lower than in August due to one instructor leaving. Another instructor is being sought.

Aquatics:

September swim classes were full with additional classes to accommodate the level 1 participants. September lessons breakdown: 5 Parent/Tot; 23 Level 1; 3 Level 2; 3 Level 3.

Workman Basketball League

The 4th and 5th grade league started their season. A total of 63 registered for a total of 6 teams. Last year there were 69 participants.

In the Works:

Workman Basketball League (K & 1st grade) - 2nd and 3rd grade in November
Pickleball private lessons, leagues which are full, and tournaments
Half price guest passes, Halloween
October Swim Lessons
Holiday Gift Certificates

Director's Report

Althoff said maintenance workers are busy cleaning up the parks and putting grass seed down to get ready for spring. Trees are being trimmed back.

Flag football and soccer have two weeks of play left. Then basketball will start indoors.

Skate Park

Althoff met with Deano Tull and local skaters who said they would like to see the middle section of the park completed first because the wood is falling apart. This would be phase one of the project. The work is scheduled for early spring, maybe in March. Construction will take about three weeks during which the facility will need to be shut down. Final approval needs to be received from the city which has designated \$30,000.00 for this project.

Dog Park

Althoff said the fencing has arrived and can be installed as soon as the plan for the park receives final approval from the city. City council members plan to make a formal vote at the next council meeting to approve the plan and allocate the \$30,000.00 they have earmarked toward establishment of the park. Althoff said work can be done in cold weather.

Commissioners Comments

Semple and Sehy expressed their excitement that work is ready to start on the skate park and dog park.

A motion for adjournment at 7:00 pm was made by Semple; second Palmer; all ayes.