

# Effingham Park Board Meeting

November 2, 2022

6:30 pm

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The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, November 2, 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	

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 Kronewitter; all ayes.**

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anita Broom, reviewed fund balances as of August 31, 2022. Corporate fund total revenue for August was \$73,466,84, of which \$69,087.02 was contribution money held by the Community Foundation for the pickleball courts. Recreation fund total revenue for August was \$21,129.96, of which \$13,069.51 was program fees. Pool fund revenue was \$9,103.50, of which \$6,659.00 was pool admissions. Expenses for the pool left a negative balance for August of \$15,112.98. Pool salaries are higher now partly due to the increase to \$13.00/hour.

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

Bahrns Equipment	\$1,368.39	Trophies Unlimited	\$243.80
Al's Tire Mart	1,175.64	Thoele Plumbing Inc.	470.00
Burford Electric	159.02	RentX	235.00
Effingham Builders Supply	115.00	Effingham Asphalt	644.00
WEX Bank	702.40	Q. Anthony Siemer	240.00
KCH Mechanical	210.00	Staples Advantage	156.24
Effingham Equity	180.88	Menards	773.57
Capital One Bank	417.77	Rural King	127.42
Great America Financial	152.86		

Broom noted that these expenses are normal for October.

## Workman Sports Complex A/C

Transfer to Workman Sports Complex – Rink Management	\$42,985.00
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Broom said approval is needed for this transfer requested by Rink Management to cover losses.

The park district pays \$72,000.00 a year to Rink Management for management of the complex. Althoff said that before COVID the complex had over 2000 memberships. Since then utility rates and other expenses have gone up and memberships have decreased necessitating the transfer of money some months from the park district Workman Sports Complex Account to Rink Management to help with complex expenses. Althoff said he had hoped to be able to save the \$11,000.00 payment received each month from St. Anthony's Rehabilitation and deposited in the park district's Workman Sports Complex Account for repairs and other building expenses. Ways need to be found to increase memberships.

**A motion to accept the treasurer's report, approve the transfer of \$42,985.00 from the Workman Sports Complex Account to Workman's Sports Complex – Rink Management, and pay the bills, was made by Cunningham: second Kronewitter: Five Ayes/No Nays.**

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion of Tax Levy Ordinance for Passage in December**

Board members reviewed information on the proposed 2022-2023 tax levy that will need to be passed in December. Althoff said the proposed total aggregate levy, excluding the debt service fund, of \$1,425,314.00 doesn't exceed 105% of last year's extensions of \$1,357,420.00. Therefore, a truth in taxation hearing is not needed. He said the levy is based on an estimated equalized valuation of \$368,537,247.00.

After discussion, board members gave approval for Althoff to take the proposed levy to the attorney's office for Q. Anthony Siemer to review and prepare the document into the ordinance for adoption by the Board at the December meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 152 - 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.**

**After discussion a motion to adopt Resolution No.152 was made by Sehy; second Palmer; Five ayes/No nays.**

### **Workman Sports Complex Report**

Althoff presented the following report for October received from General Manager Leah Ritter.

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Current Regular Memberships:	1459	September 2022:	1422
SS/Prime Memberships:	171	September 2022:	181
Suspension (Frozen):	52	September 2022	62
Total Members:	1682	September 2022	1655

### **Guest Passes:**

Half price guest passes were offered on Halloween. 583 passes were sold.

### **Fitness:**

October class attendance breakdown follows:

- Aqua – total weekly offerings 15 or 62 for the month  
Attendance total for the month - 578 versus 738 from September
- Studio 1 – Land total weekly offerings 13 or 56 for the month  
Attendance total for the month – 375 versus 278 from September
- Studio 2 – Spin total weekly offerings 2 or 8 for the month  
Attendance total for the month – 43 versus 50 from September

### **Aquatics:**

October swim lessons were full. October lessons breakdown as follows, 0 parent/Tot; 20 Level 1; 10 Level 2; 3 Level 3.

### **Workman Basketball League:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade league ended the regular season on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The single elimination tournament is Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. K & 1<sup>st</sup> grade assessments were Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **In the Works:**

- Workman Basketball League (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Pickleball private lessons, leagues and tournaments
- Half price guest passes for Thanksgiving
- November Swim Lessons
- Holiday Gift Certificates
- 2023 Membership Drive/Incentives

## **Director's Report**

### **Dog Park**

Construction of the dog park has started. City council members approved the plan at their last meeting and allocated \$30,000.00 toward the project. Park district maintenance employees are in the process of drilling holes and setting fence poles in place. It should take about three weeks to get all of the fence installed. Althoff said people can use the area when the fence is completed. Althoff thought maybe the city could use TIF funds to help with cost of water lines and concrete at the entrance.

### **Skate Park**

Work is scheduled for early spring after final approval of the plan is received from the city which has designated \$30,000.00 for improvements to the park.

**Restrooms**

Outdoor restrooms will be shut down in one week.

**Special Meeting**

Althoff announced a special meeting to be held at 6:15 pm, December 7, 2022, to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of up to \$750,000.00 for the purpose of financing park facilities. This is an annual request that is routinely paid back plus interest by December first of the following year.

**Commissioner Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

**A motion for adjournment at 7:15 pm was made by Palmer; second Cunningham; all ayes.**