

Effingham Park Board Meeting

February 1, 2023

6:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 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

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Anita Broom, Treasurer

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Jeff Althoff, Director

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Leah Ritter, General Manager, Workman Sports Complex

Roll call was taken by President, Russ Sehy, with the regular meeting beginning at 6:30 pm.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anita Broom, reviewed fund balances as of November, 30, 2022. Corporate fund total revenue for November was \$165,445.17 of which \$165,107.21 was from property taxes. Year to date net income is \$257,765.57. Recreation fund total revenue for November was \$141,531.30 of which \$132,091.43 was from property taxes. Year to date net income is \$45,172.38.

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

Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.	\$3,438.38	WEX Bank	\$833.32
thoele Plumbing Inc.	4,360.00	JEDCO Sales, Inc.	544.88
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	2,018.57	Lorenz Supply Co.	186.76
Northside Ford Lincoln	1,333.85	Walmart	160.54
Effingham Tire & Auto	1,173.56	DDD Sales	599.80
WEX Bank	1,627.97	Menards	825.62
Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	349.00	Great America Financial	142.24
Interstate Billing Service, Inc. (Bobcat)	278.57	Heuerman Bros. Trucking	205.00

Workman Sports Complex Account

Transfer to Rink Management Services dba WSC acct. \$44,000.00

The payment of \$4,360.00 to Thoele Plumbing, Inc. was for work at the Bark Park. The payment to WEX Bank was for gasoline.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report, transfer \$44,000.00 from the Workman Sports Complex Account to Workman's Sports Complex – Rink Management, and pay the bills was made by Semple; second Cunningham; Four ayes/No nays.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Workman Sports Complex Report

Due to the absence of general manager, Leah Ritter, the report was tabled until the next meeting.

AED Machines at Park Facilities

Board members discussed whether the park district should acquire more Automated External Defibrillator machines. Currently there is one at the Ron Diehl Recreation Center, one at the Kluthe pool, and one kept in a backpack for the Adventure Camp at Evergreen Hollow Park. It was agreed that one is needed at each group of ball fields and maybe one at the skate park. AED machines cost between \$5,000.00 and \$8,000.00. It was suggested that grant funds might be used or maybe St. Anthony Hospital or some businesses might support purchase of a machine. Sehy will consult with Director Althoff about moving forward. A secure location will need to be found for each machine.

Commissioners' Comments

Palmer said he would like to look at turfing some baseball fields. It is a project he would like to see completed during his time on the park board. He has talked with Jim Raddatz about the manpower involved. Sehy said that with all the current projects underway and money going to the sports complex it is probably not feasible to plan for a project like this now.

Cunningham suggested that upkeep on softball diamonds needs to be done before spending more money on baseball fields. He noted that all fencing at the softball fields needs to be replaced. Currently there is no fence down one foul line. The diamonds need to be smaller. Flag football is played on the softball fields necessitating more upkeep.

Sehy reported that many people have expressed their like for the dog park. Semple said the dog park is looking good. His dog likes it.

Semple said funding has been secured to replace the middle section of the skate park. Construction can begin as soon as the weather gets warmer, hopefully in March.

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