

Effingham Park Board Meeting

March 1, 2023

6:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

Present:

Mike Cunningham, Vice-President
Jason Semple, Commissioner
Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner
Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director
Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary
Leah Ritter, General Manager
Workman Sports Complex

Absent: Russ Sehy, President
Anita Broom, Treasurer

Roll call was taken by Vice-President, Mike Cunningham, with the regular meeting beginning at 6:30 pm.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, Althoff reviewed fund balances as of December 31, 2022, and presented the following bills for the month of February greater than \$100.00.

Sports Image	\$10,694.20	new volleyball standards in the rec center gym	
Doehring Winders	21,000.00	audit bill	
Conserv	13,140.30	field products	
Mid-Illinois Concrete, Inc.	4,918.98	dog park	
IAPD	3,275.89	dues	
Jedco Sales	5,361.02	T-shirts for soccer, small fry, T-Ball	
Rural King	1,243.69	chemicals	
Playpower LT Farmington	1,715.66	replace a slide at Harmony Playground	
Capital One Bank	\$1,845.21	WEX Bank	\$794.65
Menards	1,231.59	Walmart	160.54
Menards	436.80	Cash Equipment	124.30
Bahrns Equipment	100.49	Burford Electric	125.00
Effingham Equity	192.73	Fire Extinguisher Sales	152.50
Interstate Batteries	301.85	Interstate Billing (Bobcat)	137.75
Lorenz Wholesale	249.76	Roepke Overhead Doors	185.00
Q. Anthony Siemer	120.00	Thoele Plumbing, Inc.	553.00
WEX Bank	523.57	Conserv FS	975.00
Effingham Equity	231.70	Dust & Son	153.86
Great America Financial Serv.	142.24	Great America Financial Serv.	119.25

Bond Account:

Effingham Builders Supply	\$4,897.99	new partitions for restrooms at Ron Diehl Center
Zions Bank	\$439,750.00	payment on debt certificates \$405,000.00 principal payment 34,750.00 interest payment

A motion to accept the report and pay the bills was made by Cunningham; second Semple; Four Ayes/No nays.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Workman Sports Complex Report

Leah Ritter, general manager, presented the following membership numbers noting the increase in silver sneaker numbers.

Current Regular Memberships:	1817	January 2023:	1867
SS/Prime Memberships:	299	January 2023:	262
Suspension (Frozen):	13	January 2023:	13
Total Members:	2129	January 2023:	2142

Fitness:

Four new classes have been added in March.

February class breakdown as follows:

- Aqua - total weekly offerings 16 or 63 for the month
Attendance total for the month 526 versus 593 for January
(lower due to one instructor not available)
- Studio 1 - Land total weekly offerings 16 or 70 for the month
Attendance total for the month 664 versus 484 from January
(chair yoga classes very popular. All classes full)
- Studio 2 - Spin total weekly offerings 5 or 20 for the month.
Attendance total for the month 75 versus 120 from January
(lower due lack of one instructor – new one hired)

Aquatics:

February lessons breakdown as follows: 5 parent 101; 15 Level 1; 7 Level 1; 8 Level 3. Instructor is teaching 5 days a week in March. Close to 30 children have registered for lessons.

Workman Basketball League:

Jr. High is currently going on. Tournament is March 11. This league has 44 participants, up 4 from the prior year. This is the smallest league.

In the Works:

Lunch time classes
Rec Pool annual closure, March 7-17
Red tide Swim starts in May
Water Polo Clinic
March Swim Lessons
Just Tri Indoor Triathlon
March incentives (zero enrollment fee)
Bring a Buddy for Free Day
Mothers Day

Director's Report

Althoff distributed a list of the number of participants registered for spring soccer and Girls Softball and Boys Baseball. He is happy with the increase from last year for girls and boys soccer but disappointed in the drop in numbers from last year for baseball and softball, especially for Jr. League girls softball. Registrations are still being taken and Althoff hopes the numbers will increase since emails have now been sent to everyone who played last year and notice has been put on Facebook. He said T-Ball and Small Fry numbers are always high.

Palmer noted that St. Anthony High School will play baseball games at the Evergreen Hollow Park diamond this year. Effingham High School will play at Paul Smith Field at Community Park.

Dog Park

Althoff said the new dog park is a huge hit. It is muddy right now. Wood chips will be put over ground near the concrete entrances and walkways leading up to the entrances. The district is in the process of getting benches and shade structures for the park. Althoff will submit a request to the city to receive the \$30,000.00 they have earmarked for the dog park. He will also submit a request to the Community Foundation for the \$32,500.00 in donations they are holding for the dog park.

Skate Park

Althoff said the contractor would like to start work April 1st to replace the middle section of the park and get phase 1 completed. A big skate competition is planned for July the same week as the Jam Fest.

Althoff said through an Ameren grant of \$52,000.00 the district has received 26 new outdoor light fixtures for free. Raddatz with some help will be installing them.

Althoff announced that Athletic Director Cole Smith has moved away from our area. A new director will need to be hired. It is a full time job. The director also helps with maintenance and the Adventure Camp when needed. Althoff has contacted Eastern Illinois University to see if any graduates might be interested. Adventure Camp is planned to start the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

Althoff noted that a new pool manager will also need to be hired.

Batting cages have been ordered. They have been shipped and should arrive this week.

The next Face Play will be held at the Performance Center instead of at the Ron Diehl Recreation Center to see which venue might work best for them.

Commissioners' Comments

There were no comments.

A motion for adjournment at 8:00 pm was made by Kronewitter; second Palmer; all ayes.