

## **Effingham Park Board Meeting**

May 3, 2023

6:30 pm

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The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

### **Present:**

Russ Sehy, President

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Anita Broom, Treasurer

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

### **Absent:** Mike Cunningham, Vice-President

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Leah Ritter, General Manager, Workman Sports Complex

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 Sehy; second Kronewitter; all ayes.**

## **New Business**

### **Election of Officers for President and Vice-President**

**A motion to re-elect Russ Sehy President and Mike Cunningham Vice-President was made by Kronewitter; second Dasenbrock: All ayes.**

### **Re-appointment of Attorney, Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary**

**A motion to re-appoint Q. Anthony Siemer attorney, Jeff Althoff secretary, Anita Broom treasurer, and Carole McDevitt recording secretary was made by Sehy; second Kronewitter; All ayes.**

## **Approval of Meeting Dates and Times for the Next Fiscal Year**

Althoff noted that in previous years park board meetings have been scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month a 6:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street. He suggested that a meeting time of 5:30 pm might be more convenient for board members.

After discussion a motion to approve the 2023-2024 park district board meeting dates and times as the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm was made by Sehy; second Kronewitter; All ayes.

### **Selection of Budget Committee for Discussion of Next Fiscal Year**

A motion to appoint Dasenbrock to serve on the budget committee along with Althoff, Sehy, and Broom was made by Kronewitter; second Sehy; All ayes. The budget will be presented at the June board meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer. Anita Broom, reviewed fund balances as of February 28, 2023. She noted that a final property tax distribution from mobile homes and the housing authority has been received from the county.

She reported that recreation fund revenue is "looking up". Of the \$60,414.08 received in February \$22,925.00 was received in program fees and \$18,650.00 was from sponsorship fees. Other revenues are in line with last years'.

The following bills for April greater than \$100.00 were reviewed for payment.

Hunting National	\$2,849.00	Kirby Risk Corporation	\$172.35
Brian Larson	1,154.00	JEDCO Sales	858.80
Capital One Bank	1,615.55	Thoele Plumbing	770.00
Bierman Welding, Inc.	1,690.00	DDS Sales, LLC	599.50
Effingham Builders Supply	132.26	Lorenz Supply, Co.	674.00
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	393.52	Effingham Tire & Auto	557.99
Menards	686.74		

#### **Bond Account**

Always Hard Concrete LLC	\$49,150.00	skate park
Dog On It Park	9,671.00	2 drinking fountains for dogs

Transfer to Workman Sports & Wellness (Rink Management Account) \$31,000.00

**A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Sehy; second Dasenbrock; Three Yes/No nays.**

### **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

### **Workman Complex Report**

Due to the absence of General Manager, Leah Ritter, the report was tabled until the next meeting.

## **Director's Report**

### **Summer Staff**

Althoff said 74 summer employees have been hired including 14 for maintenance, 35 for the recreation program, and 25 lifeguards and pool attendants. Work is underway to get the pools ready to open for the Memorial Day weekend. Starting next week shingles on the roof of the bath house will be replaced as well as fascia on the building where some wood has rotted. Cost will be about \$30,000.00.

### **Summer Program Update**

Althoff said the Flame Softball Group is hosting a big tournament this Friday. Thirty five teams will compete at Evergreen Hollow Park and Community Park. Nation Trail Conference baseball and softball games are going on using park district fields.

Althoff noted that the park district is hosting both high school after prom events Saturday night. Effingham High School attendees will be at the sports complex, St. Anthony at the Ron Diehl Center.

### **Dog Park**

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held this Saturday at 10:30 am for the official opening of the new Bark Park. Drinking fountains have been ordered for the dogs and should be here soon. Both dogs and owners are excited about the park and have already begun enjoying it

## **Efficiency Report for the Effingham Park District**

Althoff distributed copies received from the State of Illinois of a new Efficiency Report for park districts. The report directs the district to form a committee consisting of five board members and two community members to meet four times in the next 18 months. The purpose of the committee is to study efficiencies and report recommendations regarding these efficiencies and increased accountability to the county. The completed report will need to be submitted to the county from which it will go to the state. Althoff said the committee needs to be in place by the next meeting. He asked board members to consider community members who might serve on the committee. More discussion of this report will be held at the next meeting.

## **Commissioners' Comments**

Kronewitter said the skate park is looking great, creating much excitement.

Althoff said it is nice that Deano Tull is giving lessons to younger children. There have been a lot of kids with scooters and bikes using the park. He said a way needs to be found to put lights by the park so people can enjoy the park at night.

Althoff noted that automatic locks have now been put on all outdoor restroom doors. The doors open at 6:00 am and close at 10:00 – 10:30 pm. Closing time is 5:00 pm in the winter. These locks had previously been installed at the Harmony Playground restrooms and other restrooms at Evergreen Hollow Park and are working great.

Board members welcomed Matt Dasenbrock to the board.

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