

Effingham Park Board Meeting

July 5, 2023

5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 5:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

Present:

Russ Sehy, President

Mike Cunningham, Vice-President

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Anita Broom, Treasurer

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Leah Ritter, General Manager

Workman Sports Complex

Absent: Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Roll call was taken by President, Russ Sehy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with the regular meeting beginning at 5:30 pm.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, Althoff presented the following bills for June greater than \$100.00 for review and payment.

Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.	\$10,851.17	Rural King	\$1,052.77
Heartland Coca Cola Bottling Co.	1,336.02	Walmart	2,997.32
Adhatters Screen Printing	3,862.00	Stillwater	6,420.00
Systems Development Services Inc.	548.60	Spectrum Screen	1,900.00
Designs Unlimited	1,728.38	RentX	168.00
South Central FS, Inc.	1,398.20	Menards	1,074.29
Northside Ford Lincoln	135.00	WEX Bank	2,276.98
Megan Tylka	2,540.00	Whitney Roofing	4,846.32
Hillary Kopplin	1,710.00	St. Louis Cardinals	5,472.00
JD Enterprise	250.00	Sydney Dunaway	189.58

Bond Account

Always Hard Concrete, LLC	\$24,575.00	Final payment – Skate Park middle section
Whitney Roofing	24,813.67	Redid entire roof of the pool – no leaks now

A motion to pay the bills was made by Dasenbrock; second Cunningham; Four

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

Passage of Ordinance 309 - Annexing Territory

A motion to adopt Annexation Ordinance 309, consisting of four parcels of land at the corner of Fourth Street and Rickelman Avenue, was made by Sehy; second Dasenbrock, Four ayes/No nays.

Passage of Ordinance 310 – Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages

Board members reviewed the Illinois Department of Labor Wage Report.

A motion to adopt the Illinois Department of Labor Wage Rates for Effingham County as Ordinance 310, was made by Cunningham; second Sehy; Four ayes/No nays.

Workman Sports Complex Report

Leah Ritter, general manager, presented the following membership numbers for June which are considerably higher than for June last year.

Current Regular Memberships	1632	May 2023:	1663
SS/Prime Memberships:	367	May 2023:	356
Suspension (Frozen):	114	May 2023:	113
Total Members:	2113	May 2023:	2132

Fitness:

June class attendance breakdown follows:

- Aqua – total weekly offerings 9 or 39 for the month
Attendance total for the month 597 versus 504 for May
- Studio 1 – Land total weekly offerings 21 or 90 for the month
Attendance total for the month 749 versus 805 for May
- Studio 2 – Spin total weekly offerings 6 or 27 for the month
Attendance total for the month 94 versus 127 for May

Many classes have been removed from the summer schedule due to summer lower attendance.

Aquatics:

June lessons breakdown as follows: 7 parent tot, 22 level1, 7 level 2, 5 level 3, versus 5 parent tot, 19 level 1, 13 level 2, 8 level 3 for May.

Girls Shooting Camp

Camp was canceled due to low attendance.

In the Works

WBL

July Swim Lessons

Boys Shooting Camp

July Membership Incentive

Dodge-ball Tournament

Ritter said the recent sale of \$2.00 guest passes netted the complex \$12,000.00. Guest passes will be sold again later this year. Her goal is to raise a total of \$110,000.00 from the sale of passes this year.

Director's Report

Skate Park

Althoff said all work on the middle section has been completed. He is very happy with the way it turned out. Efforts are ongoing to raise money to upgrade the side ramps.

Baseball/Softball Leagues

All of the ball leagues will end in two weeks. Some baseball diamonds need to be touched up. Prices will be obtained for turfing two baseball fields. Althoff said the absence of rain is aiding in getting many jobs done but some watering is needed.

Dog Park

Pavers have been added at dog park entrances including many paid for by community members. Both parks have doggy drinking fountains now plus some picnic tables.

Althoff said one tennis court at Community Park needs to be resurfaced.

Playgrounds are planned to be renovated, particularly the one near the brown pavilion at Community Park.

Kluthe Pool

Althoff said plans are being considered to either revamp the pool or build a splash pad. He will meet again with representatives of Spear Corporation for prices. One benefit to a splash pad is that no lifeguards would be needed. He thinks having a splash pad that includes big zero depth slides would attract a lot of people.

Althoff reported that he has been contacted by a representative of Trophy Fitness from Texas, a company that manages fitness centers. The company is currently expanding their business into Minnesota and Tennessee. Althoff will reach out to them and schedule a presentation for sometime in September or October.

Althoff scheduled a special board meeting for July 17 at 6:15 pm for board members to pass the Budget/Appropriation Ordinance which has been on file for 30 days prior to passage.

Sehy said he has heard from the Latta family that their handicapped son really enjoys the special needs baseball games at Community Park. Staff can always be found to help with games. The games have many fans.

A motion for adjournment at 6:20 pm was made by Cunningham; second Dasenbrock; all ayes.
