

Effingham Park Board Meeting

October 4, 2023,

5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 5:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

Present:

Russ Sehy, President

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Leah Ritter, General Manager,

Workman Sports Complex

Absent: Mike Cunningham, Vice-President

Anita Broom, Treasurer

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 ayes.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, Althoff reviewed fund income statements for the month of July, 2023. Corporate fund revenue for July was \$39,136.25. Expenses were \$44,720.67 leaving a net income of a negative \$5,584.42. Recreation fund revenue was \$43,355.52 of which \$35,195.85 was from program fees. Expenses were \$105,016.25 of which about one half were for staff wages, leaving a negative balance of \$61,550.73. Pool revenue for July was \$22,354.75 of which \$18,751.00 was from pool admissions. Althoff noted that water and sewer expense for the whole summer was \$9,000.00.

Althoff presented the following bills for the month of July greater than \$100.00 for payment.

South Central FS, Inc.	\$1,448.89	RentX	\$508.00
K & W Auto Electric	5,724.90	WEX Bank	240.57
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	1,528.89	Spear Corporation	450.88
Beacon Athletics	3,266.00	Midwest Tractor Sales	410.31
ULINE	2,781.91	Lorenz Supply Co.	971.12
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.	1,508.43	Pizza Man	106.00
Effingham Asphalt Company	679.41	Lake Land College	304.40
Systems Development Services, In	106.70	Effingham Equity	179.04
Great America Financial Services	143.05	Imagine This !	625.00
Webster Tire & Auto	109.23	Kreke Corp.	150.00
Xtreme Seeding, Inc.	135.00	Effingham Mini Golf	355.00
Burford Electric, Inc.	280.52		

In the Works:

WBL

October Swim Lessons

Looking to start "Swim by 7" lessons. An instructor is ready.

Ritter is looking forward to a busy fall and winter season.

Director's Report

Youth Leagues and Player Numbers

Althoff presented a list of the number of players this year in baseball and softball leagues, spring and fall soccer leagues, and flag football compared with the number of players in last year's leagues. He said he is "pretty happy with the numbers". This year flag football has a B league for 2nd - 3rd grade and an A league for 4th - 6th grade. He would like to add a league for junior high players. He noted that there are fewer players now in all leagues than several years ago because surrounding towns now have their own leagues.

Adventure Camp

Althoff presented the following list of changes to the 12 weeks of camp this year and compared registration numbers for 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Changes this Year:

1. Swimming every day (in the morning before the pool opened).
 2. Certified members of staff to serve as lifeguards
 3. No field trips outside of Effingham (too expensive)
 4. Worked with chamber workforce board
- xx Benchworx class this year and more to add next year xx

Changes for Next Year:

1. Eliminate Week 12 (low staff and campers)
2. Lower number of staff hired (expensive)
Hard to get staff and work around their personal schedules
3. Work with local businesses/orgs for more activities

This year parents were given the choice to send their children for a full week, three days, or two days, thus giving participants a chance to be with different children some days. An instructor was available for every 1 – 10 children. Attendance each week for 11 weeks averaged between 87 and 120 which was less than either of the last two years. The amount of registration fees collected for the camp this summer was \$149,757.00.

Althoff said that overall the park district has had a good summer. Rain is needed. Plans are to reseed the soccer fields. Prices for grass seed are high.

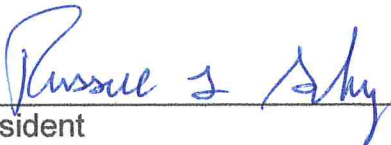
Commissioners' Comments

Dasenbrock asked if CD rates have been looked into yet. He thinks it would be worth putting rates out for bid. Althoff said he will talk with treasurer, Anita Broom, and local banks will be contacted.

A motion for adjournment at 6:10 pm was made by Kronewitter; second Palmer; all ayes.


Director's

Date Nov 1, 2023


President

Date 11/1/23