

# Effingham Park Board Meeting

February 7, 2024

5:30 pm

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The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

## Present:

Russ Sehy, President

Mike Cunningham, Vice-President

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Anita Broom, Treasurer

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Leah Ritter, General Manager

Workman Sports Complex

**Absent:** Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

## Secretary's Report

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

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anita Broom, reviewed fund income statements for the month of October, 2023. Corporate fund total revenue was \$387,997.43 of which \$356,126.10 was from property taxes. Expenses for October were \$32,067.09 resulting in a net income of \$355,930.34. Year to date net income was \$166,975.27 which is right in line with last year's income at this time.

Recreation fund total revenue for October was \$292,641.47 of which \$284,921.29 was from property taxes. Net income for October was \$263,350.64 which is significantly higher than in October last year. Pool fund net income for the month of October was a negative \$13,354.52.

The following bills for the month of February were reviewed for payment.

Doehring Winders & CO LLP	\$2,500.00	Audit	
Entec	7,425.00	Replace compressor at sports complex	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	6,644.67	Health insurance for 8 employees	
Thoele Plumbing	1,030.00	Sump pump at Ron Diehl Center	
WEX Bank	866.43	Fuel	
Chase Credit Card	\$2,810.75	Rural King	\$108.89
Rock's Advanced Auto Care LLC	1,041.94	Delta Dental	549.46
Sanitation Service, Inc.	290.00	Sanitation Service, Inc.	90.00
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	235.91	Ameren	76.98
Great America Financial Services	117.48	Igs Energy	20.84
Al's Tire Mart, Inc.	377.12	Menards	467.79
Landfill 33, LTD.	102.00	Lorenz Supply Co.	602.89

Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	\$180.50	Dust & Son LP	\$103.20
Effingham Builders Supply	506.28	Equity	26.62
Barlow Lock & Security, Inc.	330.00	Dan Hecht	42.64
Wabash Communication	246.95	Fieldwrks	100.00
City of Effingham Water	613.50	Arab	30.00
Mutual of Omaha	113.58	O'Reilly	27.70
Effingham Daily News	44.24	AdHatters	32.00
IL Dept of Revenue	47.26		

**A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made buy Cunningham; second Palmer; Four Ayes/No Nays.**

### **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

### **224 Passage of Bond Ordinance #313**

The Board previously approved an interest rate of 4.25% from Washington Savings Bank. The \$750,000.00 plus interest will be paid back by December 1, 2024. About \$440,000.00 of the money will be used to cover debt certificate fees related to the Workman Sports Complex. This will be year 9 of a 15 year pay off schedule for the complex. The original loan was \$6 million. The remainder will be used for improvements to the skate park, replacement of the playground at Evergreen Hollow Park, and other park facility improvements and costs.

**A motion to adopt Bond Ordinance #313 was made by Sehy; second Cunningham; Four Ayes/No Nays.**

### **Workman Sports Complex Report**

Leah Ritter, general manager, presented the following membership numbers for January.

Current Regular Memberships:	1850	December 2023:	1863
SS/Prime Memberships:	490	December 2023:	459
Suspension (Frozen):	114	December 2023:	117
Total Members:	2454	December 2023:	2439

Ritter noted that the complex has :

- 71 individual in-district 12 month memberships
- 148 in-district family memberships
- 28 individual out of district 12 month memberships
- 77 out of district family memberships

These memberships are not included in corporate membership numbers.

**Fitness:**

January class attendance breakdown follows showing a big jump in attendance for Aqua and Studio classes.

Aqua – total weekly offerings 7 or 29 for the month

Attendance total for the month 396 versus 332 for December

Studio 1 – Land total weekly offerings 190 or 63 for the month

Attendance for the month 659 versus 470 for December

Studio 2 – Spin total weekly offerings 6 or 22 for the month

Attendance total for the month 124 versus 121 for December

**Aquatics:**

January lessons breakdown as follows, 2 parent tot; 11 level 1; 13 level 2; 10 level 3; versus 0 parent tot; 5 level 1; 10 level 2; 4 level 3 for December

Ritter said long time aquatics director Pam Koester has retired. Alex Savage has been hired as her replacement.

**Workman Basketball League:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tournament is this Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Due to low numbers, we will provide a clinic for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in place of a league. The clinic will start Monday, January 19.

**Adult Swim Technique with Rob:**

Six participants are registered for the class.

**In the Works:**

Spring Youth Basketball Clinic (K - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

February Swim Lessons

February Swim Technique with Rob

March Membership Incentive

Toddler Playtime Class with Rachael

Red Tide Swim Team

Spring Challenge

**Director's Report**

Althoff said the annual audit report by Doehring, Winders, & Co. will be presented at the next board meeting.

Committee meetings will be held next month to prepare the new Efficiency Report for park districts that has been requested by the State of Illinois. The committee consists of 2 community members, Eric Kalber and Scott Moeller, along with the five park board commissioners. Committee chairman is Russ Sehy. 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 be submitted to the county from which it will go to the state.

The remodel of all three restrooms at the Ron Diehl Center has been completed. They will be ready for use tomorrow.

The hallway at the Ron Diehl Center has been painted.

The district's three maintenance sheds are being cleaned up to get ready for use this spring.

### **Commissioners' Comments**

There were no comments from commissioners.

**A motion for adjournment at 6:00 pm was made by Palmer; second Kronewitter; all ayes.**