

Effingham Park Board Meeting

March 6, 2024

5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on March 6, 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

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Anita Broom, Treasurer

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Leah Ritter, General Manager

Workman Sports Complex

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 November, 2023. Corporate fund total revenue was \$168,836.81 of which \$168,727.78 was from property taxes. Expenses for November were \$126,006.31 of which \$20,608.00 was for purchase of a mower and \$70,000.00 was transferred from other funds through the corporate fund to the Workman Sports Complex. Net income for November was \$42,830.50.

Recreation fund total revenue for November was \$150,472.63 of which \$134,991.91 was from property taxes. Expenses were \$27,889.52. Net income for November was \$122,889.542 which puts year to date income significantly higher than at this time last year.

Pool expenses for electric, water and sewer were \$1,899.83. These expenses exist even when the pool is closed. Pool fund net income year to date is a negative \$69,195.12, partly due to the increase in the minimum wage for salaries. Althoff noted that a splash pad would be less expensive to operate than the current pool.

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

Thoele Plumbing Inc.	\$1,120.00	Landfill 33, LTD	\$102.00
Capital One Trade Credit	2,716.11	RentX	184.00
Encova Insurance	6,615.00	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	153.81
Chase Credit Card	2,299.82	WEX Bank	916.11
Rock's Advanced Auto Care LLC	1,218.73	Northside Ford Lincoln	407.48
Effingham Builders Supply	1,707.49	Landfill 33, LTD.	102.00
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	2,743.41	DDS Sales, LLC	484.13
JEDCO Sales, Inc	5,840.74	Burford Electric, Inc.	150.00
Great America Financial Services	124.09	Lorenz Supply Co.	186.76
Great America Financial Services	147.61	Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	196.50

Zion Bank (pmt of debt certificates)	\$476,400.00	\$445,700.00	principal
		30,700.00	interest

Broom presented a proposal for the park district that was received from Dave Brown of Dieterich Bank regarding money market and current CD rates offered by Dieterich Bank. The proposal will expire on March 29, 2024. The current money market interest rate is 3.75 %. Certificate of Deposit rates are: 3 months – 5.15%, 6 months – 5.10%, 12 months – 4.90%.

Broom said some available cash could be invested in CDs. Althoff suggested purchasing a three or six month CD.

A motion giving permission for Broom to purchase a three month CD and place funds in a Dieterich Bank money market account was made by Sehy; second Palmer; Four Ayes/No Nays. Dasenbrock abstained siting his association with Dieterich Bank.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Cunningham; second Dasenbrock; Five 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 for February.

Current Regular Memberships:	1794	January 2024:	1850
SS/Prime Memberships:	498	January 2024:	490
Suspension (Frozen):	126	January 2024:	114
Total Members:	2418	January 2024	2454

Fitness:

February class attendance breakdown as follows:

- Aqua – total weekly offerings 7 or 30 for the month
Attendance total for the month 506 versus 396 for January
- Studio 1 – Land total weekly offerings 20 or 74 for the month
Attendance total for the month 709 versus 659 for January
- Studio 2 – Spin total weekly offerings 6 or 23 for the month
Attendance total for the month 128 versus 124 for January

Aquatics:

February lessons breakdown as follows: 2 private; 3 parent tot; 8 level 1; 10 level 2; 8 level 3, versus 2 parent tot; 11 level 1; 13 level 2; 10 level 3 for January

Basketball Clinic with Coach Reed:

4th & 5th grade clinic was held February 27th – 29th. with 24 participants. Kindergarten & 1st grade clinic is being held now with 56 participants.

Toddler Play with Rachael:

This was a pop up class for ages 18 months – 4 years of age. It focused on fitness, structure play, and help with social interaction. There were 23 toddlers in this class. The plan is to offer one class a month since so much interest was generated in this type of class.

In the Works:

Basketball Clinic (K - 3rd grade)

March Swim Lessons

March Incentive

Transition Swim with Jodie

Toddler Playtime Class with Rachael

Red Tide Swim Team

Weight Loss challenge

Ritter announced that the Rec pool will be closed for maintenance April 18-28. The Lap pool will be closed for painting April 18-22.

Director's Report

League Registrations

Althoff presented a list of current league registrations. He said it is hard to get participants to sign up by registration deadlines. Flyers, which are now being used in place of booklets, are being sent to schools to give to students. There is a late registration fee of \$10.00.

Althoff is happy with current soccer numbers. There are 351 registered so far for the three soccer leagues. The maximum is 362. Most baseball and softball leagues have April deadlines for registration.

Skate Park

Work on Phase 2 of the skate park has been pushed back to the end of spring in order to switch the west ramp away from the sidewalk. Blueprints are being obtained.

Playground at Evergreen Hollow Park

Bills for the new playground have been received. They range from \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00. Althoff will bring the layout to the next meeting for discussion.

Cameras in the Parks

Initial cost for 12 cameras, four in each park, would be \$27,000.00. The fee could be paid over a five year period. Althoff said these cameras could help eliminate "smash and grab". The cameras give a log in to the police department. They will be stored in the "cloud" and can be retrieved for a year.

Lighting at Hendelmeyer Park

Althoff said the skate park and parking lot need better lighting. Solar options are available but are not cheap. Althoff is contacting Ameren to see if they offer some incentives. Money for the lighting can come from the paving and lighting fund. Althoff would also like to blacktop the parking lot.

Travel Teams

Althoff said travel teams are wanting to practice on the parks' diamonds now. There are a lot of teams. The diamonds are not game ready yet. The fields are open first come first served if not muddy, except for scheduled high school baseball and softball games.

Rink Management

Althoff said he is putting together a draft of a letter to Rink Management that he will present at the next board meeting. The contract is up September 1, 2024. The contract requires a 90 day notice to cancel, and since Althoff's original letter to cancel by September 1, 2023, did not fall into that timeline, the termination was not accepted. The district's contract is now extended to September 1, 2024, In November 2023 Althoff sent a new letter of termination as of September 1, 2024. Since then Althoff has met with a new representative sent by Rink Management who made a better proposal for operation of the facility, but Althoff said it is too late.

The new letter would reiterate termination of the contract and stipulate that if Rink Management wants to end it sooner the district will agree. Althoff wants to get an official amount the district owes to Rink Management at this time, around \$90,000.00.

Althoff said Trophy Fitness would like for its' representatives to be at the Workman facility 45-60 days before Rink Management leaves to see how to make a smooth transition. Trophy Fitness has indicated the current staff will be kept.

Commissioner's Comments

There were no comments from commissioners.

A motion for adjournment at 6:15 pm was made by Palmer; second Dasenbrock, all ayes.

Effingham Park Board Efficiency Committee Meeting

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Present:

Jeff Althoff, Director

Russ Sehy, President

Mike Cunningham, Commissioner

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Eric Kalber, Resident

Scott Moeller, Resident

Anita Broom, Treasurer

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Althoff distributed a Fact Sheet and booklet prepared by the IAPD to assist the committee in meeting requirements of the new Illinois law, "Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act". This law requires all units of local government that levy any tax, including park districts, to form a committee to study if their unit is being operated as efficiency as possible.

Park District committee members must include:

Director of the park district

Elected members of the park board

At least two residents of the park district

Purpose of the committee is to study the district's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State of Illinois. A completed report that includes recommendations with respect to increased accountability and efficiency needs to be turned in to the Effingham county board by December 24.

Althoff said the committee is required too meet three times between now and December 29, 2024. Two more meetings will be scheduled, one in August, one in October.

He will send a copy of the park district's policies and procedures to committee members before the next meeting.

A motion for adjournment at 6:25pm was made by Althoff, second Cunningham, all ayes.