

## **Effingham Park Board Meeting**

May 1, 2024

5:30 pm

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The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

### **Present:**

Russ Sehy, President

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Hillary Kopplin, Recreation Director

Anita Broom, Treasurer

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

### **Absent:** Jeff Althoff, Director

Mike Cunningham, Vice-President

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Leah Ritter, General Manager, Workman Sports Complex

## **Secretary's Report**

A motion to accept the secretary's report was made by Dasenbrock; 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.

### **Reappointment 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 Dasenbrock; 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 at 6:30 pm. Last year the time was changed to 5:30 pm.

After discussion a motion to approve the 2024-2025 park district board meeting dates and times as the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm with the exception of moving the July meeting this year from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup> was made by Kronewitter; second Sehy; 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 Sehy; second Kronewitter; All ayes. The budget will be presented at the June board meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anita Broom, reviewed income statements for the ten months ending February 29, 2024. She said \$750,000.00 in bond proceeds has been received from Washington States Bank. Debt certificates and interest totaling \$445,725.00 have been paid from the proceeds. The remainder will be used for capital improvements. A transfer of \$20,000.00 has been made from the park district's Workman Sports Complex checking account to the Rink Management Sports Complex operating account.

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

Delta Dental of Illinois	\$1,302.64	Siemer	\$290.00
South Central FS, Inc.	2,156.75	Rural King	439.35
Chase Credit Card	3,376.13	Dittamore Implement	274.53
Conserv FS	3,404.00	Bobcat	679.26
Double D Signs, Inc.	9,200.00	Menards	776.42
Thoele Plumbing, Inc.	3,257.00	Verizon Wireless	729.48
WEX Bank	1,905.79	Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	100.00
Doehring, Winders & Co. LLP	3,000.00	Lake Land College	158.96
Rock's Advanced Auto Care LLC	109.35	Mutual of Omaha	113.58
Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	172.50	Lorenz Supply Co.	897.48
Barlow Lock & Security, Inc.	130.00	Effingham Equity	643.45
Great America Financial Services	144.26	Bobcat	679.26

Transfer of \$50,000.00 from the corporate account to the Rink Management - Workman Complex checking account.

The payment to Double D Signs, Inc. for \$9,000.00 was for the Harmony playground donor sign cabinet.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report, pay the bills, and approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from corporate to Rink Management Workman Complex checking was made by Sehy; second Dasenbrock; Three ayes/No nays.

## Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

## **Workman Sports 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 88 summer employees have been hired including 12 for maintenance, 40 for the recreation program, 30 for the pool including lifeguards, and 6 counselors under age 15 in training.

### **Adventure Camp**

Currently there are 50 – 70 participants registered each week. There is room for up to 120. All trips will be within Effingham County.

### **Rink Management Contract**

Althoff said Rink Management has accepted the park district's letter of termination of contract as of September 1, 2024. He distributed copies for board members to review of the Fitness Program Management Contract received from Trophy Fitness for their on-site management and supervision of the Workman Sports Complex. The plan is for the Trophy Fitness representative to be on site at the Workman Sports Complex on July 1, 2024, along with Rink Management's general manager, 60 days before Trophy Fitness takes over Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The Trophy Fitness monthly fee is higher than Rink Management's but Trophy Fitness pays its own expenses. It is planned that the new manager from Trophy Fitness will rent an apartment here. The contract will be presented to attorney Q. Anthony Siemer for review.

### **Pool Architect**

Althoff distributed copies of a Letter of Agreement from Williams Architects regarding "Effingham Park District Aquatic Facility Renovation Concept Design Study". Althoff has talked with them about designing the following three options for the park board to consider.

1. Revamping the current pool at Evergreen Hollow Park
2. Design a Splash Pad to go in the same spot as the current pool
3. Design a Water Park for the open area near the Workman Sports Complex

Cost for the design work is \$60,000.00.

Althoff said that if we want them to help with an impact study and presentation to the community the cost is an additional \$10,000.00. Discussion of the Letter of Agreement will be held at the next meeting.

### **Playground at Evergreen Hollow Park**

Althoff distributed copies of a quote received from PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. from Monett, MO. for the new playground. Three pictures were included showing the play equipment from different angles. Cost was listed at \$149,583.52. Althoff said park maintenance staff could install it. Purchase was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

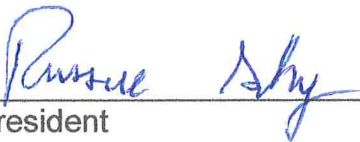
## Commissioners' Comments

Kronewitter suggested e-mailing plans for the playground to all commissioners so a decision can be made at the next meeting.

Sehy said he likes plans for the playground and the development of a Splash Pad.

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

  
Director's \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-5-24

  
President \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-5-24