

# Effingham Park Board Meeting

September 4, 2024

5:30 pm

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The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, September 4, 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

**Guest:** Cathy Griffith, Effingham Daily News

## 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 two months ending June 30, 2024. Corporate fund total revenue for June was \$90.47. Expenses for June were \$113,119.97 which included \$50,000.00 transferred from other funds through the corporate fund to the Workman Sports Complex. Net income for June was a negative \$113,029.50.

Recreation fund total revenue for June was \$50,406.23 of which \$34,843.50 was from program fees. This is \$9,596.75 more than was received in June last year in program fees and \$28,099.75 more year to date than in 2023. This is good. Expenses were \$98,269.02. Net income for June was a negative \$47,862.79. Year to date income is significantly better than at this time last year.

Pool fund total revenue for June was \$30,462.98 of which \$22,399.00 was for pool admissions. Total expenses were \$31,204.82. leaving a net income of a negative \$741.84. Year to date revenue was temporarily in the black at the end of June.

The following bills for the month of June greater than \$100.00 were reviewed for payment.

Effingham Asphalt Company	\$1,739.34	Burford Electric, Inc	\$651.48
Walmart	1,054.02	Creative1, Inc.	155.00
WEX Bank	1,062.74	Interstate Batteries	162.95
JEDCO Sales, Inc.	1,198.28	Burford Electric, Inc.	181.40
South Central FS, Inc.	1,556.70	Creative1, Inc.	272.00
Conserv FS	1,667.00	Arab	330.00
Designs Unlimited	1,753.80	Rural King	666.50

Trophy Fitness Management	\$8,000.00	GreensPro, Inc.	\$8,320.00
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	372.95	Stillwater	6,570.00
Rumpke Waste Serv. of ILL	145.00	Chase Credit Card	2,475.44
Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	550.50	Menards	2,732.35
Rumpke Waste Serv.. of ILL	290.00	Pickleball Amigos.	753.00
Great America Financial Services	173.94		

The payment of \$6,570.00 to Stillwater was for mulch for all of the playgrounds. The payment of \$8,320.00 to GreensPro was for grass seed.

**A motion to accept the treasurer's report, pay the bills, and approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 to the Workman Sports Complex was made by Cunningham; second Sehy; Four ayes/No nays.**

## **Workman Sports Complex Report**

Leah Ritter, general manager distributed copies of the September Group Fitness Schedule which includes six new classes being offered in September. She presented the following membership numbers for August.

Current regular memberships:	1603	July 2024:	1652
SS/Prime Memberships:	561	July 2024:	552
Suspension(Frozen):	147	July 2024:	146
Total Members:	2311	July 2024:	2350

### **Fitness:**

August attendance is much higher than in July.

Aqua - Total weekly offerings 7 or 29 for the month

Attendance for the month 409 versus 254 for July

Studio 1 - Land total for the month 18 or 80 for the month

Attendance total for the month 654 versus 582 for July

Studio 2 - Spin total weekly offerings 3 or 13 for the month

Attendance total for the month 85 versus 79 for July

### **Aquatics:**

August group lessons breakdown as follows, 1 parent-tot; 10 level 1; 3 level 2; 3 level 3; versus 1 private; 5 parent-tot; 23 level 1; 5 level 2; 7 level 3 for July.

### **WBL:**

Registration is closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade league. There are 47 registered for this group versus 69 from the previous year. Tip off is Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration is still open for K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Teutopolis and schools are also offering basketball for 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year.

### **In the Works:**

Heartland Hurricanes

September Swim Lessons

Trophy Fitness – September 17<sup>th</sup>: Focus on transition.

## **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

## **Director's Report**

### **Adventure Camp**

A report on this summer's Adventure Camp will be given at the next meeting.

### **Playground Equipment**

The old playground equipment at Evergreen Hollow Park has been dismantled and removed. Dirt work is going on. Footers are poured. Park maintenance staff is ready to begin putting together the new red, white, and blue unit.

### **Soccer, Flag Football**

Althoff said soccer and flag football are "doing great". Flag football is being played on the softball fields at Evergreen Hollow Park.

## **Passage of Ordinance 315 – Ascertain the Prevailing Rate of Wages**

Althoff reviewed the Illinois Department of Labor Wage Report.

**A motion to adopt the Illinois Department of Labor Wage Rates for Effingham County as Ordinance 315 was made by Sehy; second Kronewitter; Four ayes/No nays.**

## **Trophy Fitness Recommended Upgrades for Workman Sports Complex**

Jarett Nobles, of Trophy Fitness, has been on site since the management contract with their agency began July 1, 2024, meeting with staff and studying current operations and equipment to determine ways to improve all aspects of the facility in order to increase membership and revenue. Trophy fitness will take official control of operations of the Workman Sports Complex September 17 when the contract with Rink Management ends.

Board members reviewed the Improvement Plan submitted by Trophy Fitness. They focused on two recommended areas of improvement that could be started now; the purchase of new Fitness Equipment and Recovery Tools. A proposal is to remove half of the desk area upstairs to make way for a turf floor where recovery tools could be used by trainers. The tools would be locked up and only for trainer's use.

The following Recovery Tools were listed with estimated cost.

Hypervolt Recovery Guns - \$500

Stretch Tables - \$3,000

Total: \$3,500.00

A lot of current fitness equipment is old, not working properly, and needs to be replaced.

New updated Fitness Equipment was presented with estimated cost

- Squat Racks - \$11,000
- Escape Hit Hub with Accessories - \$15,000
- Air Runner - \$6,000
- Ski Ergs - \$4,000
- Air Assault Bike - \$4,000
- PI yo Boxes - \$1,600
- Stairmaster - \$8,500

Total: \$50,100

Other purchases recommended:

- Washer/Dryer - \$1,500 Ritter is very happy that these have been purchased.
- Uniforms - \$1,000 These have also been purchased
- Equipment Maintenance - \$10,000
- Turf Flooring - \$13,500

Total: \$26,000

Total Investment: \$79,600.00

Ritter said she is extremely excited to work with Nobles. The staff and trainers like him. He has shown he is very interested in improving our facility and creating excitement in members about the new programs, equipment and innovations.

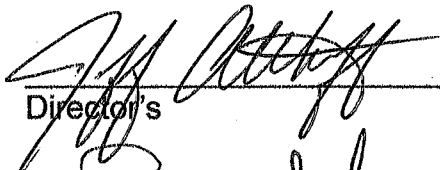
Althoff said he thinks we need to show Trophy Fitness that we on board with their ideas and ready to start by making these recommended purchases.

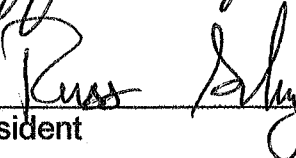
**A motion to approve making the listed purchases was made by Palmer; second Kronewitter; Four Ayes/No Nays.**

### Commissioners' Comments

Sehy said he is glad that Trophy Fitness has been hired. He thinks their company is a good fit for the Workman Sports Complex. He is also looking forward to the striking new Red, White, and Blue playground equipment being ready for play.

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

  
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