

Effingham Park Board Meeting

November 6, 2024

5:30 pm

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

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Absent: Anita Broom, Treasurer

Leah Ritter, General Manager Workman Sports Complex

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the secretary's report was made by Sehy; second Cunningham; all eyes.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom,, Althoff presented the following bills greater than \$100.00 for review and payment.

Trophy Fitness Management	\$8,000.00	Verizon Wireless	\$908.95
Chase Credit Card	1,457.08	WEX Bank	781.30
Courts and Cracks	6,460.00	Effingham Equity	423.73
Dan's Glass INC	1,044.10	Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	115.52
Interstate Billing Service, Inc.	1,781.00	Burford Electric, Inc.	327.68
Sandberg Phoenix	1,265.25	Rumpke Waste Serv of IL	145.00
Chase Credit Card	9,000.00	Rumpke	145.00
Effingham Asphalt Company	1,593.90	Ruimpke	145.00
HSHS St. Anthony Mem Hospital	1,456.00	Designs Unlimited	355.44
WEX Bank	1,021.26	Rural King	203.74
Great America Financial Services	130.65	Capital One Trade Credit	619.53
Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	177.00	Wabash Communications	231.95
Rock's Advanced Auto Care LLC	265.63	Trophies Unlimited	198.00
Rimpke Wast Service of IL.	600.00	Lake Land College	502.00
Great America Financial Services	166.53	DJO, LLC	335.04
Arrow Termite & Pest Control	110.00	BSN Sports, LLC	318.00
Lorenz Supply Co.	806.16	Effingham Equity	442.74
CC Services (IParks)	\$145,346.00		
Liability Insurance			

A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Palmer; second Dasenbrock; Five ayes/No nays.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

New Business

Discussion of Tax Levy Ordinance for Passage in December

Board members reviewed information on the proposed 2024-2025 tax levy that will need to be passed in December. Althoff said the proposed total aggregate levy, excluding the debt service fund, of \$1,571,586.45 doesn't exceed 105% of last year's extensions of \$1,496,749.00. Therefore, a truth in taxation hearing is not needed. He said the levy is based on an estimated equalized valuation of \$435,260,823.00.

After discussion, a motion to give approval for Althoff to take the proposed levy to the attorney's office for Phillip Lading to review and prepare the document into the ordinance for adoption by the Board at the December meeting, was made by Sehy; second Cunningham; Five ayes/No nays.

Director's Report

Fine Arts Room – Ron Diehl Recreation Center

Althoff said the Fine Arts Room at the Ron Diehl Center has always been made available for a rental fee to groups for special meetings and activities. FACE plays have been held in the room once or twice a year since 1993. Last year the park district received \$1,500.00 in rental fees from the FACE group. In the early years the plays were well attended and included some dinner theater nights. Preparation for each play required 30 days exclusive use of the Fine Arts Room for rehearsals and storage of stage settings, making the room unavailable for other rental during that time. Less FACE plays are being held now with fewer people in attendance. The group has also had an opportunity to stage plays at the EPC.

Althoff said more storage room is needed at the Recreation Center. He would like to see the stage in the Fine Arts Room taken down which would make room for a storage area needed for gym equipment and other things that are currently being kept in the shed. He said the FACE players could be offered the chance to stage one more show in the Fine Arts Room before the stage is removed.

After discussion it was the consensus of board members for Althoff to make the offer to the FACE group to put on one more show in the Fine Arts Room.

Pool – Proposal from Holabird and Root Architects

Althoff said that because the Kluthe Memorial Pool is 30 years old and in need of substantial infrastructure repairs and maintenance, a feasibility study needs to be conducted to replace this facility.

Althoff distributed copies of a proposal received from Holabird and Root, LLC, " to provide a Feasibility Study for the Effingham Park District's Evergreen Park Kluthe Memorial Pool".

They will explore three (3) options in the feasibility study for facility + site improvements.

- Option 1: Revamp current pools, replace water slide and play equipment, and renovate the pool house at the Evergreen Park Kluthe Memorial Pool.
- Option 2: Replace the current Evergreen Park Kluthe Pool with a splash pad located on the same site as the current pool. The splash pad will be free for public use.
- Option 3: Design a New Waterpark located on the site adjacent to the Workman Center. The site will not include a pool, but will feature some options such as larger water slides, a lazy river, and splash pad area.

A total lump sum fee of \$40,000.00 is proposed to complete this project. Althoff said this fee could be paid from the bond fund.

Althoff noted that the owners of the mini golf course are planning updates to their facility.

After discussion, a motion to approve the contract with Holabird and Root, LLC for the Feasibility Study and give approval for the owners of the mini golf facility to work with Holabird and Root on designs for their project, was made by Dasenbrock; second Cunningham; Five ayes/No Nays.

Evergreen Sign

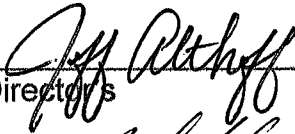
Althoff referred to the design received in April from Double D Signs, Inc. for an electronic message center to be installed at the corner of Evergreen Ave. and North Street. He said advertising cannot be displayed on the sign. He hasn't heard back from HSHS St. Anthony Physical Rehabilitation and Wellness about whether they have interest in their business being included on the sign. The sign can be designed to include their name.

Althoff thinks it is important to have a sign at that corner of Evergreen Hollow Park and would like to order it. Cost is \$45,000.00. After discussion it was the consensus of Board members to purchase the sign.

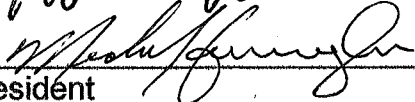
Commissioners Comments

There were no comments from commissioners.

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



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