

Effingham Park Board Meeting

January 8, 2025

5:40 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, January 8, at 5:40 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

Present:

Russ Sehy, President

Mike Cunningham, Vice-President

Kevin Palmer, Commissioner

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Absent: Anita Broom, Treasurer

Angie Kronewitter, Commissioner

Guests: Kim Koester

Brian Sehy

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of treasurer Anita Broom, Althoff presented the following bills greater than \$100.00 for payment.

Trophy Fitness Management	\$8,000.00	Rumpke	\$111.82
Chase Credit Card	5,688.04	Rumpke Waste Service	111.82
Ameren	1,909.39	Rumpke	118.93
Sandberg Phoenix	1,296.75	Walmart	153.66
Menards	1,089.75	Designs Unlimited	796.04
Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	180.00	Fessi	488.25
Great America Financial Services	163.97	Effingham Equity	243.71
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	553.33	Verizon Wireless	259.01
Midwest Tractor Sales	195.88		

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

Public Comments

Kim Koester and Brian Sehy, representing Effingham pickleball players, spoke to Board members about current and future pickleball courts. They thanked the park district for

installing the eight courts over the tennis courts at Hendelmeyer Park, and said they especially appreciate the addition of the eight "beautiful" permanent nets with wheels which make the courts professional enough to hold tournaments. Two very successful tournaments were held last year which brought participants from a wide range of areas.

Koester noted that summer leagues last year were full with not enough room for all those wanting to play. The three courts at the Workman Complex are always busy in the mornings with more people waiting. She said pickleball has become a big sport in Effingham and more courts are needed. The players would like to encourage the park district to create courts in the gymnasium at the Ron Diehl Center.

Althoff said three courts could be set up in the gym by first using tape to line the courts. The lines could be painted sometime later which would require closing the gym for about a week. He said mornings would be better for pickleball play because evenings are busy with volleyball and basketball games, etc. He said courts can be made available from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. Koester said they are looking at November, December, January, February and March as the most needed time for indoor play. It was mentioned that some permanent nets with wheels could be purchased for a discounted price of \$1,800.00 each. All agreed these would be needed. The old temporary nets would be hard to put up and take down while the permanent nets can easily be moved.

Althoff said there would be no charge to play for members of the Workman Sports Complex. A fee will need to be charged for others. He said there are more details to be worked out but work can begin to add three pickleball courts to the gymnasium.

Ordinances 319 & 320: Annexing Territory to the Effingham Park District

Althoff distributed copies of Annexation Ordinances 319 and 320.

Ordinance 319 consists of the following three parcels of land with Owner of Record Andrew C. and Nicole E. Slavens.

PARCEL 1: Lot 2 of Slavens Ridge Subdivision, First Addition – New address 1116 N. Third Street.

PARCEL 2: Lot 4 of Slavens Ridge Subdivision, First Addition – New address 1114 N, Third Street.

PARCEL 3: Lot 1 of Slavens Ridge Subdivision – New address 1110 N. Third Street.

Ordinance 320 consists of a parcel of unimproved land with new address 2505 S. Raney Street for future business Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. Owners of record: Thomas J. Haarman, Bernard J. Haarman, Sharon L. Wentz, Gloria A. Brummer, Elaine A. Dust, Chadwick Hahn, Corey A. Hahn, Joni M. Lidy.

A motion to adopt Annexation Ordinances 319 and 320 was made by Dasenbrock; second Palmer; Four Ayes/No Nays.

Director's Report

Althoff said he has also been approached by Manny Wei about creating pickleball courts in the gymnasium at the Ron Diehl Center. Manny is involved with the special needs community in Effingham and would like to give them a chance to play pickleball. Althoff said that after the courts are lined with tape, their group can be scheduled a time to play once a week for six weeks beginning in February. He said there will be no charge for this group.

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and move to Executive Session at 6:20 pm was made by Sehy; second Cunningham; All Ayes.

A motion adjourning the Executive Session to return to the regular meeting at 6:40 pm was made by Sehy; second Palmer; All Ayes.

As a result of discussion in Executive Session a motion to approve Althoff's recommendations for salary increases beginning January 1, 2025, increase the salary of Sara Mette \$5.00/hour, increase the salary of Ron Schroeder \$1.50/hour, and increase the salary of Director Althoff \$2.00/hour was made by Sehy; second Palmer; Four Ayes/No Nays.

Commissioners' Comments

There were no comments from Commissioners.

A motion for adjournment at 6:50pm was made by Sehy; second Palmer; All Ayes.

Director's Jeff Althoff Date 2/5/25
President Russell Sehy Date 2/5/25