

Effingham Park Board Meeting

February 5, 2025

5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anita Broom, presented the following bills greater than \$100.00 for payment.

Spectrum Aquatics	\$19,106.00	KCH Mechanical, Inc.	\$105.00
Midwest Pickleball Association	5,400.00	Valvoline	116.69
Clint Martin	1,500.00	Designs Unlimited	193.51
Chase Credit Card	8,369.08	Entec	238.45
Trophy Fitness Management	8,000.00	DDS Sales, LLC	265.81
Entec	7,675.00	Sandberg Phoenix	307.13
Entec	6,870.00	Entec	383.00
Entec	4,200.00	Menards	479.38
RentX	2,152.10	Entec	553.00
Entec	1,810.90	Rural King	597.25
Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	1,626.57	WEX Bank	971.10
WEX Bank	1,256.03	Lickin My Chicken	229.80
WEX Bank	1,207.91	Slide Lock Simulations	350.00
Great America Financial Services	152.59	Effingham Builders Supply	393.50
Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	393.00		

Washington Savings Bank \$775,143.83

The payment of \$19,106.00 to Spectrum Aquatics was for starting blocks for swim meets at the Workman Sports Complex. The swim team will pay \$10,00.00 of this amount.

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.

Adoption of Ordinance #318, Annexing Property to Effingham Park District

Althoff said this property on the right side of North Fourth Street near Utz & Associates Architects PC has previously been annexed into the city.

A motion to adopt Annexation Ordinance #318 was made by Sehy; second Palmer, Five Ayes/No Nays.

Adoption of Bond Ordinance #321,

an ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance sale and delivery of general obligation park bonds for a total of \$750,000.00 series 2025, of the Effingham Park District, Effingham County, Illinois, providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith.

The \$750,000.00 plus interest will be paid back by December 1, 2025. About \$440,000.00 of the money will be used to cover debt certificate fees related to the Workman Sports Complex. This will be year 10 of a 15 year pay off schedule for the Complex. The original loan was \$6 million. The remainder will be used for final improvements to the skate park,, replacement of old fencing, installation of lighting at the dog park, and other facility improvements and costs.

A motion to adopt Bond Ordinance #321 was made by Kronewitter; second Cunningham; Five Ayes/No Nays. Closing will be February 14.

Kronewitter noted that a lot of people are using the dog park. The Humane Society often brings dogs there for exercise. She said recently there have been complaints about people not picking up after their dogs resulting in a very messy field. Soon after these complaints began circulating an unknown good Samaritan or group cleaned up the field. It looks very good now. Springs will be installed on the gates so they will self close if a dog gets out.

Director's Report

Maintenance staff is working on getting the new play equipment installed at Evergreen Hollow Park. It will be ready for use soon.

Greg Grunloh, Associate Principal of Holabird & Root, is coming soon to discuss the following three options they have explored in the feasibility study for facility and site improvements related to the current Kluthe pool.

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 Memorial 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 Complex. The site will not include a pool, but will feature some options such as larger water slides, a lazy river, and splash pad area.

Regarding the Workman Sports Complex, Althoff reported that Kelly Gray, owner of Trophy Fitness, said they are ahead of projections for the complex and are very happy with the project. Last month was the highest grossing month ever at \$94,500.00. Althoff would like for a representative of their company to attend a park board meeting every other month for a report.

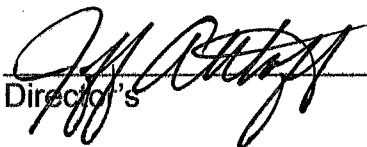
Althoff announced new rules implemented at the Workman Sports Complex pool.

- 1: Requirement of life jackets for children under five years old
- 2: No cell phone use in the pool area

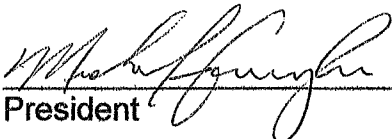
Commissioners' Comments

Kronewitter asked about activities in the gymnasium at the Ron Diehl Center. Althoff said three pickleball courts have been lined. Manny Wei and members of the special needs community are scheduled to play starting February 13, once a week for six weeks. Except for that set time, starting Monday, February 3, the gym will be open to anyone from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm for a \$2.00 fee. No fee will be charged to members of the Workman Sports Complex.

A motion for adjournment a 6:00 pm was made by Kronewitter; second Palmer; All Ayes.


Director's

Date 3/14/25


President

Date 3/5/25