

Effingham Park Board Meeting

June 2, 2025

5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

Present:

Russ Sehy, President

Kevin Palmer, Vice-President

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Manny Wei, Commissioner

Jeff Ungrund, Commissioner

Jeff Althoff, Director

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Absent: Anita Broom, Treasurer

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, the treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting.

Budget/Appropriation Ordinance put on file for 30 Days Prior to Passage in July

Althoff presented the proposed 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026. The proposed budget for the Corporate fund is \$703,340.30. No money is budgeted for contributions. Proposed budget for the Recreation fund is \$833,842.00. Althoff noted that money received from program fees and sponsorship fees was much higher in 24-25 than in 23-24.

Regarding advertising signs placed on outfield fences, Althoff said the advertiser pays \$100.00 for the sign to be made and \$250.00 for it to be displayed each year.

Proposed budget for the Kluthe pool fund is \$72,000.00. Althoff said it is hoped to only lose \$50,200.00 next year.

Althoff said he tried to be conservative in his projections for 25-26. The budget can be tweaked in July when the Budget/Appropriation Ordinance is passed.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Director's Report – Update on Summer Programs and Activities

Adventure Camp

So far 75 participants have registered for this camp held at Evergreen Hollow Park. Unit 40 is also offering a summer program at the park for which 100 have registered. These groups will be together. The first day of camp is today.

Baseball/Softball Leagues

All leagues have started and are doing well.

Pickleball Courts

Althoff said all work has been completed to resurface and paint the outdoor courts at Hendelmeyer Park for a cost of \$25,000.00. The next big project will be to tear out the tennis courts at Community Park and redo the asphalt for a cost of close to \$200,000.00.


Board members noted that since pickleball has become such a popular sport, more outdoor courts will be needed in Effingham. It was suggested that courts could be installed on the vacant area in Community Park where the old pool was located.

Regarding ideas for improvements to the park district and ideas for new projects, Dasenbrock suggested sprucing up the restrooms between the Community Park tennis courts and Gene Niccum Field to make them nicer and more comfortable.

Commissioners' Comments

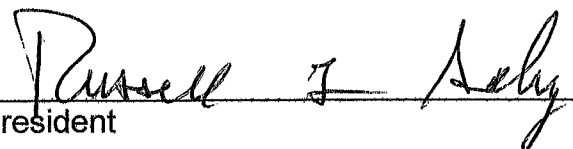
Board members said they would like for a representative from Trophy Fitness to attend a park board meeting every other month for a report on the Workman Sports Complex.

A motion for adjournment at 6:40 pm was made by Sehy; second Dasenbrock; All Ayes.



Director

Date 7-2-25



President

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