

## **Effingham Park Board Meeting**

November 3, 2025

5:30 pm

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The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Monday, November 3, 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 Wei; All Ayes.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, Althoff reviewed fund balances as of September 30, 2025. He noted that at this time last year expenses related to the Workman Sports Complex were \$287,000.00. This year with operation by Trophy Fitness they were \$55,476.72. Current balance in the Workman Sports Complex account is \$178,368.95. Money for major repairs at the complex is paid from this account. Monthly rental payments from the hospital's therapy area are deposited in this account.

Corporate fund revenue for September was \$1,810.00. Expenses were \$73,811.41. Net income for September was a negative \$72,001.29.

Recreation fund revenue for September was \$38,101.77 of which \$27,968.00 was from program fees. Expenses were \$75,114.54. Net income was a negative \$38,012.77.

Pool revenue to date is a negative \$52,675.14 compared with a negative \$36,432.85 at this time last year. The higher amount is largely due to the every other year payment for pool chemicals.

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

Thoele Plumbing, Inc.	\$1,037.00	Effingham Equity	\$119.58
South Central FS, Inc.	1,211.52	Rumpke	119.62
Doehring, Winders & Co. LLP	1,800.00	Walmart	128.34
Effingham Builders Supply	2,565.49	Double D Signs, Inc.	172.00

Chase Credit Card	\$8,373.40	Fieldworx, Inc.	\$180.00
Saddle Butte Ag, Inc	5,400.00	RentX	206.00
Entec	3,930.00	K & W	290.94
Entec	4,890.00	Menards	342.23
Tucker Accounting Service, Inc	193.50	Kreke Corp.	400.00
Rumpke Waste Service of ILL	238.84	RentX	402.00
Rural King	412.04	Fieldworx, Inc.	487.50
Great America Financial Services	278.25	Designs Unlimited	517.56
Dittemore Implement	553.05	Double D Signs, Inc.	667.00
Effingham Asphalt Company	811.44	WEX Bank	926.74
Verizon Wireless	963.85		

Althoff noted that the two payments to Entec were for maintenance work on the HVAC units at the Workman Sports Complex.

**A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Ungrund; second Sehy; 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 2025-2026 tax levy that will need to be passed in December. Althoff said the proposed total aggregate levy excluding the debt service fund of \$1,650,000.00 doesn't exceed 105% of last year's extensions of \$1,571,586.45. Therefore, a truth in taxation hearing is not needed. He said the levy is based on an estimated equalized valuation of \$478,786.905.00.

**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 Ungrund; second Dasenbrock; Five Ayes/No Nays.**

### **Director's Report**

#### **Workman Sports Complex Pool**

Althoff said the pool is losing 8 to 10" of water a day. The district has paid America Leak Company \$1,600.00 to come to the pool to help detect the location of the leak. It is a tedious process. It could be in several different places. At this time it is thought that the leak is in the top two feet of the pool but it hasn't been found yet.

Althoff reported that work is going on now to resurface the tennis courts at Community Park.

He said work on the skate park should begin this month.

After discussion a motion to hire Keagan Boll as an accounting consultant if needed was made by Sehy; second Ungrund: Five Ayes/No Nays.

### Commissioners' Comments

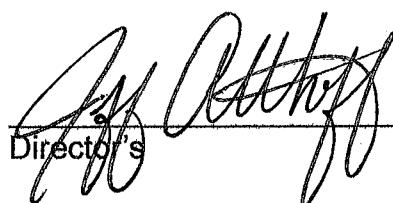
Wei said he has consulted with the director of the Champaign Illinois Park District concerning revenue received from their community swimming pool each year. He noted that a new super playground has been built in Urbana, Illinois at Meadowview Park on Windsor Road. Althoff said he has also talked with the director and was told that the loss in a year has been as much as \$300,000.00. He learned that the pool in Charleston, Illinois loses around \$100,000.00 each year.

Dasenbrock would like a representative of Trophy Fitness to come to a park board meeting to give an update on activities and plans at the Workman Sports Complex. Althoff will ask for a report at the next board meeting.

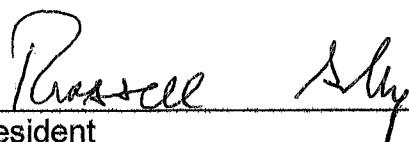
Wei said people have been observed taking pictures of players playing pickleball on the three courts at the Workman Sports Complex and the many others sitting and waiting to play.

Althoff referred to the three new indoor courts at the Ron Diehl Center which are not used five days a week. He said efforts need to be made to entice players to schedule more games there to help relieve overcrowding at the complex.

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

  
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