

Effingham Park Board Meeting

Sept.8, 2025

5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Monday, Sept. 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

Present:

Russ Sehy, President

Jeff Althoff, Director

Kevin Palmer, Vice-President

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Matt Dasenbrock, Commissioner

Manny Wei, Commissioner

Absent: Jeff Ungrund, Commissioner; Anita Broom, Treasurer

Guest: Greg Grunloh, Associate Principal of Holabird & Root

Secretary's Report

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

Holabird & Root Kluthe Pool Report

Grunloh distributed copies of the final report of their feasibility study of the Kluthe Pool. Board members discussed the detailed plans, pictures, and prices for the three options.

Option 1: Renovation of the Current pool

Repair + Restore Existing Pools

Replace Water Slides & Play Equipment

Replace Existing Pool Equipment

For work on Pool Surface and Pool-House Equipment, +15% contingency

\$1,354,700.00

Replacement of Aquatic Water Features + 15% contingency

\$1,167,250.00

Total **\$2,521,950.00**

Option 2: Replace Pool with Splash Pad

Demo & Infill Existing Pool-House

Replace Pool with Splash Pad

Install New Play Equipment

Includes Demolition and Site Prep, Splash Pad Construction,

Mechanical/Controls, Site Improvements, Amenities + 15%

Contingency

Totals

Low \$5,227,909.12

High \$10,032,681.90

Option 3: Design a New Water Park Adjacent to Workman Sports Complex

New Water slides and Lazy River
New Splash Pad Areas
Additional Parking

Includes Lazy River, Mat Racer Slide, Tube Slide, Splash Pad, Hot Tub, Locker Rooms, Concessions, Ticket/Entrance, Cabanas/Seating, Parking Lot, Site Prep/Utilities, Earthwork, Berms + Landscaping, Design/Soft Costs + 15% Contingency

Total	\$34,850,000.00
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Regarding funding for these projects, Althoff said the district is committed for the next five years to a payment of about \$440,000.00 a year from the bond account to complete payment for the Workman Sports Complex.

It was the consensus of board members at this time to rule out consideration of the Water Park – too expensive. Dasenbrock said that even with a grant it will take several years to pay for either of the other projects.

It was noted that even if the Kluthe Pool is eliminated the City would not be without a swimming area. A large pool is located in the Workman Sports Complex and Lake Sara has a beach and swimming area which is planned to be enlarged.

Board members would like to get input from the community as to which of these projects or other projects they would like. Althoff suggested putting a presentation together on the district's website to gather opinions from the public. He said the district is trying to provide something in the parks for everyone.

Althoff noted that getting rid of the pool would save a lot of money that could be used for other projects that could be listed in the presentation.

Board members expressed that since hard numbers have been received for cost of the pool projects, they can begin work toward a decision regarding the pool. They thanked Grunloh for attending the meeting and discussing the report.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer, Anita Broom, Althoff reviewed fund balances ending June 30, 2025. Corporate fund revenue for June was \$79.35. Expenses were \$70,995.00. Net income for June was a negative \$70,915.65.

Recreation fund revenue for June was \$49,738.92 of which \$37,594.25 was from program fees. Expenses were \$136,533.51. Net income was a negative \$86,794.59.

Pool Revenue was \$33,381.62 of which \$21,149.00 was from pool admissions. Expenses were \$31,146.80. Net income was \$2,234.82.

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

Midwest Insurance Company	\$10,358.00	Effingham Asphalt Co.	\$963.86
Chase Credit Card	9,000.00	Kirby Risk Corporation	908.28
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Entec	6,375.00	WEX Bank	750.10
Stillwater Mulch	5,525.00	Tucker Accounting Service, Inc.	657.00
Ameren	4,560.90	Lorenz Supply Co.	648.17
Designs Unlimited	3,006.78	MBS Communications	599.62
Entec	2,865.00	Thoele Plumbing, Inc.	511.00
JEDCO Sales, Inc.	2,623.59	RentX	446.00
ULINE	2,340.03	Lorenz Supply Co.	429.01
South Central FS, Inc.	2,252.38	Effingham Equity	406.00
Sutter	2,250.00	Entec	395.00
Holabird & Root LLC	2,000.00	Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	359.99
Burford Electric, Inc.	1,998.79	Arab	330.00
Kim's Ice Cream, Inc.	1,998.00	Creative 1, Inc.	248.00
Menards	1,541.95	Wabash Communications	231.95
Northside Ford Lincoln	1,221.31	Bahrns Equipment, Inc.	229.14
Walmart	1,214.34	Verizon Wireless	227.01
WEX Bank	1,137.64	Butler Supply Inc.	225.42
Great America Financial Services	228.48	KCH Mechanical, Inc.	210.00
Hark's Home Maintenance LLC	170.00	Interstate Batteries	139.95
Effingham Sewer Service, Inc.	140.00	Creative 1, Inc.	132.00
Probst Refrigeration & Heating	125.00	John Deere Financial	127.91
Sherwin- Williams Co.	119.31	K & W	118.00
JEDCO Sales, Inc.	761.29		

Althoff noted that the bill to Midwest Insurance Co. for \$10,358.00 was for Workers Compensation.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Dasenbrock; second Wei; All Ayes.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

Director's Report

Review Skate Park Bid

Board members reviewed the only bid received for Phase 2 of the skate park at Hendelmeyer Park. The bid was from Always Hard Concrete LLC of St. Louis, Mo. for \$153,338.00. Phase 2 consists of a 1966 foot addition to the existing park which includes concrete ramps on the east, west, and some on the south side of the park. Work is planned to begin by October 1st and hopes to be completed by the end of the year. Althoff said payment for the skate park and resurfacing of the Community Park tennis courts will come from the bond account. He hopes \$50,000.00 - \$60,000.00 will be left in that account after payment.

Althoff said that when finished the skate park will get a lot more use. Families are there now early in the mornings. He said that after final payment for this project bond money received next year can be used for other projects like more pickleball courts.

A motion to accept the bid of \$153,338.00 from Always Hard Concrete LLC for Phase 2 of the skate park was made by Sehy; second Wei; Four Ayes/No Nays.

List of Future Capital Improvement Projects

Board members listed and discussed the following improvements that need to be made over time to upgrade and enhance the parks.

Hendelmeyer Park

- * Finish Skate Park - Work to be started October 1st
- * Resurface Parking Lot with Asphalt
- * Replace Aging Playground Equipment
- * Construct New Restroom Facilities
Palmer suggested replacing the existing gazebo with a long pavilion that could include restrooms
- * Replace Lights and Poles on the 1st Ball Diamond
- * New Maintenance Shed
- * Wei said people have asked to have storage boxes for brooms at the pickleball courts and an extra opening in the south fence for direct access.

Community Park

- * Resurface Tennis Courts
- * Add Pickleball Courts: Could put in the area near the Small Fry Diamond
- * Replace Old Restrooms: Add restroom near playground and Rotary Pavilion
- * Replace Three Aging Pavilions
- * Replace Maintenance Shed: Construct a New Maintenance Shed

Evergreen Hollow Park

- * Refurbish Pool or Replace with Splash Pad

- * Replace Old Restrooms: Build New Restroom Facilities
- * Replace Fence on Softball Fields: Upgrade Fencing
- * Add Roadway for Secondary Entrance/Exit: Construct an additional access point to improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and accommodate increased usage.
- * Add Shade Structures to Dog Park

Commissioners' Comments

Dasenbrock suggested that ball fields could be resurfaced with the help of sponsorship by local businesses or other entities which would have naming rights.

Palmer said the park board could partner with the City to help with projects that would help the community. Sehy suggested that a city council representative could attend a park board meeting or a committee of three each could meet to address common goals.

Palmer said he would still like information concerning laws for park districts and insurance coverage for park board commissioners.

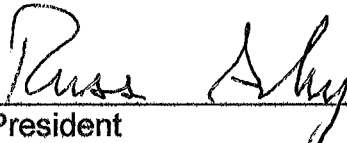
Althoff said the Workman Sports Complex is focusing on gaining new membership. He will ask a representative to attend a park board meeting to give a report.

A motion for adjournment at 7:30 pm was made by Palmer; second Dasenbrock; All Ayes.


Director's

Date

10/6/25


President

Date

10/6/25