

Effingham Park Board Meeting

December 15, 2025

5:40 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:40 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

Guests: Matt Cekander, Jacob Donaldson
Doehring, Winders & Co.

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, the treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

Passage of Tax Levy Ordinance 323

Board members reviewed information presented at the November meeting regarding the proposed tax levy ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026. The sum to be levied is \$1,650,000.00.

A motion to accept and adopt Tax Levy Ordinance 323 in accordance with what was approved last month was made by Wei; second Sehy; Five Ayes/No Nays.

Director's Report

Audit Report - Doehring, Winders & Co.

Matt Cekander, CPA, presented and discussed a draft of the Independent Auditor's Report of the financial statements of the Effingham Park District for the year ended April 30, 2023.

General fund balance at the beginning of the year was \$2,586,445.00. Fund balance at the end of the year was \$2,974,906.00. Total net position at the end of the 2023 fiscal year was \$21,874,158.00 compared with \$22,132,029.00 at the end of fiscal year 2022.

A motion to accept the audit for 2023 as presented was made by Sehy; second Ungrund; Five Ayes/No Nays.

Cekander noted that fines may be imposed next year for each day the yearly audit is filed past the due date which is within six months of the date the fiscal year ends. He said he needs further information from the park district treasurer in order to complete the district's audit for 2024.

Althoff will notify treasurer, Anita Broom to submit all remaining information needed to complete the 2024 audit to Cekander by December 26.

Review Intergovernmental Agreement Between Effingham Park District and City of Effingham

The agreement states that the Park District has agreed to provide the City with, and the City desires to obtain a perpetual, exclusive easement with the right to construct, install, and thereafter use, operate, maintain, inspect, repair and/or replace an approximately 7,200 square foot maintenance building and 30' concrete apron (hereafter referred to as the "City Maintenance Building") over, on, across or above a portion of the Community Park near the small fry ball diamond. The building is to be used to store the Wonderland of Lights Christmas decorations.

This agreement also states that "the Park District has agreed to grant this City Maintenance Building Easement and Ingress-Egress Easement in exchange for the City constructing and installing, or causing the construction or installation of an approximately 400 square foot pre-fabricated two-unit restroom building (hereafter "Park Restroom Facilities") on a portion of Community Park and thereafter donating the Restroom Facilities to the Park District". "The City shall complete the construction or installation of the Park Restroom Facilities on or before December 31, 2027."

Board members discussed a map showing the placement of the 60' x 120' City Maintenance Building near the small fry diamond and the 20' x 20' 2-stall prefab bathroom near the Rotary Pavilion.

Palmer commented that entering into this agreement takes away the district's option to use the land for something else in the future. He suggested asking the City to provide a little more. He noted that there are other bathrooms in the park that need to be repaired or replaced like the one by the skate pond.

Palmer said he would like to see the district's next big projects be undertaken at Hendelmeyer Park. These would include asphaltting the parking lot, constructing a pavilion between the pickleball courts and the ball diamond, and removing the old bathroom and constructing a

new more serviceable and convenient one. Althoff suggested putting the new bathroom at the current location of the small shed.

Palmer would like to get community members on board for the next projects. They could provide a lot of support.

Girl Scout Cabin

Althoff said he will contact the City about getting it burned.

Commissioners' Comments

Palmer asked for an update on a Board policy to grant memberships to the Workman Sports Complex to Effingham Park Board members. Althoff said he will consult with the board's attorney, Phil Lading.

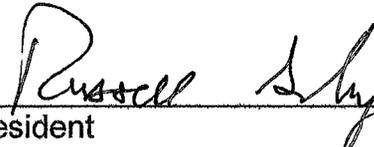
Ungrund suggested scheduling board meeting dates in the middle of each month so that financial reports from the previous month will be available. Althoff said new dates can be determined and voted on at the January 5, 2026 meeting.

A motion for adjournment at 7:15 pm was made by Palmer; second Ungrund: All Ayes.



Director's

Date 1/5/26



President

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