

Effingham Park Board Meeting

February 2, 2026

5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Monday, February 2, 2026, 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

Guests: Serena Buzzard, Treasurer Appointee

Greg Sapp, Effingham Daily News

Secretary's Report

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

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Treasurer's Report

Althoff announced that a letter of resignation has been received from Anita Broom as treasurer of the Effingham Park District. Her recent death occurred before a meeting could be held to approve her resignation.

Althoff presented the following bills greater than \$100.00 for the months of November, December, and January 2026 for review and payment.

November 2025

Effingham Asphalt	\$171,062.00	Verizon	\$963.85
Saddle Butt Ag	5,400.00	Ameren	562.62
Chase	5,373.40	Equity	576.50
RecDesk	4,357.50	Wex	877.53
Sandberg Phoenix	1,596.00	Bahrns	568.62
IMRF	4,639.51	John Deere Financial	610.56
Sam Thomas Restoration	850.00		

The payment to Effingham Asphalt was for resurfacing the Community Park Tennis Courts.

December 2025

IPARKS	\$152,087.00	Delta Dental	\$1,165.30
Always Hard Concrete	76,669.00	Burford Electric	769.13
Missouri Employers Mutual	6,961.00	Wex	571.90
Lorenz Supply	5,685.09	Bobcat of Effingham	661.19
MTI Distributing	7,500.00	Menards	909.61
Verizon	1,026.78	Ameren	868.30
Chase	6,335.10	Designs Unlimited	671.34
Thoele Plumbing	1,833.00	Verizon	978.18
John Deere Financial	1,587.17	Latch Farms	562.50

The payment to IPARKS was for Liability insurance. The payment to Always Hard Concrete was the 1st payment for work on Phase 2 of the Skate Park.

January 2026

Zions Bank	\$452,350.00	Wortman	\$1,685.87
Always Hard Concrete	38,336.50	IGS Energy	2,500.38
Doehring Winders & CO.	20,000.00	IMRF	1,060.00
Chase	1,985.75	Sandberg Phoenix	3,651.38
Harks Home Maintenance	2,671.54	Ameren	1,510.83
Effingham Co. Chamber	1,090.00	Menards	1,056.54
KCH Mechanical	1,422.50	Probst	1,529.49
Lakeland College	707.75	Imagine This	75.00
Entec	7,408.68	Entec	505.00

The payment to Always Hard Concrete was the 2nd payment for Phase 2 of the Skate Park. The payment to Zions Bank was for the debt certificates.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Wei' second Palmer; All Ayes.

A motion to appoint Serena Buzzard as Effingham Park District Treasurer was made by Sehy; second Palmer; Five Ayes/No Nays.

Buzzard is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana, is employed by Angie's Accounting & Business Solutions Inc., and is currently treasurer of the Village of Teutopolis. She is working toward a CPA certificate. Board members thanked her for taking this position saying it will be a challenge.

Althoff said he and Buzzard will meet with Matt Cekander of Doehring Winders & Co. this week to help with the transfer. They will also work together with Mette and Kopplin to get everything up to date by April 30, ready for May 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Board members welcomed Serena Buzzard and said they look forward to working with her as the new Park District Treasurer.

Workman Sports Complex Budget Review

Board members reviewed income (Profit and Loss) statements for 2025 from Trophy Fitness Management, LLC.

Net income for the full year was a negative \$2,000.64. This doesn't include the rent payment of \$11,800.00 received each month from HSHS St. Anthony's Physical Rehabilitation and Wellness.

Projections for 2026 show operating income close to \$12,000.00 not including rent payments received.

Board members said they consider these projections very positive and feel that the Workman Sports Complex with management by Trophy Fitness is headed in the right direction.

Review Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Effingham

Althoff said the City plans to complete the 60' x 120' City Maintenance Building for storage of the Wonderland in Lights Christmas decorations at Community Park by the end of 2027.

Location of the restroom facility will be agreed upon by both parties.

Althoff said the road leading to the Maintenance Building will be upgraded.

A motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Effingham Park District and the City of Effingham was made by Sehy; second Ungrund; Five Ayes/No Nays.

Director's Report

A motion to approve Resolution 156, appointing Jeff Althoff as authorized Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Agent for the Effingham Park District was made by Sehy; second Ungrund; Five Ayes/No Nays. Treasurer Anita Broom had been the IMRF Agent.

Pickleball

Althoff said adding another gate for access to the pickleball courts at Hendelmeyer Park will cost about \$4,000.00. It was suggested that profit from pickleball tournaments could be used to help pay for the gate.

Spring Sports

Registration for spring sports is ongoing. Registrations for soccer are due now. Players have one more week to register until registrations are technically closed. E-mails are being sent to players from last year.

Tracking

Althoff said the City has a program to accurately track the number of visitors to all of the parks each year. Tracking is done through visitors' phones. A distinction can be made between local and non local visitors. As an example there were 17,000 visitors to the parks during last year's Memorial Day weekend. Total numbers of visitors to all of the parks in 2025 was 278,000.

Commissioners' Comments

Wei said a pickleball tournament is being scheduled at the end of March at the Workman Sports Complex.

Palmer suggested that a committee of two city commissioners and two park district commissioners could meet quarterly to jointly work on projects that would benefit the community.

Sehy expressed a thank you from board members for all the work done by Anita Broom for so many years as treasurer of the park district. Althoff said a tree will be planted in her honor.

A motion for adjournment at 6:20 pm was made by Ungrund; second Dasenbrock; All Ayes.



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