

## Effingham Park Board Meeting

April 13, 2026

5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Monday, April 13, 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

Serena Buzzard, Treasurer

Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

**Guests:** Jake Niebrugge, City Commissioner

### Secretary's Report

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

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Serena Buzzard, said information needed to complete the audit for the year ending April 30, 2024, is ready to be emailed to Matt Cekander of Doebling, Winders & Co. Information needed for the 2024-2025 audit is being compiled now, and work is starting to reconcile information for 2025-2026 which should be ready in three months to send to Cekander.

Board members thanked Buzzard for all the extra work she has done to get the files up to date.

Buzzard presented the following bills for the month of March, 2026, for review and payment.

|                             |             |                               |          |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Athletic Field Turf & Other | \$12,203.27 | Salary Treasurer              | \$397.91 |
| Janitorial Supplies         | 1,481.93    | Salary Recording Secretary    | 150.00   |
| Repair & Maint. Building    | 3,845.00    | Insurance Medical             | 325.05   |
| Maint. Equip. & Tools       | 1,204.42    | Insurance Medical/Rec         | 342.60   |
| Tractor Expense             | 4,507.38    | Insurance Life                | 58.71    |
| Dues, Subscriptions         | 3,911.21    | Insurance Life(1)             | 47.71    |
| Accounting Payroll          | 1,312.11    | Miscellaneous                 | 134.89   |
| Office/Rec Building Equip.  | 1,436.38    | Repair & Maint. Equipment     | 200.48   |
| Computer Exp.               | 1,017.68    | Repair & Maint. Tennis Courts | 723.00   |
| Athletic Equipment          | 3,548.09    | Repair & Maint. Equip. Rental | 573.00   |
| League Uniform/Equipment    | 4,150.72    | Gasoline Expense              | 493.79   |
| Electric Office             | 1,718.20    | Truck Expenses                | 708.56   |
| RWSC                        | \$1,928.45  | Landscaping & Turf Exp.       | \$119.96 |

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| RWSC                      | \$1,928.45          | Landscaping & Turf Exp.   | \$119.96   |
| RWSC Misc. Expense        | 1,425.00            | Sanitation Services       | 450.00     |
| Postage, Box Rental, Etc. | 169.93              | Legal Fees                | 34.13      |
| Background Checks         | 264.00              | Recreation accing/payroll | 160.00     |
| Umpire Baseball Softball  | 160.00              | Umpire Basketball         | 540.00     |
| Telephone Office          | 281.14              | Telephone Cellular        | 701.70     |
| Electric HP               | 992.24              | Electric EHP              | 786.83     |
| Electric CP               | 835.67              | Electric Consuello Lodge  | 400.10     |
| Electric Pool             | 90.20               | Water/ewer EHP            | 420.37     |
| Water/Sewer EHP           | 255.07              | Water Sewer CP            | 423.56     |
| Advertising & Marketing   | 908.21              | Water/Sewer Pool          | 301.28     |
| Special Events/Occasions  | 171.83              | Recreation Programs       | 70.27      |
| Sponsor Signs             | 522.82              |                           |            |
|                           |                     |                           |            |
| Payroll Expenses -wages   | \$43,343.00         | Payroll Expenses – taxes  | \$4,006.56 |
|                           |                     |                           |            |
| Audit Expense             | 3,500.00            | IMRF Expenses             | 3,516.15   |
| Bond Proceeds Expense     | 21,493.80           |                           |            |
|                           |                     |                           |            |
| <b>Total for Expenses</b> | <b>\$132,764.36</b> |                           |            |

**A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Dasenbrock; second Palmer; Five Ayes/No Nays.**

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public

### **Discussion of Future Project at Hendelmeyer Park**

Jake Niebrugge, speaking on behalf of the City, noted that the City and Park District are each taxing bodies receiving revenue for projects. The park board has asked if the City could partner with the park district to help complete projects beneficial to the community. Niebrugge asked for a prioritized list of projects the park board would like to complete so the city council can decide if or how they can help. It was noted that the Workman Sports Complex is doing better financially now and does not require money from the park district to cover monthly expenses.

Board members listed the following projects, among others, to be undertaken as funds allow.

#### Hendelmeyer Park

1. Asphalt the parking lot which needs better drainage. Greg Kabbes is working with Althoff .to come up with official specifications to be able to put this out for bid.
2. Tear down the current pavilion and rebuild. Althoff is getting specifications.
3. Construct a new set of restrooms – Althoff is working with Greg Grunloh getting plans together to submit to the City for Building permits. Once plans are ready it can be put out for bid or see if maintenance staff can build it. Althoff is getting an estimate on cost to run sewer to the location of the restroom.

### Community Park

1. New restrooms – waiting on costs
2. The City plans to have both the storage shed and the restroom completed by December 2027. Althoff will be meeting with them to discuss power and water to the building and design of the restroom.

### Evergreen Hollow Park

Tear down the restroom by the parking lot and build one near the batting cage area.

Dasenbrock suggested that redoing restrooms in all of the parks would be a high priority project since bathrooms are highly noticeable. Niebrugge noted that kids playing sports and everyone using the parks like good restrooms.

Althoff asked all board members to email to him the top 10 projects they would like to see undertaken in the parks.

## **Director's Report**

### **Summer Program Enrollment**

1. Soccer League is full
2. T-Ball enrollment is close to 200
3. Adventure Camp – Attendance: 60 from park district, 80 from Unit 40

Skate Park work is finished. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for 11:00 am April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The only thing that might still be done is to paint the block walls. The park is being used a lot.

Tennis Courts - Community Park

Three layers of paint will be applied when there are five clear days.

Pond - Contractors will be doing some regrading around the pond along with some grass seeding. Trees will be planted in that area. Work will be going on with the DNR to stock the pond with Bluegill and Redear this fall and Bass the following year.

Pickleball Gate - Cost is \$4,000.00 for one gate

Girl Scout Cabin - Althoff is waiting on a call back from the fire department to see if they would like to use it for training. Calls are out to see who can tear it down and remove it.

Kluthe Pool - Althoff said there are no updates now except it is planned to open the pool this summer. Greg Grunloh of Holabird and Root is working on an aerial layout of the pool area featuring a splash pad, pickleball and basketball courts, and a super big playground.

## Workman Sports Complex

Board members reviewed financial information received from Trophy Fitness. Althoff was especially pleased that the profit after tax for the financial year (YTD) of March 31, 2026 was \$56,399, an increase of 540.9% from the financial year (YTD) of March 31, 2025 profit after tax of (\$12,793).

## Commissioners' Comments

There were no comments from commissioners.

**A motion for adjournment at 6:50 pm was made by Sehy; second Ungrund. All Ayes.**

  
Director's

Date 5/11/24

  
President

Date 5/11/2024