

Effingham Park Board Meeting
June 8, 2026
5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Monday, June 8, 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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Buzzard said she is working with Jacob Donaldson and Matt Cekander to complete the 2023-2024 audit.

She reviewed the Profit and Loss by Class statement for May, 2026. Corporate fund income was \$81.08. Expenses were \$47,506.90. Net income for May was a negative \$47,425.82. Recreation fund income was \$1,019.00. Expenses were \$44,154.02. Net income for May was a negative \$43,135.02.

The following expenses for the month of May were reviewed for payment.

Corporate Fund:

Salary Full time Corp.	\$15,314.55	Salary Supervisors Corp.	\$6,560.00
Salary Treasurer	1,200.00	Salary Director	8,480.00
Salary Recording Secretary	300.00	Insurance Medical	4,313.20
Purchase Janitorial Supplies	1,219.73	Insurance Life	47.71
Purchase Maint. Equip. & Tools	162.24	Bank Service Charges	15.00
Repair & Maint. Building	224.50	Gasoline Expense	2,781.32
Truck Expenses	588.70	Sanitation Services	600.00
Legal Fees	682.50	Education & Training	1,630.00
Background checks	300.00	Taxes	2,656.05
Repair & Maint. Equip Rental	393.00	Repair & Maintenance Equipment	38.40
Total for 66000 Payroll Expenses	2,656.05		

Recreation Fund:

League Uniform Equipment	\$15,801.13	Salary Clerical Rec	\$9,120.00
Insurance Medical Rec	4,417.43	Insurance Life (1)	47.71
Repair & Maint. Ball diamonds	724.46	Office/Rec Building Equip.	211.12
Credit Card Expenses	421.21	Computer Exp.	843.48
Salary Part time Rec	5,552.25	Umpire Baseball/Softball	330.00
Telephone Office	141.95	Electric Office	118.06
Electric HP	1,376.19	Electric EHP	1,202.08
Electric Consuello Lodge	132.36	Electric CP	605.56
Water/Sewer HP	210.18	Water/Sewer EHP	257.42
Water/Sewer CP	474.82	Recreation Programs	384.00
Sponsor Signs	181.12	Concessions (2)	400.00
Taxes	1,201.49	Total 66000 Payroll Expenses	1,201.49

A motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Ungrund; second Sehy; Five Ayes/No Nays.

A motion to transfer funds from general checking to the bond account was made by Sehy; second Wei; Five Ayes/No Nays.

Budget/Appropriation Ordinance put on file for 30 Days Prior to Passage in July

Althoff presented the proposed 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2026, and ending April 30th, 2027. The proposed budget for the Corporate fund is \$852,580.00. Net income is projected to be a negative \$60,480.00. Proposed budget for the Recreation fund is \$1,106,730.00. Net income is projected to be a positive \$78,970.00. Total amount budgeted is \$4,898,313.71. Total appropriation is \$9,190,587.69.

Althoff said he tried to be conservative in his projections for 2026-2027. The budget can be tweaked in July when the Budget/Appropriation Ordinance is passed.

A motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget/Appropriation Ordinance as presented was made by Dasenbrock; second Sehy; Five Ayes/No Nays.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Director's Report

Update on Summer Programs and Facilities

Althoff reported that Baseball and softball leagues are in full swing. T-Ball has 196 players this year.

Adventure Camp had 112 attendees the first week. Althoff said the most participants the camp can handle is 200-208. More could be accommodated if another building would be available.

Community Park Storage Building

Althoff distributed plans for the storage building to be constructed by the City at Community Park for storage of the Wonderland in Lights displays. Bids are going out for the project. Date of the bid opening will be posted two weeks in advance of the public opening to be held at 10:00 am, June 30. A restroom will be constructed near the storage shed and the Rotary pavilion.

Dasenbrock noted that in addition to this new restroom the one near Niccum Field needs to be replaced, and a new one needs to be built at Evergreen Hollow Park in a better location near the ball diamonds. Althoff said he is in contact with city commissioner, Steve Miller, to see if some financial help could come from the City.

Althoff said he will attend an OSLAD training session July 18 on how to apply for an OSLAD grant to help pay for outdoor park facilities. He will also have a meeting with representatives of Vortex, a big splash pad company, to get a good idea of the cost to replace the Kluthe pool with a splash pad. They could rework the design and bid from Holabird and Root.

Regarding future projects, Dasenbrock said replacing or upgrading the wooden structures in Community Park should be the next priority. He said some look terrible but the foundations are in good condition. He said the blue pavilion is used a lot by parties grilling out. The one by Sehy Field is also used a lot. It has been rebuilt by Raddatz and staff. The one behind Paul Smith Field is used by golfers but not a lot by other people. The orange one at the south end is just a shade structure. One needs to be closer to the playground.

Commissioners' Comments

Dasenbrock said condition of the flower patch by the tennis courts at Community Park needs to be addressed. Chunks of asphalt left behind the tennis court fence need to be picked up.

Sehy said board members should pride themselves on how good things look in all of the parks. He said the painted tennis courts at Community Park look great. People really like the red color.

A motion for adjournment at 6:30 pm was made by Sehy; second Wei; All Ayes.



Director's

Date 7-13-26

President

Date _____