Effingham Park Board Meeting
August 10, 2026
5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Effingham Park Board was held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Ron Diehl Center at 1906 South Fourth Street.

Present:
Matt Dasenbrock. President
Kevin Palmer, Vice-President
Russ Sehy, Commissioner
Jeff Ungrund, Commissioner
Jeff Althoff, Director
Serena Deters, Treasurer
Carole McDevitt, Recording Secretary

Absent: Manny Wei, Commissioner
Guest: Greg Sapp, Effingham Daily News

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Deters said Matt Cekander and Jacob Donaldson are actively working on the 2023-2024 audit. When it is completed they will present it at a board meeting.

The following expenses greater than $500.00 for the month of July were reviewed for payment.

Corporate Fund:

Insurance Medical (Althoff)	$ 1,297 66	Insurance Medical (Wyatt)	$ 834.57
Insurance Medical (Raddatz)	834.57	Insurance Medical (Wendt	834.57
Park Benches	1,335.66	Sprinkler	826.00
Burford Electric, Inc.	596.30	Capital One Trade Credit	1,801.07
Effingham Asphalt Co.	583.24	Sherwin Williams Co.	509.16
KCH Mechanical, Inc.	17,450.00	WEX Bank	1,176.37
South Central FS, Inc.	1,580.15	Sandberg Phoenix	1,585.63
Quickbooks	1,519.80		

Recreation Fund

Insurance Medical (Althoff)	$1,297.67	Insurance Medical (Kopplin)	$ 834.57
Insurance Medical (Mette)	834.57	Insurance Medical (Zerrusen)	834.57
Recreation accing/payroll	600.00	Great American Financial Services	535.49
Merchant Bankcard	1,410.61	Computer Expense	508.84
Keegan Koester – 20 games	800.00	Coen Westjohn – 13 games	520.00
Ameren Illinois	1,272.17	Ameren Illinois	609.57

Trophies Unlimited	$ 756.42	Designs Unlimited	$1,257.60
Adventure Camp	560.16	Adventure Camp	609.00
Pagel Silver Dollar Lanes	1,638.00	Concessions	576.28
Kim's Ice Cream, LLC	648.00		

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

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Review Closed Session Minutes

Discussion of closed session minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Director's Report

Fall Programs

Althoff said Adventure Camp has ended. Hillary Kopplin, Recreation Director, and Sara Mette, Office Manager, will give a report at the next meeting on the Adventure Camp and other park district programs.

Soccer season begins next week with the following good numbers. Registration is closed.

Little Kickers	4yr. – K	177
Mid-fielders	1st - 2nd	102
Challenger	5th , 6th, 7th	45

Flag Football

B League	2nd - 4th	129
A League	4th - 6th	69

Althoff said volleyball leagues will be starting soon along with youth pickleball indoors.

Facility Update

Althoff said the City is ready to begin constructing the storage building at Community Park with plans for it to be completed by December.

Adam Bonhoff of Civil Designs is working on designs for the new restrooms to be placed in the parks.

Althoff said an insurance claim will be filed for damages to the tin bleacher roofs at Evergreen Hollow Park. He said new ones need to be constructed with a material that allows them to be taken down in winter.

Althoff noted that there are cracks in the pickleball courts at Hendelmeyer Park. He will research the price of concrete to create the more stable type of surface players like.

City of Effingham Election

Althoff said three park board commissioners are up for election April 6, 2027. Kevin Palmer will be running for a new 6 year term. In May Manny Wei and Jeff Ungrund were appointed to 2 year terms to fill 2 vacancies. They will be running for 4 year terms. Althoff said he will have nomination packets ready for them to pick up August 25. Signed nominating petitions must be filed in the City clerk's office between 8 am on Nov. 16 through 5 pm on Nov. 23, 2026.

Improvement Plan – Workman Sports Complex

Althoff presented the following Improvement Plan prepared by Trophy Fitness for two options for new equipment for the complex, some to replace older equipment obtained from Get Fit.

Option One: Suggested Recovery Room
Massage chair, CryoLounge+, Dream Recliner & Normatec Boots, Hyperice Tower
Total Investment: $48,700.00

Option One: Suggested Equipment Upgrades
Precor Resolute, Precor Discovery, Seated Elliptical, Recumbent Bike,
Estimated Investment for Equipment: Cardio $200,000.00
Strength Equipment 222,000.00

Option Two: Equipment Investment
Seated Elliptical, Stairmill, Smith Machine, Hammer Strength Equipment, Half Rack
Investment: $61,000.00

Althoff suggested talking with regular members to see what they want. He said there is room on the first floor to establish a recovery room. He noted that the equipment is expensive but a purchase could be made from the bond account.

Treasurer, Serena Deters

Althoff said treasurer, Serena Deters, is currently being paid an hourly rate. He proposed that she be paid a salary of $1,200.00/month the same as previous treasurer, Anita Broom.

A motion to pay treasurer, Serena Deters, a salary of $1,200.00/month, was made by Sehy; second Ungrund; Four Ayes/No Nays.

Commissioners Comments

There were no comments from the public.

A motion for adjournment at 6:00 pm wad made by Sehy; second Ungrund; All Ayes.

Director's _____ Date 9/14/2026

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President