

City of Evansville, Wisconsin
Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting
City Hall
Monday, July 13th, 2015 6:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 6 pm & Roll Call: Fuchs, Brice, Hels, Courtier, Merritt, Fuson, Hamilton
Also in attendance staff members Ganje and Anderson and Administrator Rigg
2. Motion to approve Agenda as printed by Courtier, 2nd Hamilton, approved
3. Motion to waive the reading of the June 8th, 2015 minutes & approve them as printed by Fuchs, 2nd Courtier, approved
4. Citizen appearances, relating to Park & Recreation, not listed agenda items
None
5. Discussion and possible motion regarding handicapped swing
Jennifer Persons presented a handout with sample swings from Sports Play that is authorized for park use. The swings presented include their own frame and would need to have an accessible surface for access. The cost range is from \$1500 for a single swing and \$2700 for a double. She suggested placing it in Brezenski Park due to the setting which is more conducive for those expected to use it. The current swing set is scheduled to be removed and it is close to the curb cut for access and closer to the road on the Church Street side. The Masons have offered to provide fund raising but would expect that more money would be needed. Grants are also available. Anderson felt it could be feasible to get it installed this year. Rigg also added that due to the approach more research is necessary to understand other costs and feasibility. The rubber mats can be expensive but it is not a large area. It gives the kids the ability to get social interaction with other kids at the park. To have a double would be a great option and a great opportunity for the community.
Hels asked about the cost quoted is just for the swing not the infrastructure. Does it need to be stored during the winter-no. Need a specific plan and costs in order to proceed.

Move to support research and funding of adding an accessible swing and necessary infrastructure and present an installation plan made by Fuson 2nd by Hamilton.

Fuchs asked that the supporters come back in August with a more developed plan and costs for review by the board.

Rigg reiterated that the plan needs to consider all of the costs.

6. Discussion and possible motion regarding Eagle Scout Project: Turtle Basking Boxes
Aidan Connelly: The boxes are platforms. Aidan presented a handout of the possible locations for the platforms with a possible total of 12. The platforms are made of 2 x 4's are anchored by a chain and weight. Hels asked if logs could be used instead of 2 x 4 lumber. Aidan felt it should work. Concern about the distant for shore to insure that they are placed far enough away from shore to avoid being hit by fisherman. Fuchs asked if 12 is too many. Hels asked if Aidan could check with the DNR to see if there is a recommended placement. Concerns about fishing and other uses suggests placing them along the "backside" (west and north) of the lake would be preferable. Fuchs moves to have the turtle basking boxes approved as an Eagle Scout project and asks Aidan to give updates to the project progress. Hamilton 2nd, the motions passes.

7. Discussion and possible motion regarding a Senior High School Project: Children's Garden at Seminary Park. Rachel Otto and Heidi Carvin. Rachel presented her plan as a Senior project to install an interactive Alphabet Children's Garden on the west end of the Peace Garden. Each plant would be marked with the letter it begins with and a pamphlet would be included. May add a shelter like the little libraries place information into. Rachel has created a list of the plants that would be included. The expected cost of the project is \$1000 which Rachel is planning to raise. She is also recruiting others to help. The plan is to have the project completed by September and all plants will be perennials. Hamilton moves to approve Rachel Otto's Senior project, 2nd by Hels. Approved

8. Discussion on Wind Prairie Park (place holder)

Mowed per recommendation by Tom Sweeney. Waiting for word about what other maintenance should be done. Rock Co. will seed in fall and then would be burned in spring.

9. Discussion and possible motion on low attendance policy at the pool.

Rigg reported that there have been complaints from some citizens by early closings due to low numbers or weather. There is an existing procedure that allows management to close early without notice if there is less than 10 patrons. Rigg asked that the Park Board review the policy, doesn't feel that there is any financial ramifications by closing early. Current hours are 12:30 to 4:30, evening lap swim at 6:30, then 7 to 9. (4:45 to 6:30 swim team). Weekend hours are 1 to 5. Six overall staff (3 guards, pool room attendant, supervisor and park store attendant.) The costs are the same except for labor and the pool doesn't make money. Park Board recommends not using the policy of low attendance as a factor in closing the pool early. Ganje has looked into policies at other pools and air temperature is one factor that leads to closing. Temperature could be considered a health and safety factor. Fuchs concerned about the weekend hours seem to be too short. Rigg and Ganje will review the hours to see if there are different ideas and consider the costs and impacts.

10. Pool Report

July 3rd Pool Party was a success. Wisco Disco is always a hit. Session 2 of swimming lessons are in session. August 11 is Evansville Night Out. Need to look at maintenance issues. Stalls need to be replaced in both sides of the bathrooms. Concrete on entire deck should be replace before next season as well as the locker room and sidewalks. Good attendance at swim lessons.

11. Additional reports/updates on projects or maintenance

Fence replacement bids around the basketball and tennis courts. The west side shelter will be progressing slowly but will try to keep it moving. Good 4th of July Holiday celebration. One tree by the shelter is scheduled for removal. Tree limb fell on bathroom by upper diamond this morning, minor damage.

12. Old Business:

Council agenda includes a closed session to discuss Admin property. Park plan includes opportunities for adding adjacent land to existing parks.

13. New Business:

- a. Reminder of 2016 Budget – Should consider any projects, bring those to the August meeting. Fencing for tennis and basketball courts, changing tables, pool maintenance, accessible swings, property.
- b. Other: Need to come up with a master plan for West Side Park. (Early rendering from 2005.) Review everything that is available including the school and plan the resources accordingly. Need to look at the bigger picture and gauge the community's needs. Consider an open session to get input and create a site plan. Also consider traffic impacts on the neighborhood

14. Motion to adjourn Courtier Hels 7:22

Next meeting Monday, August 10th, 2015 - 6:00 pm, City Hall