

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
 Regular Meeting
 City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
 Tuesday, February 20, 2024 6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Neeley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. **Roll Call:**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Alderson Cory Neeley	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Dir. (arrived at 7:00pm)
Sue Merrit	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Lyman Fuson	A	
Chad Sigl	A	
Matt Poock	P	
Jim Espinosa	P	
Gene Prudhon	P	

1. **Motion to Approve Agenda, by Espinosa, seconded by Merrit. Motion passed 5-0.**
2. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the November 21, 2023, meeting and approve them as printed, by Merrit, seconded by Espinosa. Motion passed 5-0.**
3. **Civility Reminder.** Neeley issued a reminder that we hold all city meetings with respect and decorum.
4. **Citizen appearances.** None
5. **New Business**

Neeley read the following email that was received from swim teacher Mary Beth Anderson:

My name is Mary Beth Anderson and I coach the High School Girls and Boys swim teams. I also coach the Evansville Blue Sharks during the summer. With our new pool opening this spring, I have a few questions I would like to get answered before then. I would like to amp up things for our swim team. I think that we will be seeing an increase in interest in the Blue Sharks.

I would like to be able to have a total of 3 hours for practice for the ages 6-18. I would also like to add another program for the kids that can't quite make it across the pool and just need a little extra boost. Last summer I had 76 kids on the swim team and that was a low year for me. I see the team being well over 100 swimmers this summer.

I would like to hire 2 assistant coaches. I believe that would help us become a better team and more competitive and also have a lifeguard on deck during practices. I would like to ask to also purchase a few things for the running of this program. I would like to purchase 2 Deck Standing Pace clocks (Competitor 37in. Battery Powered Pace Clock \$735-Swim Outlet), Colorado Infinity Starting system (Kiefer Aquatics \$1,159.60), Active HyTek Meet Manager and Team Manager (Meet Manager \$499, Team Manager \$395).

This software helps organize and run meets efficiently. I am hoping to host more meets at our pool which means that we will need to order ribbons (est. 300 ribbons/\$100) and maybe medals if we hold a larger meet with multiple teams. We are in need of at least 8 stopwatches to run the meets, 8 clipboards, a bullhorn, 2 sets of backstroke flags. Of course I would also like to have a laptop assigned just for the swim team. There is a lot of work that needs to be done off deck with running the team and the amount of meets that I would like to have the kids doing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you so much
Mary Beth Anderson

Poock credited Anderson's ideas and requested to see the list of items with links on the website.

6. Park's Report

Kriebs reported on status of TruGreen Quote

Discussion occurred regarding Geese/Swan decoys (3 sets)

Prudhon would also like to consider the idea of using natural grasses and adding more docks.

Discussion occurred regarding new opportunities for Leonard Leota Park including kayak/canoe rental vs storage and the park store.

Questions arose regarding the status of the Park & Recreation Director.

Leah Hurtley was in attendance to discuss City League Baseball updates.

7. Old Business

A. Aquatic Center, Splashpad, and Park Improvement Updates

B. Aquatic Center Donation Appreciation

C. Ice Rink

Prudhon spoke in favor of the change in the move the ice rink to Lake Leota

8. Upcoming Meetings

A. Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00pm

9. Motion to Adjourn, by Poock at 7:30pm.