

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 18th, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chairperson Morrison at 6:00 pm
2. Roll call: Joy Morrison, Jim Espinosa, Lyman Fuson, Gene Prudhon, Sue Merritt, and Mike Pfeil. Matt Pooock arrived at 6:26. Also in attendance: Jason Sargeant, Ray Anderson, Angie Olsen, Chad Renly, & Curt Nyhus.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Espinosa, seconded by Prudhon; passed by voice vote.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the April 20th, 2021 minutes and approve them as printed. The minutes should note that Board Member Lyman Fuson was absent from the April meeting made by Prudhon and seconded by Fuson; passed by voice vote.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed: None
6. New business
 - A. Scavenger Hunt: Julie Hermanson of the AWARE program is wanting to conduct a scavenger hunt which would involve leaving clues to break a code on a safe that would be placed in the Park. No dates have been set.
7. Park's report: The broken water line in the upper park has been corrected but there have been some pressure issues that are being remedied. Wind Prairie did not get burned due to conditions. Thanks to St. John's Lutheran for holding a park day. The summer crew will be back starting the second week of June. A total of six students will be working this summer with two dedicated to the Lake Leota Park.
 - A. Lake Leota Dam repair – (place holder): Still under review by the DNR.
 - B. 2021 creek walls and 2nd duck house (place holder): Nothing new to report.
 - C. Dog park update (place holder): The fencing has been placed in the budget, it could be installed in June or July if we could get it placed in the fencing company's schedule. The dog park was approved by the Plan Commission with several conditions involving the planting of trees, dark sky lighting (not currently in the plan), and a sidewalk due to additional costs.
 - i. Permit Discussion: There had been discussions during the April meeting

about an additional charge or fee to the dog licenses to help support the dog park. Could possibly be done as an add on to the form and would be optional for those that want to use the dog park. Doesn't seem feasible for this year but could be something to add next year. Sargeant questioned how this would be enforced if this was set up as a permit fee. Could some sort of contribution system be created instead? When was the last time the fees were increased, and would a reasonable increase be acceptable? More discussion to happen later in the year.

8. Pool report

- A. Pool opening / condition discussion: The pipe has been scoped and there is no obvious reason why the pool is losing water. A dye test was conducted and leaks were found especially in the seams. The pool is losing 8.65 gallons per minute in its current condition with the pool filled to 1/3 capacity. In 2019 there was a threefold increase in the water usage from previous years. Where the water is going can't be determined. Morrison questioned if this is a safety issue if the water is creating voids or channeling under the tub. The concern is the stability of the walls according to Renly. The solution would be to remove and replace the grout, caulk, and paint in all the seams. It might require the use of hydraulic foam to fill any unseen voids. Angie Olsen has requested pricing from Badger Pool.

9. Old business

- A. Park & pool design update (place holder): Council last month chose MSA Professional Services as the awardee of the RFP and are negotiating the contract.
 - B. 2021 Baseball schedule (Place holder): The softball group was asking about spraying the weeds in the lower diamond. There was a discussion of the West Side Park development process and how it will impact the softball program.
 - C. Adopt a Park Program (place holder): A number of parks and gardens have been adopted and now are looking at signage to recognize those groups or let groups know that parks are available.
10. Other: Discussion of when the meetings could start to meet in person and Jason reported that the goal is to start reopening in late June with the idea of in person meetings in July.

11. Meeting reminder:

- A. Regular meeting on June 15th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Motion to adjourn made by Espinosa and a seconded by Poock approved by voice vote at 7:39 pm.