City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 7:15 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Poock called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Members	Present/Absent
Alderperson Norman Barker	P
Sue Merritt	P
Lyman Fuson	A
Chad Sigl	P
Chair, Matt Poock	P
Kris Evans	P
Sam Wallace	P

Others Present
Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Colette Spranger, Community Development Dir.
Ray Anderson, Parks' Custodian

3. ***Motion to Approve Agenda* by Sigl, seconded by Merritt.** *Motion passed 6-0.*

4. ***Motion to Waive the Reading of the Minutes from August 12, 2026 meeting and Approve them as Printed* by Barker, seconded by Wallace.** *Motion passed 6-0.*

5. **Civility Reminder:** Poock issued a reminder to act good and kind to everyone.

6. **Citizen Appearances:** None

7. **New Business**
   A. **Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan Update:** Spranger outlined the process, survey results, and progress of the Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan Update in the packet. Spranger encouraged feedback as the Board went through the packet. For the next meeting, the Board was asked to look at the survey results to define priorities to move forward with.
   B. **Discussion about Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Parks' Budget:** Sergeant shared the updates planned for the Park Store at Leonard Leota Park as well as some fundraising efforts for the Warming House by the Grove Society with a match by the City of Evansville.

8. **Park's Report**
   A. **General Park Updates:** Anderson reported that there was some vandalism at Larson Acres Park. The kids were identified, but the parents wouldn't allow the Police to talk to the 8-year-old.
   B. **Adopt-A-Park:** Anderson shared that once things calm down, will be able to finish cleaning up the program.

9. **Aquatic Center Season Review:** Poock asked for questions and concerns that could be asked of the Aquatic Director so that more feedback could be gathered. Questions included: length of season, concessions, trash from concessions, cleanliness of the pool, resident vs. non-resident usage, cost of operations, and upkeep of the building.

10. **City Youth Baseball:** Sergeant shared concerns around Baseball and Recreation programming. There was some interest in a part-time Recreation Coordinator to help provide more programming opportunities in the parks and help with the facility maintenance of the Aquatic Center.

    Motion to Recommend to Common Council to pursue a City Recreational Coordinator for a year-round, part-time 20 hours a week in the 2027 Budget to include City Baseball, Aquatic Center Facility Management, and more by Wallace, seconded by Sigl. *Motion passed 6-0***.**

11. **Old Business**
    A. **Canoe Rack at Leonard Leota Park:** Evans explained that the construction hasn't taken place, but the materials have been purchased.

12. **Upcoming Meetings**
    A. October 20 at 6:00 p.m.
        1. **Discussion about October Meeting Time:** Poock explained scheduling conflicts for the October date. Discussion concluded that the October meeting would occur at 7:15 p.m. again.
    B. November 17, December 15

13. **Adjourn:** Poock adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.