City of Evansville

Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 18th 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Park board will be held in person at City Hall located at 31 S Madison St on the third floor. To attend the meeting virtually please go to: meet.google.com/cke-iazy-twx or call: +1 567-236-0714 and enter pin: 228 747 609#

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MINUTES

- 1. Call to order made by Chairperson Morrison at 6:02 pm
- 2. Roll call: Espinosa, Fuson, Morrison, Poock, Prudhon. Absent: Pfeil, Merritt Also in attendance Chad Renly, Jason Sergeant, Leah Hurtley, Bill Lathrop, members of the public.
- 3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Espinosa, Poock
- 4. Motion to waive the reading of the December 21st, 2021 minutes and approve them as printed made by Fuson and seconded by Prudhon.
- 5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed Frank Wyrostek 44 South Windmill Ridge. Mr. Wyrostek is concerned about the proposed parking in the West Side Park plan and asked about the progress for that part of the park plan. Sergeant replied that the plan is in the concept design. There has been extensive discussion about the neighborhood and the park meshing. There will be more discussions about the details such as landscaping and there is room in the current design for landscaping. Lighting is also being discussed. All planning is being finalized and more detail will be available. The number of parking spaces placed at the northwest corner of the park will be determined by the final plan depending and on the placement of sports fields and the aquatic center.
- 6. New business: None
- 7. Park's report
 - A. Lake Leota Dam Repair Working on the final plans so it can be bid in February. Project to be completed by July 4, 2022
 - B. 2021 creek walls & second duck house: nothing new to report
 - C. Shelter Vandalism: Chad reported on January 8th, the lower shelter was vandalized with graffiti. There are cameras there but that corner is at the edge of the camera's range so it may not have picked up the motion. Also, the cameras are set to record during certain times of the day and that had been shortened. The camera's time has been altered and the plan to add an infrared light which

- can be detected by the camera. EPD is investigating. Renly will check into companies that can clean the graffiti.
- D. Library Poet Tree Event: Chad received an e-mail from the Eager Free Public Library that there is a plan to do a Poet-Tree event where they would create a trail of trees and attached poems to each tree.

8. Pool report: No report

9. Old business

- A. Park & pool design update: Council had no issues with the plan forwarded by the PRB. Baker Street is in the process of starting the capital campaign, but a new committee is needed, no one from the discovery group volunteered. There are openings for up to 20 people. Website is updated with MSA's plans.
- B. Adopt-A-Park Program: The current list will be reviewed and then there will be outreach to those who have shown interest. Jon Frey of the Evansville Jays has asked about taking over the upper diamond area where the Jays play. St. John's Church has adopted entire Lake Leota Park but doesn't object to dividing it into more manageable sections. Leah Hurtley will review the list and get it updated for the next meeting. Chad will be meeting with the High School about signage.

10. Other

- A. Prudhon has asked about reforestation since many trees have been taken down. One of the staff has a degree as an arborist and his skills are used when there are questions. New trees will be planted in the spring. Leah is working on a universal application for facilities within the parks using Google forms which can be uploaded into a spreadsheet and calendar which will avoid costs of new software. The Google application doesn't allow for online payments but will do everything else needed. Can also be used for the Adopt a Park program.
- B. Boy Scouts will be having their winter event February 12th at the Lake.
- C. Meeting reminder: Regular meeting on February 15th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
- 11. Motion to adjourn made by Espinosa and seconded by Poock at 6:41 pm, approved on a voice vote.