

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 19th 2022 at 6:45 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

2. Roll call

In attendance was Lewis, Poock, Merritt, & Espinosa. Fusion, Pfeil and Prudhon were absent. Also in attendance was Joy Morrison, Arlene Larson, Ray Anderson, Chad Renly, John Frey, Bill Lathrop, Jason Sergeant, and Bill Wassing.

3. Motion to approve the agenda

Poock / Espinosa – 4-0 Motion Passed

4. Motion to waive the reading of the March 15th, 2022 minutes and approve them as printed.

Poock / Espinosa – 4-0 Motion Passed

5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed

- None

6. New business

A. Discussion and possible motion to waive the reservation fees for the Evansville Jays use of the field.

Frey spoke on behalf of the Jays. He discussed improvements that the Jays have made to the park since the franchise started in 2005. They also host an active Veterans night and this year they will put together “Baseball & Bands” in conjunction with Underground music. Future ideas for the park are awnings over the concession stand and planting more shade trees.

Lewis / Merritt – 4-0 Motion Passed

7. Park's report

Anderson reported that he opened park bathrooms today. Pool is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way put together. Park benches and minnows were donated to the park. Tennis nets are up and new basketball rims are being installed this week.

A. Lake Leota Dam Repair (place holder)

Renly reported that the bids went to the DNR for approval. He's expecting an award letter within the next week or two, with work starting on July 15.

B. Creek walls & 2nd duck house (place holder)

Capstone was delivered. As soon as it dries out, work will begin.

C. Dog Park Maintenance

Anderson reported that donated benches should be coming in within the next two weeks. Renly reported that the Dog Park was closed for two weeks. They dug out the entrance and replaced it with gravel and high traffic grass seed.

D. Lower shelter vandalism update

Renly reported they are still waiting for consistent warm weather to clean up the graffiti. It has been covered up for now.

E. Peace Park pavers maintenance update

Renly reported that they are discussing sand purchase and volunteers needed for this project. He is hoping to have an update next month. Pook asked to have Renly look into having the Lions help with the sand.

8. Pool report

Renly read a pool report update written by Angie Olson, who couldn't be at the meeting. He stated that they are going to begin interviews for summer staff. They need 2-4 employees for the park store, 2-3 employees for swimming lesson teachers, along with an aerobics instructor. Badger Pool is cleaning on May 20 and coming back for startup on May 25. Two pool rentals are already scheduled. She is working with a wholesale rep for snacks. Prices have been going up; menu needs to be altered or prices will need to increase.

9. Old business

A. Park & pool design update

Sergeant reported that park and pool design is out to bid. If the bids come in too high, Council has to make the decision whether to still reward the project with deductions not shown in the original plan. One of the deduction options is delaying the pool completion date by a year, resulting in one summer without a pool. Sergeant said he doesn't know if it's something the contractor will agree to for a lower bid. The bids will come back in the beginning of May (bids are due May 5) and Common Council will decide on the bid at the next meeting on May 10, 2022. The city has a borrowing process waiting in the wings to start construction on the project but we won't borrow any money until the bids come back. Sergeant submitted an

application to AARP for a grant towards the community garden, which was denied. Baker Street consultants had their first meeting with capital campaign members to discuss fundraising efforts towards the new park. The goal is to raise 1.5 million dollars. Once the bid is rewarded Baker Street can move forward with fundraising guidance. Lewis asked if slides could be added in the future to lower the initial bid cost. Sergeant responded that it would be more costly to add them to the park in the future rather than initially. The splash pad is the most consequential alternate bid. It can be easily added but will be a significant hit due to the discussion with the public as to what content to expect. Lathrop asked Sergeant what is the highest priority to complete first at the park? Sergeant responded that soccer fields will be available through the spring season at Westside Park. They will plant the seeds this fall and the new field will be ready in fall 2023. Poock asked if the public and Park Board could see park bids prior to the Common Council meeting. Sergeant responded that MSA will present a memo on 5/6/22 that will be in the packet for Tuesday's Common Council meeting for review.

B. Adopt-A-Park program

Renly stated nothing new for Adopt a Park at this time.

10. Other

- None.

A. Meeting reminder:

Regular meeting on May 17, 2022 at 6pm

11. Motion to adjourn

Espinosa / Lewis 4-0 motion passed.