

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street
Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to order by Hamilton at 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll call. Fuson, Courtier, Merritt, Brice, Hamilton. Also in attendance: Hurtley, Rigg, Seargant, and Anderson.
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Fuson/Brice
4. Motion to waive the reading of the June 20, 2017 minutes and approve them as printed. Brice/Merritt
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
 - a. Motion to approve Eagle Scout/Senior Project: Elijah James 7821 5th St. Build bleachers at the West Side Park. Building a set of one pair of bleachers for each side of one of the soccer fields. Bleachers will be made of wood with metal stands. Will be about the same size as the bleachers at the Evansville High School soccer field or slightly smaller. Rigg suggested that the design take into consideration that the bleachers need to be easily moved for maintenance. Steel frame is manufactured. Motion to approve the construction of bleachers for the West Side Park as an Eagle Scout project. Hamilton/Courtier.
 - b. Motion to approve use of a portable fire pit. A church camp has requested to use a portable fire pit in the park for a few days during a camp. There is nothing in the ordinance to prevent the use except for distance from poles or structure. Are there concerns with the PRB? Or should it be referred to Ray as part of his maintenance duties? Decision to refer the matter to Ray, any one or group wanting to use a portable fire pit must make arrangements with the Park Maintenance Manager.
6. Parks report. New pads have been poured for the bleachers and bleachers moved for the Lower Diamond at Leonard Leota Park. Wind Prairie Park has been mowed, the West Side Park has been mowed and will be ready for fall soccer practice.
 - a. Motion to accept Westside Park Committee report: The Ad Hoc West Side Park committee report includes a map of the site that does not consider all factors, simply based on what would fit in the location based on the interests of the participants. Would like consideration of the neighborhood residents by balancing the needs of a neighborhood park versus a sports complex. Considered parking issues but avoid creating a thoroughfare that will increase traffic in the neighborhood. Soccer fields—one should be artificial and painted so it is ready to go at any time and would reduce maintenance. Restrooms and concessions, shelters were not considered since the location of the utilities wasn't known.

Relatively small footprint and would be considered once official planning is underway. Asking the PRB to budget for a consultant to create a plan based on the needs assessment completed by the Committee. Fuson/Merritt

7. Pool report:
8. Old business. Pool consultant will have an assessment ready before the next meeting. It is submitted to the State Historical Society for review and guidance.
9. New business.
 - a. Budget – Handout: Salaries are included in the handout. Should there be fish stocking every year or every other year? Need to add money to the City Celebration events since there is equipment that needs to be purchased for the 4th of July Celebration. Weed cleaning along the shoreline of the lake will be added to the capitol budget (in the Storm Water Budget). Submit requests for the budget by the next meeting. Budget is due about the same time as the September meeting.
10. Other.
11. Motion to adjourn. Merritt/Fuson at 7:22 p.m.

Next meeting date Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 6:30 p.m.