

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street
Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to order: 6:31
2. Roll call—Morrison, Espinosa, Hamilton, Fuson, Poock. Also in attendance: Ian Rigg, Ray Anderson, Holly Gullledge.
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Hamilton/Fuson
4. Motion to waive the reading of the January 16, 2017 minutes and approve them as printed. Espinosa/Hamilton
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed. None
6. Parks report: The park was closed for the afternoon of the 20th due to creek flooding over the bridge. Gene Pruden, Kendall Wethal, and Ray have been meeting about trees for the West Side Park, Franklin Park and Leonard Leota Park for fall planting. Not sure of the numbers, depends on varieties and size.
7. Pool Report: Advertising for Life Guard positions will happen soon.
8. Old business: None
9. New business:
 - A. Review of contract outline for a live event at Lake Leota/Leonard Park: The individual has withdrawn the application for 2018 but will revisit the idea in 2019. The contract includes clauses that will require restoration of the park to the good condition, hold harmless, Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk, Permitting of Alcohol and Consumption, Utilities, Parking, Security, and Insurance, Donation declaration, Total Requirement, Applicable Law, Severability. The contract document is to be used for future events in order to insure public safety and condition of the park. The contract has not had final legal review and won't until there is a need for it.
 - B. Review and discussion on 2018-23 Park Master Plan: Included in the packet are a flyer to inform the community that the Park and Recreation Board is looking for feedback on the Park Master Plan, the online and the hard copy surveys. Public input event at Creekside every 4th Saturday morning from 9 to 12 to encourage public comment and fill out the survey. Holly plans to staff the table and gather the information. The survey was based on the previous plan and updated to reflect the current needs. The kickoff date for advertising will be March 1. Also plan to have a table at Family Fun Night. The timeline has been established with Holly and the new intern will divide the duties. Considering going to parks to conduct surveys directly to park users.

An RFP for consulting services to review the parks has been released with a deadline of the findings of August 31.

The School District is also plans to survey for community interest in an indoor pool which may impact the future plans for the pool. The Park survey will be open until May. Pooock suggested that the flyer include a link to the City website and have a link to the survey at the homepage. Rigg suggested adding it as an alert. Pooock suggested expanding the question 13/15 add more specifics about the pool plans, ice skating, bicycling and walking trails. Holly has talked to the Ice Age Trail committee. Pooock pointed out that March 31 is the end of Spring Break and the day before Easter.

Suggestion to e-mail the link to the survey.

Add the optional question of place of residence and clarify Evansville or Union residency.

10. Other: Welcome to new board member Matt Pooock.

RFP for West Side Park review has been released.

There are approximately 250 ash trees that are infested with emerald ash border that will need to come down.

11. Motion to adjourn. Hamilton/Fuson

Next meeting date Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m.