

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

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 6:31 by Chairperson Morrison
2. Roll call: Morrison, Espinosa, Merrit, Hamilton, Fuson, Poock. Also in attendance: Ian Rigg, Ray Anderson, Holly Gulledge, Angie Olsen , Jason Sergeant
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Hamilton/Fuson
4. Motion to waive the reading of the February 20, 2018 minutes and approve them as printed. Espinosa/Poock
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
 - A. Request for rental fee waiver and overnight stay for local Cub Scout troop 514 at Leonard Leota Park on May 19, 2018. The Cub Scouts would like to rent the shelter, camp in the park and have a fire if weather permits. About 25 scouts and 12 adults will attend. A motion to waive the fee and allow for the additional park hours. Hamilton/Espinosa
6. Parks report.
 - A. Improvements and additions to Franklin Park: removed four ash trees and ground out the stumps. Sand will be replaced in the next week. Sign for park hours will be replaced in the spring. A fence may be placed on two sides of the park. Leota Park was opened on Monday, March 19 and working on getting the bathrooms ready by the first or second week of April. Looking into changing the bathroom locks to match city locks. New mower will be arriving. Bench donated by Cheryl Fuchs in memory Cheryl Mani has arrived and will be placed sometime in the next month. The lower diamond ball field fencing will be replaced in the spring.
Working with the fire chief to burn off Wind Prairie.
Eli James raised \$4000 for bleachers as part of the Eagle Scout project and they have been placed in West Side Park.
Ian has prepared a letter for the Antes fund grant to repair the fireplace. The Duck House collapsed due to flooding, Ian is concerned about the cost and the liability which should be considered in the decision on how to proceed. Sergeant pointed out that the State wanted the Duck House rebuilt when asked previously. The initial decision should be made by the Historic Preservation Commission.
7. Pool Report
 - A. Repairs of facility and replacement of equipment: Cleaning up the shower areas, and painting. Need new back boards and lane dividers. Concerns about the

dividers in the bathrooms due to rust and sharp edges. Ray will look into repairing it for the year. There will be a walk through to determine what needs to be done and put priorities on repairs.

- B. Recommendation to Council on fee schedule changes for seasonal passes, lessons, swim team and/or admission: Non-resident fee of \$15 will be applied. The rate is based on the amount that residents pay in taxes to support the pool. Motion to recommend to Council Poock/Espinosa
 - C. Discussion on park store retail and hours: Council concerned about the differences in the Park Store and the Youth Center. Decided to have the same items at both and be able to move them back and forth. This will help keep better track of the items. The hours will be the same as the pool, historically, very few sales are made outside of pool hours.
8. Old business.
- A. Review and discussion on 2018-23 Park Master Plan: Holly will update the PRB and bring specific items to the Board as necessary. Flyers have been posted and the survey is available on the City website. Chamber of Commerce will be posting a link to the survey, paper copies at the library. About 40 responses with 60% residents and 40% non-resident. Chapters will be going out to review by the PRB members. A “Visit the Parks” sheet will also be e-mailed to the group.
9. New business: None
10. Other.
11. Motion to adjourn. Fuson/Espinosa 7:41 pm

Next meeting date Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 6:45 p.m. or immediately following the Council Reorganizational Meeting.