

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street
Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 6:45 p.m.
(or immediately following the Council Reorganizational Meeting)

MINUTES

1. Call to order. By Chairperson Morrison at 6:49 pm.
2. Roll call. Morrison, Espinosa, Hamilton, Fuson, Poock. Also in attendance: Ian Rigg, Ray Anderson, Holly Gullede, Jason Sergeant
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Hamilton/Fuson
4. Motion to waive the reading of the March 20, 2018 minutes and approve them as printed, with changes heading and section 6. Fuson/Hamilton
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
 - A. Jennifer Ehle distributed a handout for History in the Park event with theme of baseball. Asking to waive the fee for Horse Shelter for July 16 and September 9 (in case of rain, the event will move to Creekside.) The motion will be considered at the May meeting.
 - B. Motion to waive rental fee for the Evansville Jays baseball team in exchange for work and improvements made to the park by the Jays: Jon Frey, General Manager of the Jays home talent team distributed a flyer that highlights the improvements made to the park and future improvements in exchange for waiving the fee. Possibility of upgrading the trash receptacles and doors on the press box. Motion to wave the fees for the Jays, Hamilton/Fuson.
 - C. Discussion and possible motion on Scout memorial at Lake Leota Park. Several members of Scout Troop 514 attended the meeting. A drawing of the proposed Memorial for David Fellows was distributed called the Fellows Circle. The Memorial is for use by both the Scouts and the public. It would take about a month to construct. A more detailed idea will be developed if both the PRB and Historic Preservation Commission are receptive to the idea. State Historical Society will need to review the materials and the permanence of the installation. Poock was concerned about the rules for having a fire in the park. Sergeant suggested they double check to make sure the distance is correct between the Scout House and an existing power pole. Hamilton makes a motion to continue pursuit of the project and proceed to the Historic Preservation Committee. Second by Espinosa.

6. Parks report: A: Wind Prairie was burnt off. The fence at the lower diamond will be completed and the bathrooms will be opened after the weather improves. West Side seeding is still waiting. Gene Pruden is donating trees to the City and will be planting soon.
 - A. West Side Park Development Plan RFP results—8 proposals were received. Mead and Hunt was awarded the proposal based on the technical evaluation and pricing. Once the report is complete it will be presented to the Board. Sewer work has been completed which will allow for development of the rest of the space once a plan is finalized.
7. Pool Report: Holly—A student workday is planned to clean the pool deck, changing rooms etc. Interviewing for life guards and park store positions is underway. There will be repairs and patching to the pool deck to fix hazards. It is possible that building repair may be necessary. AED has been installed that matches other AEDs used by the city.
8. Old business.
 - A. Review and discussion on 2018-23 Park Master Plan: Two chapters will be distributed to the Board in the next week. 561 responses to the Park Survey have been received, with a goal of 800 responses. About 80/20 split between resident and non-resident respondents. Respondents are discovering the survey through social media. Over 50% indicated they had seen improvements in the parks. The first Coffee with the Parks was held on March 31 at Creekside. Next event is April 28th from 9 to noon. Information to be distributed at Family Fun Night. Jon Frey boosted a Facebook post through the Jays page and has reached over 2,000 people.
9. New business: None.
10. Other: St. John's Lutheran Church is volunteering their time on Sunday (Earth Day) to clean the City Parks. Ray will meet with Rev. Pooch to go over projects.

As a follow up to Franklin Park, will review the lighting in the park and other features to ensure the safety of the park. The signs that indicated the open hours of the park will be replaced in the next few weeks.

Pooch asked about next steps at Brezinski Park. Will be reviewed as part of the Park Plan.

11. Motion to adjourn: Hamilton/Espinosa

Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 6:30 p.m.