

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street
Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chairperson Joy Morrison at 6:30 pm
2. Roll call: Morrison, Espinosa, Merritt, Hamilton, Prudhon, and Fuson. Poock was absent. Also present were Ian Rigg and Angie Olsen.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Fuson and seconded by Espinosa passed unanimously.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the June 18, 2019 minutes and approve them as printed made by Fuson and seconded by Espinosa passed unanimously.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed: None
6. New business
 - A. Leashing dogs in parks/public grounds: City Ordinance Section 14-3 does not specifically require a leash as long as the animal is “under owner’s control.” Should the Park Board forward to the Public Safety Commission a recommendation that animals in the park must be leashed? Do other communities have lease ordinances and how are they written. Rigg will look into other ordinances. Hamilton is concerned that one incident should not constitute a leash law but would be in favor if a dog park was available in town. Prudhon asked how much land would be required for a dog park and how it would be fenced. Rigg suggested that one to two acres would be the minimum needed. Rigg will do some investigation and report back to the Board.
7. Parks report: Parks went through the 4th with minimal wear and tear and no incidents were reported. Urban Landscaping has started work on the creek walls and will complete work to the main bridge. The second duck pond may have to be delayed until 2021. Plan to place the duck house pad in the next few weeks. Will continue weed eradication along the lake. Need to make alterations to the dam in order to prevent issues with opening the gate. Will require underwater welding.
8. Pool report: Attendance is steady on the busy side. Back flushing the filters will sometime cause a minor discoloration caused by iron. Ian has requested the core sampling in order to determine the viability of replacing the current tub or if a decision is made to go to referendum for a new pool.

9. Old business: Master Plan for the park should be available next month.

10. Other: None

11. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Hamilton, second by Espinosa at 7:11, passed unanimously.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6:30 p.m.