

City of Evansville  
**Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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## **AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Motion to approve the agenda
4. Motion to waive the reading of the April 22, 2020 minutes and approve them as printed
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed
6. New business
7. COVID 19 Response:
  - A. Soccer
  - B. Pool operations
  - C. Baseball
8. Parks report
  - A. Dog Park
9. Pool report
  - A. Referendum
  - B. Cost estimates
  - C. Fundraising
10. Old business
11. Other
12. Meeting Reminder: Regular meeting on June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
13. Motion to adjourn



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### MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chairperson Joy Morrison at 6:00 pm
2. Roll call: Morrison, Espinosa, Merritt, Prudhon, Poock, Fuson, Hamilton. Also present were Ian Rigg, Ray Anderson, Chad Renley, Angie Olsen, Leah Hurtley.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Prudhon, seconded by Hamilton, approved on voice vote.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the February 18, 2020 minutes and approve them with a change from Agenda to Minutes as printed by Poock, second by Fuson, approved by voice vote.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed: None
6. New business
  - A. COVID 19 Response – field rental, pool opening and programs
    - i. Managers are waiting until the end of the current Safer at Home order. The CDC verified that the chlorine in the pool will kill the Covid-19 virus but the rest of the facility will require constant sanitizing and proper social distancing which can't be guaranteed. If the pool were to open, the programs such as swim team, lessons, and other activities would require a thorough review before the programs could open. The pool will require repairs and then will take two full weeks to prepare for opening. Staffing is not an issue. Decision on opening the pool will be revisited at the May meeting and sales of passes or lessons be held until a decision is made.
    - ii. Facility rental reservations should not be taken at this time.
    - iii. Baseball issues include timing on getting shirts printed, registration time issues and number of registrations. Leah Hurtley reported that baseball registrations would normally be at least half full but the current registrations are extremely low and they have not been taking registrations due to the accounting issues. It is difficult to understand the issues related

to public safety. Shirts could be printed and if there isn't a season, held for next season. The determination on the baseball season will be reviewed at the May meeting and hold registrations but proceed with the printing of the shirts.

- B. Motion to approve overnight stay at the park: The request for an overnight stay for the Cub Scouts has been withdrawn until further plans can be made.
  - C. Klondike Derby 2021: Boys Scouts are looking at an expansion of the fishing Derby and are looking at plans for the event again in 2021.
7. Parks report
- A. Repairs and improvements 2020: Park Store and Bell Tower roofs have been replaced. Ray would like to have the bathroom doors replaced and the concrete in front of the Scout House. Scouts may be interested in helping with the cost. The dam repair grant application is moving forward. Bathrooms have been prepared but the water is not on. Wind Prairie was burned off two weeks ago by the Fire Department. Tree removal and stump grinding has been completed. Sunday May 3 has been selected as a Park Cleanup Day and there have been plans to keep the cleanup crews properly distanced.
8. Opening Restrooms water will be turned on next week so that once the order to open is extended they will be ready to be unlocked.
9. Pool report: Angie will contact Badger Pool and investigate the cost to get the pool repairs.
10. Old business
- A. Master Plan: Waiting for Jason Sergeant's final draft.
  - B. Geese Population: 5 Options: Manufactured deterrent Away with Geese, geese specific, would need 8 units at \$398 each. Bird be Gone, would require 4 but impacts other bird species. Goose Egg addling which impacts hatching of the eggs and requires DNR and USFish and Wildlife Service approval and takes years to take impact. Predatory bird. Hire hunters to cull the geese, requires DNR and USFS permit and park must be closed.
  - C. Dam Repair: A regular report has been developed to monitor the dam, creek, water flow, and lake.
  - D. Referenda: Had planned to pass out surveys at the election. There is an online survey available but have not received with a lot of responses. Rigg feels both need to be put to vote this year.
  - E. Vandalism deterrents: There had been a previous discussion on adding motion sensor lights. Police have been patrolling the parks heavily. Ray and Chad will review possible options to see if it can get done soon. Ray would also like to look at the possibility of a few cameras in a few areas.
11. Other: None

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13. Motion to adjourn made by Poock, second by Hamilton.





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Friday, May 15, 2020

Park Board,

I want to express to you my concern about opening the pool this summer.

- First is that by CDC standards we should not consider reopening aspects of City service until the community has had flat or lowered rate of cases for 14 days. Latest Rock County estimate is mid-June before we peak. With surrounding areas opening bars, restaurants and more we can expect the peak projected in mid-June to no longer be the peak, but rather it be much later. We have not met the most basic public health threshold to reopen.
- Second is the concept of the peak. The peak is meant to show how many ICU beds and medical devices are available. Essentially hitting capacity for the number of beds with an expected death toll to follow, not that we are nearing a safe environment to return to how things were before.
- We would be asking minimum wage people to work in an environment that I cannot guarantee will be made safe through PPE, sanitation and more. The condition of the pool, the space within it and the limit on supplies that need to go to emergency responders is a serious concern
- We would have to hire a person dedicated to keeping people socially distant. If parents attend to monitor their kids it is one more person to take space encroaching the 6 feet of separation. I just cannot see kids maintaining social distancing when the pool serves also as a place to be social.

The only reasons to reopen is to give kids something to do. I know there will be calls by people to open everything back up. I think this should be a decision based on facts, not politics.

The fact is our facility is too small to have a large enough crowds to meet our budgeted level of tax supplementation. We have bleach and more, but PPE may not be as readily available to protect our employees. This community has not met the basic CDC pre-requisites to even consider the precautions they listed and I have serious doubts of us meeting those pre-requisites anytime soon given the recent activity in neighboring counties.

Attached are emails from the Chief of Police and EMS stating their concerns. Also attached is a guideline for reopening amusement facilities.

Ian Rigg, MPA-CM  
City Administrator

## Ian Rigg

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**From:** Patrick Reese <p.reese@ci.evansville.wi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:02 PM  
**To:** 'Jamie Kessenich'; 'Ian Rigg'; j.rittenhouse@ci.evansville.wi.gov  
**Subject:** RE: State Pool Guidance

Ofc. Rittenhouse and I have discussed this and had sent emails to Jamie earlier and I think all three of us are on the same page.

IF the pool were to open I'd like to see the following:

- The aquatics director come up with guidelines and procedures for her staff on cleaning and proper social distancing. I would suggest these plans be presented to public safety for input.
- An employee to be designated as the "cleaning" person each shift and responsible for cleaning and sanitizing surfaces.
- Slid and diving board remain closed
- Limit capacity in the pool
- Limit class sizes
- Limit the amount of staff allowed in the office and check-in desk.
- Abide by all recommendations from the CDC and Rock County Health Department

A concern I have is if we open the pool and then there is a spike in cases there could be a need to turn around and close the pool. If staff were to become ill, or another order were to come out etc. There is so much uncertainty with this virus and if we filled the pool just to turn around and close it again it could be an avoidable cost to the city by simply closing for the season.

### **Chief Patrick Reese**

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**From:** Jamie Kessenich [mailto:jamie.kessenich@ci.evansville.wi.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:12 AM

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[https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Entertainment-and-Amusement-Service-Guidelines\\_1.pdf](https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Entertainment-and-Amusement-Service-Guidelines_1.pdf)

Here is another document to reference.

I just am not sure how feasible the opening of the Evansville Pool will be when all these considerations need to be looked at. Most documents and information that I am reading it still is encouraging 10 or less people at this time.

Continuous and proper decontamination/sanitizing between pretty much everything. Meaning tables/ chairs after each use. When people want to be in a pool they are generally not social distancing. They are engaging in activity with friends and at this point that type of activity is discouraged. I feel a significant amount of additional supplies for cleaning/disinfecting would need to be obtained prior to opening and know that you can maintain that supply. Barriers for safety of employees and ability to check people in. Cleaning and sanitizing bathrooms would consume one employees time for sure.

Several chairs and tables would need to be removed to have social distancing in play.

How many people just send there children to the pool unsupervised and would these children know to abide by these guidelines or would the employees spend most of their time separating patrons of the pool. So with that I feel that pool staff would need to be increased due to the fact that lifeguards would not be able to have increased responsibility of all these added tasks to ensure the publics safety at a City facility.

Just some of my thoughts.

Respectfully,

*Jamie Kessenich*

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GUIDANCE ON PREPARING WORKPLACES FOR COVID-19



ENTERTAINMENT AND AMUSEMENT



The entertainment and amusement sector includes a diverse array of businesses dedicated to bringing people together. The sector encompasses more than 4,000 businesses and 65,000 employees dedicated to providing meaningful social interactions among Wisconsin residents and visitors. However, almost all of these businesses have been shuttered completely to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This industry is important for social connections and fosters a sense of celebration and togetherness among residents, but the communal nature of these facilities makes it especially challenging to accommodate necessary social distancing and sanitation during this time. This document is intended to provide guidance for businesses looking to take steps to allow their businesses to reopen as soon as it is safe to do so.

This guide includes instructions for entertainment and amusement venues that cater to groups of people in indoor or outdoor settings, including but is not limited to theaters, amusement parks, waterparks, arcades, trampoline parks, sports simulator/practice facilities, bowling alleys and related establishments.

In addition, please see the "**General Guidance for All Businesses**" document for guidance that applies to all industries, and please consult the other available industry guides as relevant for your specific business type.

Keeping employees and customers safe is the number-one priority for all businesses. This resource provides guidelines for protecting both of these groups. Businesses are expected to be proactive about compliance with rules and take definitive action to enforce the rules. It is not sufficient to post signage requesting that guests maintain distancing or to anticipate that staff will be able to manage customer interactions in real time (e.g., by directing guests verbally to separated facilities or wiping down surfaces as guests approach).

## Recommendations for Entertainment and Amusement

Entertainment and amusement businesses face unique challenges, as successful business operations typically require daily interaction with a large number of people. The following minimum requirements apply to businesses in this category that are planning to reopen.

### Employee health and hygiene

- ▶ Employees who have a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to work.
- ▶ Maintain an adequate supply of paper goods, soap and hand sanitizer to allow proper hand hygiene among employees and customers.
- ▶ Provide tissues for proper cough/sneeze etiquette and no-touch disposal receptacles.
- ▶ Emphasize effective hand hygiene, including washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before preparing or eating food; after using the bathroom; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- ▶ Wear single-use disposable gloves when performing cleaning and disinfection/sanitizing duties.

- ▶ Ensure first aid and lifeguard staff have proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to wear for first aid and rescues. (Visit the American [Red Cross](#) website for advice about safer first aid, CPR and lifeguarding.)

### Clean and disinfect

- ▶ Single-use gloves should be worn.
- ▶ Rides or amusements that cannot be sanitized between uses (for example, play equipment in common areas) should be closed.
- ▶ High-contact areas such as doorknobs, buttons, counters, armrests, bleachers and stair rails should be cleaned frequently, or after each user if feasible.



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- ▶ Bathrooms, locker rooms and shower rooms should be cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- ▶ Sanitizing wipes should be discarded after each use or when visibly soiled. Use one wipe per item/area.
- ▶ Guest touch locations such as kiosks, interactive displays and video/arcade games should have sanitizing wipes provided nearby.
- ▶ Attractions utilizing shared equipment (e.g., controls/handles, harnesses, helmets, shoes, balls, tables, seats) should be sanitized between uses.
- ▶ All cloth materials should be washed at the highest possible heat setting and dried thoroughly.
- ▶ Follow restaurant guidelines for food service areas.
- ▶ At swimming pools and waterparks, staff must monitor table and chair usage and sanitize chair and table surfaces between patrons.
- ▶ Lifeguards must not be assigned to additional duties.
- ▶ Sanitize surfaces using an [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-registered disinfectant](#) or a bleach solution. Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:
  - ▶ 5 tablespoons (one-third of a cup) bleach per gallon of water for non-food contact surfaces.
  - ▶ 1 teaspoon bleach per gallon of water for food contact surfaces.
  - ▶ *Do not mix* bleach and ammonia-based chemical solutions.

## Face masks and cloth face coverings

- ▶ Employers should recommend that employees wear face masks or cloth face coverings when social distancing is not feasible in the work environment. They may also recommend usage of face masks or cloth face coverings for public-facing activities.

- ▶ Ensure your employees are wearing face coverings properly. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides guidance on how to properly wear a face covering and offers [tutorials for how to make one](#).
- ▶ If customers will not be able to stay six feet away from others, recommend that they bring their own face mask or covering. Provide face masks for customers to use at your facility if they did not bring one, and provide adequate trash receptacles for disposing of used masks. Considerations should be made for individuals who are unable or unwilling to wear a mask or cloth face cover.

## Business operations

- ▶ Ensure that you have an adequate supply of single-use paper towels, utensils, PPE (masks, if available and single-use gloves) and soap/sanitizer on hand to ensure employees are able to follow best practices. Enforce use of these items when interacting with customers unless otherwise specified in the guidelines.
- ▶ Encourage staff to avoid sharing work tools and equipment (such as desks and phones) if possible. If it is necessary to share, sanitize the tool/equipment before and after each use.
- ▶ Provide employees with training on new processes and procedures.
- ▶ Consider creating alternating work teams where possible, to ensure that should some staff become infected, you will have adequate staff to maintain operations while following isolation/quarantine guidelines for any team members who worked with infected persons.

## Customer health and safety

- ▶ Customer capacity should be reduced to ensure adequate social distancing if at all possible.
- ▶ Customers should be denied entry once the maximum capacity for safe social distancing has been reached. Offer to notify waiting customers via text message when space becomes available.
- ▶ Eliminate unnecessary physical contact between staff and visitors, and maintain social distancing with a six-foot distance between individuals whenever possible.
- ▶ Install stickers or arrows on the floor/ground, directing customer traffic patterns to minimize interactions, and maintain a six-foot distance between customers at queuing areas such as cashier stations or loading areas.
- ▶ For businesses that require queuing, consider using a digital tool/platform to allow guests to reserve times, and thus minimize on-site lines. Space out appointment intervals to accommodate additional cleaning and sanitizing of equipment between users.
- ▶ Consider use of physical barriers between adjacent areas such as bowling lanes, driving range tees or queuing areas.
- ▶ Amusements with seating should maintain a minimum of six feet between household groups. Non-compliant benches, booths, seats and machines should be physically marked with tape or barriers to prevent use.
- ▶ Theater seating should provide at least two empty seats between household groups. The maximum household group size allowed should be six people. Offer cashless and contactless transactions whenever possible.
- ▶ When exchanging paper and coin money, do not touch your face afterward. Ask customers to place cash on the counter rather than directly into your hand. Place money on the counter (not in hand) when providing change back to customers. Clean the counter between each customer at checkout.
- ▶ Consider adding clear plastic barrier protection at the cashier or entrance desk with a pass-through opening to exchange items as necessary. Registration and/or cashier desks must be six feet apart.
- ▶ At swimming pools and waterparks, attendants must ensure that tables and chairs maintain adequate distance and that group size does not exceed 10 people.
- ▶ Lifeguards must not be assigned to additional duties.

## Additional customer protections

- ▶ Post signage at entrances to facilities letting customers know about changes to your policies and reminding individuals experiencing COVID-like symptoms to stay at home.
- ▶ Install sanitizing stations (with at least 60% alcohol if hand sanitizer is provided) at the entrance to your facility and at key locations throughout the facility where customers are likely to contact shared equipment. Encourage customers to use them.



- ▶ Remove all unnecessary touchpoints, especially those that cannot be sanitized between uses. Examples include the use of pens to sign receipts (cashless and contactless transactions are recommended), benches, interactive displays, drinking fountains, photo props or shared equipment.
- ▶ No reusable items (e.g., theater popcorn boxes, refillable drink containers) should be allowed.
- ▶ Utilize disposable instead of reusable items whenever possible.
- ▶ Provide adequate trash receptacles and increase removal frequency to accommodate additional waste.
- ▶ Continue offering virtual experiences and curbside pickup of physical goods to accommodate all customers if possible.
- ▶ Discourage customers from touching other participants' equipment (e.g., retrieving other customer's stray ball).
- ▶ Equipment should be secured and provided to guests upon request. No shared equipment (e.g., tubes, balls, toys) should be used.

## Programmed event guidelines

- ▶ Programmed events should be limited to 10 persons at a time in any given space, expanding to 50 people in Phase 2 of the Badger Bounce Back plan.
- ▶ Where possible, event attendance should be staggered to minimize overlap and reduce density of participants.
- ▶ Consider designating alternate offerings for at-risk populations.
- ▶ Gatherings should be invitation-only or include a process to collect participant lists, in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

## Specific considerations for swimming pools and water attractions

- ▶ Follow the general guidance above and CDC guidance for swimming pools and water attractions when posted at [CDC Healthy Swimming](#).
- ▶ Each licensed public pool or water attraction facility must develop and follow a safety plan that includes enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces, employee health and hygiene, and ensuring that the pool or water attraction is properly operated with appropriate disinfectant levels.
- ▶ Each licensed facility must have a designated person on site to ensure that guidelines and regulations are followed. A facility may appoint an attendant or other staff member to perform these duties, as long as the facility is otherwise properly staffed. **A lifeguard, while serving as a lifeguard, may not perform duties of the attendant** or be given additional duties that distract from the responsibilities of lifeguarding.
- ▶ For any pool, adequate disinfection will inactivate coronavirus, so careful attention must be paid to ensure that the pool has adequate disinfectant, proper ORP values in pools where that value is measured, and proper recirculation.
- ▶ The usual [CDC protocol for fecal accidents](#) must be followed.

## Low-use pools (condo, apartment, homeowner association, hotel/motel)

- ▶ The maximum number of patrons allowed in an enclosure must be based on the consideration that patrons may travel between the deck and the basin. Pool capacity must be reduced to half of the normal maximum patron load to allow for six feet of space (a six-foot radius, or 144 square feet) for each patron (except for family groups) in the pool and on the deck at all times. Occupancy of the enclosure will be limited to the number of patrons allowed in the pool basin, as patrons are expected to move into and out of the water, and will need adequate space to do so given limited deck space.
- ▶ For whirlpools, measure the whirlpool and ensure six feet of distance and enforce this. This means a whirlpool may potentially need to be limited to one person using it at a time.
- ▶ Low-use pools may want to consider a reservation system to control access. For example, a family could reserve the pool for half an hour at a time, depending on demand.

## Competition pools or pool areas used for lap swimming (with lanes seven to eight feet wide)

- ▶ One patron per lane at a time is allowable for lap swimming or competition. Patrons are expected to swim in the middle of the lane to allow for maximum distance between heads (approximately seven feet).
- ▶ Wading pools and splash pads
- ▶ Wading pools and splash pads must be staffed by an attendant who is on site to monitor use.
- ▶ Maintain six feet of distance between people not from the same household group.
- ▶ Travel routes through a splash pad must allow for six feet of distance, so patrons should be encouraged to take turns moving through the splash pad.
- ▶ Municipal pools, fitness centers, school pools and all pools at waterparks
- ▶ There must be an adequate number of attendants on hand to ensure proper distancing and limit group sizes to 10 people or families.

## Leisure rivers

- ▶ Traffic in the river must allow for six feet of distancing between riders who are not members of the same family.

## Slides

- ▶ Timing of sending riders down the slide must allow for only one person to be in the plunge basin at a time.
- ▶ Wave pools and other rides that involve water moving patrons in a manner that may cause unavoidable close contact between patrons
- ▶ Patron load must always be restricted to ensure adequate spacing during the activity.

## Swimming lessons

- ▶ Follow "[Learn to Swim](#)" guidance from the [American Red Cross](#). This is likely to mean that only lessons for more advanced swimmers or parent-child lessons will be allowable initially, in order to avoid close contact of non-family members.

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**Park & Recreation Meeting  
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Leah Hurtley's Report**

Baseball 2020		
Sponsors	10	
T-Ball	Players	Coaches
	10	4
American	Players	Coaches
	19	5

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*\*Registration numbers including Coaches may not be final number as many people were instructed to hold off on submission until after May 19, Park Board Meeting.*

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**Leah called last year's Coaches to get a feedback. Recommendations/Feedback from last year's coaches were as follows:**

- low level of safety concern
  - low return rate from last year's coaches (4 of 19)
    - high stress levels both personally and professionally
    - if safer at home gets lifted, increase travel plans
  - higher interest in "Coaches Clinic" with pick-up games/practices
-