

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chairperson Joy Morrison at 6:00 pm
2. Roll call Morrison, Espinosa, Prudhon, Pooch, Fuson, Hamilton, and Merritt. Also present were Ian Rigg, Mayor Bill Hurtley, Ray Anderson, Angie Olsen, Chad Renley.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Fuson, seconded by Espinosa approved by voice vote 6 to 0.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the July 21, 2020 minutes and approve them as printed made by Espinosa, seconded by Pooch approved by voice vote 6 to 0..
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed: None
6. New business: None
7. COVID 19 Response: No update from Rock County. Shelters with at least one enclosed wall are considered an indoor space and masks must be worn.
8. Parks report
 - A. Lake testing: DNR Citizen Lake Monitoring Program. Gene Prudhon did the sampling last month and will be going out again August 21. DNR requires a minimum of three tests a year but there is no maximum.
 - B. Geese population update: Goose population is down, it appears that flocks are coming in one day and leaving the next. The deterrents are working.
 - C. Park and Recreation Plan 2020-2025 --Written report. In Section 7.1 a change needs to be made to from Acquire land on Croft Road to Acquire land on Porter Road. Prudhon wondered if the land would be available due to the development fees but Rigg said those types of monetary or land exchanges are already completed. Pooch moved to change the language to “Acquire land adjacent to existing parks” and seconded by Prudhon. Hamilton and Espinosa showed concerns about the appearance of the City not being financially frugal but others pointed out this was a wish list and no funds were being committed at this point. Espinosa, Fuson, Merrit, Morrison, Pooch, Prudhon voted in the affirmative and Hamilton voted in the negative, motion passes 6 to 1.
 - D. Plans for the fall include planting trees, drain tile has been added to West Side Park playground area to help with drainage problems. A 4H group plans to paint

the Countryside Shelter. The bathrooms have been painted and the summer help is done Friday, August 21.

9. Pool report

- A. Referendum: The language is included in the Park Packet. The question is now select one option and is considered an advisory referendum. The Common Council added the language to include a splash pad at the location opposite of the Aquatic Center. Pooch asked for clarification on the scenarios with a three way split in the vote. As an advisory referendum, the Common Council would make the final decision.
- B. Educational Campaign: The PRB suggested changes to the document supplied. Members of the PRB should get together with interested parties to start publicizing and organizing the referendum. It should be limited to two members of the PRB. Employees of the City can be involved as long as it is on personal time and not as a representative of the city. Other interested parties should contact Joy Morrison or Angie Olson. Ian cannot be involved due to his credentials and can only provide information.

10. Old business: The City has been pushing to complete sidewalk projects around town. The multimodal pathway has been installed near Westside Park and more is being completed.

11. Other

- A. Budget options: A review of the capital projects included a new mower; the dog park; building, grounds, play equipment; historic restoration (the second duck house); a new Gator 4x4. The pool would be added depending on the outcome of the referendum.

12. Meeting Reminder: Regular meeting on September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and will be held virtually.

13. Motion to adjourn made by Pooch and seconded by Hamilton, approved by voice vote 7 to 0.