

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street
Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Joy Morrison at 6:35 p.m.
2. Roll call. Members present were Morrison, Espinosa, Hamilton, Pooch, and Merritt. Fuson and Prudhon were absent. Others present were Ian Rigg, Ray Anderson, Jason Sergeant and members of the public.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Espinosa and seconded by Hamilton. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the January 15, 2019 minutes and approve them as printed made by Pooch, second by Espinosa. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed. None
 - A. Ann Larson spoke on the prospect of a dog park. She conducted an unofficial survey through Facebook to gauge people's interest. She receive 272 replies. Rigg made a note to correct the idea that a dog park was going in at West Side Park. There is a plan already and it does not include this facility. Rigg gave on potential spot the City may be acquiring. Larson agreed that dog parks typically go were nothing else can.

Pooch asked if the large and small dogs are separated. Sergeant spoke that the current Park Master Plan under consideration no longer states whether there should be a dog park but where it should go. Anderson asked Larson are the parks urban or rural settings and how much space would be necessary. Larson responded they are both and about 5 acres. Larson asked about certain locations as possible dog park locations and Rigg responded those properties present problems due to access, security and wetlands.
6. New business.
7. Parks report: Anderson reported that Countryside Park equipment has been ordered, fish cribs have been approved by the DNR and are being finished. When not plowing snow Anderson is working on picnic tables.
8. Old business.
 - A. Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan – Review and discuss revisions to Chapters 5 and 7. There were questions as to the name and labeling of “Parkland Fees”. Minor corrections to grammar or spelling were brought up. Rigg stated the need for a few changes and adding in some reports already complete. Sergeant pointed out the importance of updating park land impact fees. Sergeant handed out evaluation sheets for the park board members to rate priorities of different projects identified.
9. Other. None.
10. Motion to adjourn made by Hamilton, 2nd by Espinosa at 7:30

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.