

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting
3rd Floor, City Hall, 31 South Madison Street
Monday, December 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to order at 6:06 pm by acting chair Hamilton.
2. Roll call Dan Brice, Rod Courtier, Gerry Hels, Darrell Hamilton, Sue Merritt, Lyman Fuson
Also in attendance, Ray Anderson, Ian Rigg. Sandy Decker
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Fuson/Hels
4. Motion to waive the reading of the November 9, 2015 minutes and approve them as printed. Tabled until January.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
6. Parks report.
 - a. Creek walls: Winter work is finished, work will resume and be completed in the spring.
 - b. Seeding at Wind Prairie was completed at a cost of \$2000
 - c. West Side Shelter, Ray with the assistance of Rock Co. Recap, finished the ceiling. Minor details are all that are remaining
 - d. Official DNR fish bag limit signs are up at Lake Leota
7. Old business.
 - a. Fee schedule. Rigg has been comparing rates from comparable cities for a variety of services. Beloit, Edgerton, and Janesville have approached Evansville for a “super pass” usable at all three community pools (see New Business). In comparison the rates appear to be in line with the other communities. Sees no need to change the rates. Only recommended changers are to add a family pass for the pool and eliminate the Group Rate for 30+ since no group has brought 30 to the pool.
 - b. Park road winter closure to vehicular traffic: will take place once ice begins to form on the lake.
 - c. ADA swing in Brzezinski Park. Mayor Decker would like to see the information documenting safety concerns in order to make sure that installation is done in the safest possible manner.
8. New business.
 - a. Scout House: Rigg: City finally got a key and there were concerns about safety issues so the building inspector was asked to inspect. He had concerns with the weight on the rafters, the egress, and the wiring. The Scouts have been asked to

vacate and take some of the Park's budget from the Scout House improvements to get the issues rectified. Once done then the bigger issues can then be addressed and sent to the State for approval due to the status as a public building and because of its historic value. Hamilton removed himself as a PRB member to represent the Scouts and read a letter on behalf of Troop 514. Members of the Scout leadership have contacted the City. Hamilton stated that they have a member who will coordinate contact. The State is given 30 days to review the plan. Will add the Scout House to the Historic Preservation Committee's Wednesday meeting. Decker recommends that getting a volunteer from both the HPC and the Scouts to help expedite the plan.

- b. Discussion of moving monthly meetings to Tuesday with new chair: Appointment of a new chair has not yet been appointed but one member of the council has been approached but is not available on Mondays. The meeting would be moved to the third Tuesday and the time would change to 6:30 to accommodate PRB meetings effective Tuesday January 19th, 2016. The motion will be made at the council.
 - c. Discussion of multi-community swim pass: Rigg meet with Park and Rec. Directors from Janesville and Beloit. They discussed creating a pass that could be used at the public pools in Janesville, Beloit, Edgerton, and Evansville. While the impact on attendance isn't known, it allows the communities to leverage marketing and may have impacts on local businesses. Evansville would receive 50% of funds of the passes sold, the remaining 50% is divided, based on use, to the other facilities. The attendance is tabulated by using a scannable pass at a cost of 60 to 70 cents that would be covered in the fee. May be a need to delineate boundaries to determine where the pass needs to be purchased. Rigg will continue to work with the other communities to work out the details. Brice is concerned about notification when there are emergency closures of the pool. Rigg said the City is looking into a notification feature with the new website.
9. Other: Mayor Decker suggested a discussion about the Youth Baseball Program be added to the January agenda.
10. Motion to adjourn. Merritt/Fuson at 6:56 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30 pm (note day and time change)