

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**  
Regular Meeting  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536  
Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6:00 pm

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Neeley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. **Roll Call**

3. <b>Members</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Alderson Cory Neeley	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Sue Merrit	P	Ray Anderson, Parks Custodian
Lyman Fuson	P	
Chad Sigl	P	
Matt Poock	A	
Jim Espinosa	A	
Gene Prudhon	A	

4. **Motion to Approve Agenda by Sigl, seconded by Fuson. Motion passed 4-0.**

5. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the July 18, 2023 meeting and approve them as printed by Fuson, seconded by Sigl. Motion passed 4-0.**

6. **Civility Reminder:** Neeley issued a reminder that we hold all city meetings with respect and decorum.

7. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed:** None

8. **New Business**

**A. Ride the Parks Event – October 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 4pm**

Sergeant shared that the Capital Campaign Committee is about \$70-\$80,000 away from the fundraising goal. The Committee wants to hold this event to help bring more awareness to the project, receive some additional donations, and to see the progress at both parks. The plan is to start at Lake Leota Park and end at West Side Park, with a visit to all of the city parks in between. For those that attend, they will receive a free day pass to the new pool next year.

**B. Bench Sponsorship Program**

Sergeant reported that this had previously come up about 5-6 years ago. People want to donate benches all the time. Historic Preservation had guidelines as to how the bench should look like, and came up with a standard process. With the new Park Improvement Project, there will be a large amount of benches ordered. The plan would be to use the donation money from those that want to name the benches, towards the Capital Campaign for West Side Park. The cost of the bench with all of the labor would be about \$2,500-\$3000. Sergeant feels that there are a lot of places around the community that could also have benches installed. The plan would be that the city would maintain them for 20 years.

9. **Park's Report:** Anderson reported that St. John's completed a park clean up at all of the parks on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The summer help is over, with the exception of one employee. Scott Fredrickson made Wind Prairie sign, and there was discussion about where to place the sign. The old pool demolition will be starting soon. There was some additional discussion about a

dead oak by the Bell Tower, and other dead trees by Anderson's office. There is a plan to remove the dead trees this year. Anderson mentioned that the soccer club used to be charged \$1000/year for field maintenance and hasn't been since Covid. There was discussion on the cost and placement for temporary restrooms at parks and the cemetery. Sergeant shared that Chapter 86 of the Municipal Code is in need of an overhaul. The plan is to look at the cost of upkeep of each item and come up with a fair and consistent fee schedule for all of the organization. The goal is to have a standard form that will allow for documentation for organizations that want to be exempt from fees. Sigl mentioned that most of the organizations would be able to adapt if they were to have a heads up.

**10. Aquatic Center Report:** Sergeant reported that Angie Olson had been instructed to go through everything at the pool and figure out if anything could be used at the new facility. If anything could be used again, it was stored in the Park Store. The soccer club has been warned that there may be times that the fencing gets stretched out and may hinder parking.

## **11. Old Business**

### **A. Aquatic Center, Splashpad, and Park Improvement Updates**

The condition of the soccer fields at West Side Park are still being worked out between the city, the architect, and the contractor. Construction on the new pool is on or maybe even ahead of schedule. There was additional discussion on the stormwater runoff with the amount of concrete that is at the West Side Park.

**B. Adopt-A-Park Signs** Anderson reported that he believes that there was a sample sign to pick up, but he had forgotten to pick it up.

## **12. Upcoming Meetings**

A. Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:00pm

**13. Motion to Adjourn by Fuson, seconded by Sigl. Motion passed at 6:32pm 4-0.**

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Elle Natrop*