

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
 Regular Meeting
 City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
 Tuesday, April 16, 2024 **5:30 pm**

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Neeley called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

2. **Roll Call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Alderson Cory Neeley	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Dir.
Sue Merrit	A	Angie Olsen, Aquatic Center Director
Lyman Fuson	A	Ray Anderson, Park’s Custodian
Chad Sigl	P	Elle Natrop, Youth Baseball Coordinator
Matt Poock	P (5:33PM)	Jon Frey, Jays Baseball
Jim Espinosa	P	
Gene Prudhon	P	

3. **Motion to Approve Agenda by Prudhon, seconded by Espinosa. Motion passed 4-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the reading of the minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting and Approve them as printed by Prudhon, seconded by Sigl. Motion passed 4-0.**

Discussed correction to reflect that the motion to adjourn was by Espinosa, seconded by Prudhon.

Poock arrived at 5:33pm

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

6. **Citizen Appearances:** None

7. **New Business**

A. Discussion on Senior Project: “Bloomed” Suicide Prevention Walk: Natrop gave an update on what is currently known about the Senior Project to occur on August 24th. The Board Members felt that it was a good cause and appreciated the information.

B. Discussion and Motion to Recommend to Common Council the waiver of fees (in the approximate amount of \$325, not to include a \$100 deposit) for The Evansville Jays baseball team. Season Non-Resident Ball Diamond Rental \$275 + \$50 Press Box Rental through September.

Frey gave a verbal rundown of the key items of his Park Improvements list in the packet. There was discussion that acknowledged all the items that the Jays have done for park improvements. Poock pointed out that recommending the fee waiver to Common Council was a new way of doing things, as they had waived the fees themselves in the past. Natrop offered that there had been discussion that since Common Council sets the fees, that they are the only ones that should be waiving the fees. Frey did share that at this time there is no intention of moving to Larson Acres Ball Diamonds.

Motion to Recommend to Common Council the waiver of fees (in the approximate amount of \$325, not to include a \$100 deposit) for The Evansville Jays baseball team by Poock, seconded by Sigl. Motion passed 5-0.

8. **Park’s Report:** Anderson shared that Kriebs had passed on some contact information on a new sign maker

for the Adopt-a-Park signs. The anticipated cost should be about \$15 each. The remaining restrooms at the parks should be opened by the upcoming weekend. Anderson hopes to start mowing soon. May 18th is the day that the Tree Carving is set to occur. It will begin in the morning and be completed the same day.

9. Aquatic Center

- A. **Review Operational Schedule:** Olsen shared that the schedule will be Monday through Friday the Aquatic Center will be open 12-8p. The weekends will be open 12-6p. The pool will need to be closed to the public while Swim Lessons are occurring for the 16 days. There are some events that are scheduled to occur prior to the official opening day of June 8th. June 1st, there may be a Donor event for those that donated to the project, and the Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for June 7th.

10. Old Business

- A. **Aquatic Center, Splashpad, and Park Improvement Updates:** There was discussion to share the progress at the Splashpad. Kriebs shared that Lunda won the bid for the Dam repair. The timeline is currently being worked out to aim for project completion prior to the July 4th festivities.
- B. **Aquatic Center Donation Appreciation:** Pooch shared that there is about \$22,000 left for the extended goal. The Donor Appreciation will be on a 4-sided marble column. Pooch also shared that about half of the memorial benches have been purchased.

11. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00pm

12. Motion to Adjourn by Espinosa at 5:49pm