

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
 Regular Meeting
 City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
 Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

2. **Roll Call**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Alderson Cory Neeley	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Sue Merrit	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Lyman Fuson	P	Ray Anderson, Park’s Custodian
Chad Sigl	A	Elle Natrop, Youth Baseball Coordinator
Matt Poock	A	
Jim Espinosa	P	
Kris Evans	P	

3. **Motion to Approve Agenda by Fuson, seconded by Evans. Motion passed 5-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the reading of the minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting and Approve them as printed by Espinosa, seconded by Fuson. Motion passed 5-0.**

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. Senior Project: Emily/Erin-Music Youth Show: The event has been scheduled for July 25th to occur at the new Splashpad. The backup location is set for Creekside. Sergeant shared that the grass may not be ready to have an event at the Splashpad. The Board felt that the project was a good idea to move forward with.

B. EUM: Discussion for Summer/Fall show: Neeley and Sergeant received an email outlining the event. Sergeant explained that EUM has talked to the Bike Rally coordinators and has received permission to use the shelter the day prior to the event. The Board felt that it was a good idea to move forward with.

C. Kayak Storage/Rental: Neeley would like to look for a self-funding option for the upcoming year for individuals to be able to store their kayaks and/or canoes at Leonard Leota Park. There was additional discussion about other locations that offer such services. Sergeant reminded the Board that there are additional projects in the park that need to be addressed. With the repair of the Warming Shelter and the Park Store, there could be options that could potentially serve dual purposes.

8. **Park’s Report:** Anderson explained that the Parks’ staff is trying to keep up with the lawn mowing due to the surplus of rain. There has also been a new swing set delivered for the new Splashpad area. The eagle had been carved into the tree and has had positive feedback.

9. Aquatic Center

A. Discussion and Possible Motion to change price of Non-Residential Aquatic Admission:

Sergeant shared that Pooch had brought up that he had several individuals come up to him and had felt that the \$10 non-resident rate was too high. There was additional discussion on the busyness of the facility, and how the city residents would feel about the drop in the price while they pay the taxes. There was additional insight given into the beginning of the project that Union and potentially other townships in the School District had been invited to participate in the project to help spread out the cost of the project. The townships refused to entertain the project and hear what the previous City Administrator had to say. The result of the discussion was to hold off on adjusting any pricing for this season and wait for the data that will come from the new software system after the season. Sergeant cautioned that the system is new so it is unknown what the reports will look like.

10. Youth Summer Baseball: Natrop shared a report of the declining numbers in the Baseball program. There was additional discussion on the ability to give the program more in regard to having a Recreation Coordinator and working with other leagues to set age ranges. There was additional discussion on “club sports” and field space demands.

11. Old Business:

A. Aquatic Center, Splashpad, and Park Improvement Updates: Sergeant shared some of the hiccups of the new Aquatic location. There are 15-16 pages of punch list items to be addressed with a 1 year warranty on the facility. Other hiccups included a missing programming card for the oven and a fence post had been driven into a sewer line. There is also a hiccup with the dam reconstruction. While one of the dams has been completed, there is an issue with the reconstruction of the second dam that may require draining the lake to a level of 2-3 feet. There is communication with the DNR to find a resolution. Once the dams have been completed, the resurfacing of the Leota Park roads will be completed.

B. Aquatic Center Donation Appreciation: There is work being done for signage to acknowledge the donors. The location for the Donor Appreciation has not been set. Ideally a location outside of the Aquatic Center would be ideal because the donations went to more than just the Aquatic Facility.

12. Upcoming Meetings

A. Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 6:00pm

13. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Espinosa, seconded by Fuson. Motion passed 5-0 at 7:00pm.