

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Alderperson Vacant		Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Sue Merritt	A	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Lyman Fuson	P	Ray Anderson, Parks' Custodian
Chad Sigl	P	Angie Olsen, Aquatic Center Director
Matt Poock	P	Brock Elliot, Senior Project
James Espinosa	A	Gavin Vale, Senior Project
Kris Evans	P	

3. Motion to Approve Agenda by Evans, seconded by Sigl. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Motion to Waive the reading of the minutes from the December 17, 2024 meeting and Approve them as printed by Sigl, seconded by Fuson. Motion passed 4-0.

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

6. Citizen Appearances: Brock Elliot & Gavin Vale came to ask for permission to use the Disc Golf Course for a tournament for their Senior Project to raise money for bettering the Disc Golf Course for the City.

7. New Business

A. Larson Acres Park Construction Status: Sergeant gave an update on the final punch list items with the Ball Diamonds and other warranty concerns. There have been conflicting reports about the condition of the soccer fields. Sergeant explained that there are attempts to have money knocked off the remaining bills for the City to complete the work themselves.

B. 2025 Project Discussion and Updates

- 2025 Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan and Trails Plan:** Council put money in the budget to update the Park and Outdoor Plan this year. There have been a number of requests for more trail connections in and around Evansville and a "Trails Plan." Colette Spranger has received some quotes for non-profit regional planning for a Recreation Trails Plan and the hope to add some public outreach that would help complete the Park Plan. There has been some discussion with the Mayor to put together an Ad Hoc group that would include people from Park Board, Plan Commission, Economic Development to work through the bulk of the work before going to each committee. The Plan has to be approved by all three committees and Council by the end of the year to run from 2025-2030. Having this Recreation Plan helps keep the City to be eligible for grants that

may come up.

2. **Larson Acres Park and Leonard Leota Park Signage:** The signage is moving forward and being ordered: recreation plaques for the benches that were purchased, donor/fundraiser signage for the recognition, and a sign for the Spraypad.
 3. **Chapter 86 Rewrite:** Sergeant explained that the City Clerk has been wanting to update the Chapter as the Chapter is largely outdated. Sergeant explained that the next step would be to meet with Staff and Park Board to go over the proposed changes.
 4. **Historic Analysis of Leonard Leota Park Buildings:** There was a historic analysis on the warming shelter and the bandstand. Then there was another assessment and the current discussion is that not all of the buildings can be saved and there needs to be a discussion about what the priorities will be.
8. **Park's Report:** Anderson shared that the Adopt-A-Park signs are ready to be picked up. There has been a large amount of people that have been fishing. Evans has been upkeeping the skating area. The sand will be taken out of the playground area at Larson Acres and the area will be filled with remanufactured woodchips with a border.
- A. **Damage to Ball Diamond at Leonard Leota Park:** Anderson shared that those that were looking found the car that did the damage. All the information was turned over to the Police Department.
9. **Aquatic Center:** Olsen shared that RecDesk is available to buy passes. Kriebs added that a bulk tank will be installed for the muriatic acid. There was some additional discussion about the areas of concerns with floors, plumbing, and wages for new and returning staff. Sergeant gave some updates about the plan for the upcoming summer on the cash handling. The Non-Resident cost as well as hours were additional items that were discussed.
10. **Old Business:** None
11. **Upcoming Meetings:**
- A. Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:00pm
12. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.