

NOTICE

A meeting of the City of Evansville Park and Recreation Board will be held on the date and time stated below. Notice is further given that members of the City Council and Historic Preservation Commission may be in attendance. Requests for persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made by calling City Hall at (608)-882-2266 with as much notice as possible.

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Nomination for Park Board Chair
 - A. Motion to Appoint _____ as Park Board Chair
4. Motion to Approve Agenda
5. Motion to Waive the reading of the minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting and Approve them as printed.
6. Civility Reminder
7. Citizen Appearances
8. New Business
 - A. Discussion and Update on 2025 Parks and Outdoor Recreation Planning
 1. May 24th AARP Walk Audit at Creekside at 1:00 p.m.
 - B. Discussion and Motion to Recommend to Common Council waive deposit (\$100) and fees (\$325) for the Evansville Jays baseball team for the 2025 season.
 - C. Discussion and approval of Boy Scout's use of Leonard Leota Park for overnight stay.
 - D. Discussion and Motion to Recommend to Common Council waive deposit (\$100) and fees (\$35) for the Boy Scout's use of Leonard Leota Park.
 - E. Third Annual Ride the Park Discussion
 1. Motion to Approve a One-day Pass to the Aquatic Center for Riders
9. Park's Report
 - A. Adopt-A-Park Updates
10. Aquatic Center Updates
11. City Baseball League
12. Old Business
 - A. Larson Acres Park Construction Status
13. Upcoming Meetings
 - A. Tuesday, June 17th 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
14. Adjourn

--Jason Sergeant, City Administrator

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MINUTES

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

2. Roll Call:

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Alderperso Vacant		Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Sue Merritt	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Lyman Fuson	P	Ray Anderson, Parks' Custodian
Chad Sigl	P	Angie Olsen, Aquatic Center Director
Matt Pooock	P	Abby Anderson, Assistant Aquatic Center Director
James Espinosa	P	Elle Dalton, Youth Baseball Coordinator
Kris Evans	A	Ryan Thompson, Evansville Soccer Club

3. Motion to Approve Agenda with striking 11B by Espinosa, seconded by Sigl. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Motion to Waive the reading of the minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting and Approve them as printed by Fuson, seconded by Espinosa. Motion passed 5-0.
Correction Merrit was not in attendance on February 18th.

5. Civility Reminder: Pooock issued a reminder to be kind to everyone.

6. Citizen Appearances: Ryan Thompson from the Evansville Soccer Club shared that the Soccer Club is looking to start practicing on March 31st for the new season. Thompson also shared that as the Outdoor Parks and Outdoor Recreation Planning, there is still a desire for more field space for soccer.

7. New Business:

A. Discussion and Update on 2025 Parks and Outdoor Recreation Planning:

Sergeant shared that the Ad Hoc Committee has been created by Resolution. The current feedback has indicated that there is more emphasis on adding trails. Sergeant gave an ideal for the timeline for the project to be completed and approved by all Committees and Common Council. There was additional discussion about potential candidates to join the Committee. Sergeant had handouts for outside consults to help acquire information for the Project.

8. Park's Report: Anderson shared some information about the vandalism that occurred in the lower restroom at Leonard Leota Park, and the restroom at Larson Acres Park. The anticipated cost to repair the restrooms is around \$7,000. There was additional discussion about ideas for cameras due to the lack of internet access in the parks. Anderson shared that the Adopt-A-Park signs have been picked up and will be placed when the weather improves.

9. Aquatic Center

A. Summer Hours: Discussion about the hours concluded with having the facility open Monday through Friday from 12-8 p.m., and the weekends will be open from 12-6 p.m. There will be a shift of Swim Lessons to morning times so that there will be no interruptions to keeping the facility open for the entire time that is advertised. This should address the complaints that have been made about closing the facility to hold Swim Lessons. Swim Team may still close part of the deep end of the pool, but the facility will remain open. In addition, Abby Anderson will be working at the Aquatic Center on the days that Olsen will be off. There was additional discussion about trying to offset Lifeguard breaks.

B. Fees

1. Motion to Recommend to Common Council Resolution 2025-06, Amending City of Evansville Fee Schedule for Swimming Pool Rates

There was discussion about the price but was decided that in a couple of years the price could be adjusted to match the Resident rate.

2. Discussion on Facility Rental Improvement Options: Olsen shared some historical information about some of the facility rentals that have occurred at the Aquatic Center. There was additional discussion about setting tiers and availability options. Olsen shared that there will be some additional information available at a meeting in the future.

10. City Baseball League: Dalton shared that registration has opened for the Summer League. There are some Sponsorships that have started to come in, and up next will be sending the information out to the schools.

11. Old Business:

A. Larson Acres Park Construction Status: Kriebs shared the new equipment that was purchased to help with the field restoration at Larson Acres Park. Sergeant also explained some of the concrete work that needs to be addressed due to warranty and cracking in locations that should not have, such as the bathhouse floor.

~~**B. 2025 Project Discussion and Updates**~~

12. Upcoming Meetings

A. Discussion about Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:00pm meeting time as it conflicts with the Common Council Reorganization Meeting also scheduled at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion concluded with the decision to move the meeting to 6:30 p.m.

13. Adjourn: Poock adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.



Evansville Home Talent Baseball

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April 2025

To: Evansville Park and Recreation Board Members

From: Jon Frey, General Manager / Player (608-575-4359, jonfrey17@gmail.com)

Subject: Information about Evansville Home Talent Baseball (also known as the Jays)

The Evansville Home Talent Baseball Club, Inc. is a local amateur baseball team made up of Evansville area adult men. The team competes in the Home Talent Baseball League in south central Wisconsin, primarily centered around Madison. Other local communities that have teams are Stoughton, Albion, Belleville, Jefferson, McFarland, Fort Atkinson and Verona. The Evansville community has a long history of Home Talent teams, but the current franchise was re-established in 2005. Team plays all of their home games at Lake Leota Park Upper Baseball Field (aka Jays Nest).

Park improvements and donations towards the City made by the Jays

- Install new pitching rubber including landing clay (2024; \$500)
- Purchased two blue recycle bins for can donation to EMS (2024; \$500)
- Donation to "Growing Our Parks: Recreation for Generations" (2023; \$1,000)
- City Parks Capital Campaign Steering Committee Member (2022-2024)
- Game announcer and DJ music system (summer 2022)
- Funded outfield grass fertilizer (spring 2021; \$375)
- Adopt-A-Park Program participant at the "Jays Nest" (2021+)
- Painted blue trim of light shed to match new shed (summer 2020; \$100)
- Coordinated efforts to installed a new storage shed (fall 2019)
- Purchased four new garbage cans, including new liners (spring 2019; \$1,000)
- Installed new sound system (spring 2017; \$3,000)
- Acquired commercial beverage cooler (summer 2017; donated by a HTL team)
- Concrete approach around concession stand (summer 2016; \$3,000)
- Field water hose, reel and valve (summer 2016; \$1,100)
- New roof, siding & stone cladding siding on concession stand (2015-2016)
- Purchased and maintained field finisher, including gas (2014; \$2,500)
- Installed baseball foul poles (spring 2013; \$500)
- Installed barn quilt & scoreboard sign (summer 2013; \$300)
- Edged baseball field dirt-grass line (spring 2012)
- Acquired donated ag lime for the field (spring 2012; \$500)
- Sponsored City Little League Teams (since 2012; \$1,835)
- Funded outfield grass fertilizer program (spring & fall every year since 2012)





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- Acquired donated services to roll outfield grass (spring 2012; \$200)
- Installed batter's box mats (spring 2012; \$1,500)
- Coordinated and installed donated flag pole in right center field (spring 2012)
- Helped repair field fencing (spring 2012)
- Installed stainless steel serving counters (spring 2012; \$650)
- Installed batting cage, including storing each winter (summer 2011; \$2,000)
- Helped purchase new refrigerator and freezer (spring 2007; \$200)
- General improvement to the concession stand & park (since 2006)

2025 Marquee Games

- Memorial Day (May 26)
- Active Military & Veterans Day (June 15)
- Evansville Wrestling Club - Takedown Thursday (June 5)
- Evansville High School Football - Gridiron Dawg Night (June 26)
- Home Talent Alumni Appreciation Day (July 13)
- Festival Game (July 4)
- Baseball Youth of Evansville - Youth Baseball Night (July 17)
- Appreciation Day (July 20)
- Evansville Angels Softball - Angels in the Outfield Night (July 31)

Future Improvement Ideas

- Awnings over concession stand serving windows (ref Park Board Mtg Sept 2018)
- Improve team dugouts with simple roof/shelter
- "Jays Roost" fan improvement area at the "Jays Nest"
- Improve field lighting and energy efficient LED lights
- Plant more shade trees around field area
- Grade/mound dirt infield with drainage system

