

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

MINUTES

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

2. Roll Call:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Aldersperson 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 Poock	P	Abby Anderson, Assistant Aquatic Center Director
James Espinosa	P	Elle Dalton, Youth Baseball Coordinator
Kris Evans	A	Ryan Tompson, 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 Merritt was not in attendance on February 18th.

5. Civility Reminder: Poock 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: Pooch adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.