

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, February 17, 2026 6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Motion to Approve Agenda
4. Motion to Waive the Reading of the Minutes from January 20, 2026 meeting and Approve them as Printed
5. Civility Reminder
6. Citizen Appearances
7. New Business
 - A. Dennis James: Ice Age Kiosks
 - B. Discussion on 2026 City Youth Baseball Leagues
8. Park's Report
 - A. General Park Updates
 - B. Adopt-A-Park Updates
9. Old Business
 - A. Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan Update
10. Upcoming Meetings
 - A. Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. 2026: April 21 @ 6:30 p.m. (conflict with Common Council Re-organization), May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15
11. Adjourn

--Matt Poock, Chair of Park & Recreation Board

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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
Alderperson Erika Stuart	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Sue Merritt	P	Ray Anderson, Parks' Custodian
Lyman Fuson	P	Colette Spranger, Comm. Dev. Director
Chad Sigl	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Chair, Matt Pooock	P	
Kris Evans	A	
Sam Wallace	A	

3. **Motion to Approve Agenda by Sigl, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed 5-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of the Minutes from December 16, 2025 meeting and Approve them as Printed by Fusion, seconded by Merritt. Motion passed 5-0.**
Correction that Sigl was not late to the December meeting.

5. **Civility Reminder:** Pooock issued a reminder to be respectful of others.

6. **Citizen Appearances:** None

7. **New Business**

A. Discussion on 2026 City Youth Baseball Leagues: There was discussion about the dwindling numbers for the coach pitch league. The items that need more information is in regard to the ages, the cost of the Royals, and potentially the cost of subsidizing those that can't afford the program.

8. **Park's Report**

A. General Park Updates: Anderson reported that there are a large number of fishermen on the lake. The DNR has been around checking licensing and believes that most of those that are fishing are not keeping what they catch. To date, there have been no issues with the lower park being open for the winter. All the shelter's roofs have been replaced. Sergeant added that there was about \$125,000 discount on the final payment for the Larson Acres Park Project. There is still some negotiating going on with extended warranty or replacement for the pool area.

B. Adopt-A-Park Updates: Nothing to report

9. **Old Business**

A. Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan Update: Spranger reported that there was a lot of love for Leonard Leota and Larson Acres Park. People are enjoying the trails but wish that there was more lighting around town and that the sidewalks were better kept up. Overall,

the survey revealed that people would like to see fixing and upkeep of what the City currently has before spending money on something new.

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11. Adjourn: Poock adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Elle Natrop

From: pastor@stjohns-lc.org
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 1:23 PM
To: Elle Natrop
Cc: Jason Sergeant; Scott Kriebs
Subject: FW: Parks and Recreation Board Topic - Kiosk Installation for Ice Age Trail @ Lake Leota Park

Elle,
 Please put "Ice Age Alliance kiosks" and Dennis James on our next Park Board agenda.

See below for pictures to include.

FYI, Jason and Scott.

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From: IATA Rock Co Chapter <RockCoChapter@iceagetrail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 12:43 PM
To: pastor@stjohns-lc.org; 'Ben Corridon' <b.corridon@evansvillewi.gov>
Subject: Re: Parks and Recreation Board Topic - Kiosk Installation for Ice Age Trail @ Lake Leota Park

Matt

I can be at the meeting next Tuesday, Thank you for the quick attention on this.



We will have UV protected Lexan over the posters



Dennis



City of Evansville

Staff Report

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Date: Friday, February 13, 2026
To: Park & Recreation Board
From: Elle Dalton, City of Evansville Youth Baseball Coordinator
Re: Status of the Program offerings in Evansville

January 19, 2026

I spoke with Nick Manion to gather information about what the upcoming year was to bring. Nick informed me that B.Y.E. was no more and that they had been absorbed by the Royals program. I was informed that the Royals would be continuing the "Tournament League" that they had been running since 2023 and adding the Rec League that had been B.Y.E.

Tournament League: 1- has an estimate of 115 kids join the program. 2-is scheduled to be weekend only. 3-set for ages 8 and up.

Rec League: 1-practice/games are anticipated to be 1-2 times per week. 2-no tournaments are anticipated for the league. 3-anticipating starting at ages 6-7 and up.... Basically 1st grades on up. 4-some travel (only to close locations such as Brodhead) 5-B.Y.E had roughly 200 kids 6-no plans for t-ball

February 8, 2026

While on social media, I found that the Rec League had opened registration with the following:

Royals Youth Summer Baseball: Ages-Current Pre-K and Kindergarten (shown as 4k & Kindergarten), with practices 1-2 times per week. Season begins after school is out of session through the end of July. Cost is \$50.00 and includes t-shirt and hat.

Royals Summer Rec League: Ages-Current 1st-8th Graders. Practice will begin in April, and games will start at the beginning of June and run through the end of July. Practices will be held in Evansville; games will be held in Evansville and surrounding communities. Practices and Games will be 1-2 times per week each. Each player must have Royals jersey. Registration fee includes Royals Hat. Cost for No Jersey is \$110.00. League Cost with Jersey is \$175.00

February 12, 2026

Curt Zoet reached out to me at City Hall to find out what the plan was for the City program this year. I let him know that a decision hadn't been made at this time. I did tell him that with the Royals now going after 4k, it seems that they are taking more kids from the City run program. Curt said that if the City decides not to offer

the program, he would like to know as soon as possible to be able to get the word out so that sign ups can occur before the deadlines. Curt iterated that they have the volunteers and the means to run their program.

Additional Information:

Angels Softball 2026 (Taken from Registration Screen)

2026 Evansville Angels Softball

The Evansville Angels is a community softball club in Evansville, WI. Participants must live in and/or attend school in Evansville. Open to girls **currently in 4K through 8th grade** at the time of spring registration. We welcome all levels of experience and abilities. The Angels look to develop team skills, softball skills and HAVE FUN! We play local community teams from southern Wisconsin in the summer months and provide softball training opportunities during the off season.

The Evansville Angels offer softball experiences for 5 age groups with curriculum building on previous accomplishments. Leagues define age groups in various ways including by calendar year and school year. We sign up based on school year assumed competition, but will consider competing against calendar based teams as appropriate.

- **U6 Teams** ~ Current 4K and Kindergarten students. They will play T-Ball and learn softball basics. This group does not travel to other communities. **Registration Includes T-Shirt.**
- **U8 Teams** ~ Current 1st and 2nd grade students. They will play coach pitch and will practice once weekly and play games 1-2 times weekly. **Registration Includes T-Shirt.**
- **U10 Teams** ~ Current 3rd and 4th grade students. They will play a combined coach pitch/player pitch schedule with 1 to 2 weekly games and a weekly practice. **Jersey required and is a separate purchase.**
- **U12 Teams** ~ Current 5th and 6th grade students. They will pitch and play 1-2 times weekly and will play in a tournament or other multi-team events. **Jersey required and is a separate purchase.**
- **U14 Teams** ~ Current 7th and 8th grade students. They will pitch and play 1-2 times weekly and will play in a tournament or other multi-team events. **Jersey required and is a separate purchase.**

Angels cost: Under 6 is \$50.00, Under 8 is \$65.00, Under 10/12/14 is \$125.00. Under 6 begins in early June, under 8 begins mid-May, under 10+ begins mid-April. All ages will end practice/games at the end of July—except for any tournament play.

They City run program has been designed for 2 different programs: T-Ball is designed for ages 4-6, and Coach Pitch is designed for ages 6-9.

Year	Coach Pitch (6-9y/o)	T-Ball (4-6y/o)	Program Total	
2025	28	64	92	3 Teams Coach Pitch, 5 Teams T-Ball
2024	59	64	123	6 Teams each Coach Pitch, T-Ball
2023	66	77	143	
2022	69	82	151	
2021	86	63	149	
2020	0	0	0	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID
2019	109	59	168	
2018	106	90	196	

2025 was the first year that B.Y.E lowered their program from age 9 to age 8. Prior to 2025, B.Y.E was for kids currently in grades 3-8. With the age drop from B.Y.E. there was a significant drop in the number of sign-ups for the City Program for Coach Pitch compared to a handful years prior.

Each of the 3 2025 Coach Pitch Teams had roughly 9 players each. To offer the same type of program “game-wise” that had been done prior, there were “double headers” every week but unable to offer variety of time slots for practice and games. I was only able to get a single Coach for each of the Coach Pitch team.

Each of the 5 2025 T-Ball Teams had about 12 players each. T-Ball was forced to drop down to just 5 teams due to the lack of volunteers to coach. I was able to get at least one coach per team, with a couple of them having 2 coaches. Game quantity was like past years, with the exception that there was 1 team each week that had a bye. One solo team ended with 2 bye weeks.

To help attain coaches, the City has provided free registration for children of parents that coach, and by requiring coaching for those that sign up late.