

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 **6:30 pm**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Poock called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Aldersperson Norman Barker	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Sue Merritt	A	Angie Olsen, Aquatic Center Director
Lyman Fuson	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Chad Sigl	A	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Chair, Matt Poock	P	Elle Dalton, City Baseball Coordinator
Kris Evans	P	Erika Stuart, Aldersperson
Sam Wallace	P	Jon Frey, Jays Hometown Baseball

3. Nomination for Park Board Chair

A. **Motion to Appoint Matt Poock as Park Board Chair by Evans, seconded by Wallace.**
Motion passed 5-0.

4. **Motion to Approve Agenda by Fuson, seconded by Evans.**

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Leota Park leaves discussion to Park's Report by Fuson, seconded by Barker. *Motion passed 5-0.*

5. **Motion to Waive the Reading of the Minutes from February 17, 2026 meeting and Approve them as Printed by Wallace, seconded by Evans.** *Motion passed 5-0.*

6. **Civility Reminder:** Poock issued a reminder to be respectful of others.

7. **Citizen Appearances:** None

8. **New Business:**

A. **Senior Project: Aubrie Mentele-The Little Heroes Kindness Project:** Clerk Hurtley asked to move the agenda item to next month. Mentele will be meeting with City Staff to discuss permitting and anything else that may be needed for the event.

B. **Discussion and Possible Motion to Recommend to Common Council to Waive Deposit and any fees for Evansville Jays Baseball Team for 2026 Season with the plan to review the previous years contributions by Wallace, seconded by Fuson.** *Motion passed 5-0.*

The discussion included the value that the Jays have added to the community and the park and the total cost that is asking to be waived (deposit \$100, Rental \$800/\$1000, Lights \$250). The committee determined that the improvements that the Jays do each year covers or exceeds the cost of the annual rental cost.

C. **Condition of Piers, update on repairs:** Kriebs gave update on repairs and the new pier has been ordered and will be installed by the boat launch with plans to add a kayak launch next year.

D. Ride the Parks: There was discussion about continuing event as it had been started with the Capital Campaign to raise money for the Parks' Project. It was decided that the event would be planned and would also add the incentive of Aquatic Center pool passes.

9. Park's Report

A. General Park Updates: Kriebs shared that the Park restrooms would begin opening on Thursday April 23rd for the season.

B. Adopt-A-Park: Nothing to report

C. Leaves: Barker shared with the group that there are a large amount of property owners that are along the borders of Leota Park that have concerns with the amount of leaves that are drifting onto their properties. The Oak trees tend not to drop their leaves until spring. There was discussion about what could be done. Kriebs will talk with Public Works Foreperson Roberts to try and come up with a plan.

10. Aquatic Center: Olsen shared an update on the hiring for the season and has hopes that they may be able to open partially before the end of school on June 10th. The fate of swimming lessons is unknown as there are only 2 staff members that are able to do lessons.

11. City Youth Baseball: Dalton shared that currently there are 24 kids signed up for the program. There have been additional efforts to help acquire additional signups through an email blast to the Elementary School and mailing letters to past participants.

12. Old Business

A. Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan Update: Sergeant shared that there are no updates.

13. Upcoming Meetings:

A. May 19th at 6:00 p.m.

B. June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

14. Adjourn: Poock adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.