

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**  
 Regular Meeting  
 City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536  
 Tuesday, May 19, 2026 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>
Alderson Norman Barker	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Sue Merritt	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Lyman Fuson	P	Angie Olsen, Aquatic Center Director
Chad Sigl	A	Ray Anderson, Park Custodian
Chair, Matt Poock	P	Elle Dalton, City Baseball Coordinator
Kris Evans	P	Abbey Barnes, Mayor
Sam Wallace	P	

3. **Motion to Approve Agenda by Fuson, seconded by Merritt. Motion passed 6-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of the Minutes from April 21, 2026 meeting and Approve them as Printed by Wallace, seconded by Fuson. Motion passed 6-0.**

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

6. **Citizen Appearances:** None

7. **New Business:**

A. Senior Project: Aubrie Mentele-The Little Heroes Kindness Project

1. Motion to Recommend to Common Council Waiver of Fees for Larson Acres Park Shelter (\$130 Non-Resident + \$100 Security Deposit) and \$300 for Mobile Vendor License Fee for 2 Businesses (\$150 each)

**Motion to Recommend to Common Council Waiver for Larson Acres Park Shelter for \$130, keeping refundable \$100 security deposit, and the \$150 fee for each Mobile Vendor License by Wallace, seconded by Evans. Motion passed 6-0.**

Most of the discussion was regarding the Mobile Vendor Licenses and the result was to keep the fee for each of the Mobile Vendor Licenses as they will be present to make a profit.

**B. Lake Leota Water Testing:** Kriebs shared that the water testing has been done by volunteers to report on water clarity, color, and the temperature. The testing is submitted to the DNR.

**C. Possibility of Canoe Racks at Lake Leota:** Evans suggested that a rack could be constructed for roughly \$300 and suggested placement behind the old Store at Leonard Leota Park. Sergeant shared that it would have to go to Historic Preservation but shouldn't be a problem as it would be a temporary structure. There was discussion about rental cost or how to advertise the rental aspect of the structure.

**Motion to put a 6-spot canoe rack behind the Store by Evans, seconded by Fuson. Motion passed 6-0.**

**D. Future of Park Store in Leonard Leota Park:** Sergeant outline the information in the packet and that the ideal plan would be to have a third party rent the facility for it to be staffed. The roof was replaced recently due to the hailstorm last year. This year, pending

bids will have new windows and a new bathroom installed.

- E. **Future of the Warming House in Leonard Leota Park:** There was discussion about the potential safety concerns of the structure that may have to be addressed. Sergeant shared the information in the packet and indicated that a decision will have to be made soon.

## 8. Park's Report

- A. **General Park Updates:** Anderson reported that the pier by the Warming house was removed. It was in poor shape and request for repair costs has been requested. The new pier has just arrived and is expected to be in place by the end of the week. The work to replace the sand at Brezinski and Franklin Parks with wood chips is almost complete. Anderson also reported that the lower playground is in bad shape and there are some concerns about conditions of slides throughout the park.

- B. **Adopt-A-Park** (placeholder): Allison Becker and the Wellness Group volunteered to take care of the garden at the triangle at Leonard Leota Park. Previously it had been full of thistles and Anderson is excited to have someone take over the area.

- 9. **Aquatic Center:** Olsen reported that all staff have been hired and classes for Lifeguards will be occur prior to June 11<sup>th</sup> when the Aquatic Center will open for regular hours. Olsen hopes to be able to have some available times for the Aquatic Center to be open for use prior to June 11<sup>th</sup> but will be employee availability.

- 10. **City Youth Baseball:** Dalton reported that there are currently 45 kids signed up with a couple requests to add additional kids. An email for coaching help was fruitful and each of the 4 teams now has 2 coaches.

## 11. Old Business

- A. **Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan Update:** Sergeant hasn't had a chance to speak with Community Development Director Spranger about this yet.
- B. **Ride the Parks Update:** Pooch shared that the event will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m., meeting at Shifting Gears on Main Street.

## 12. Upcoming Meetings

- A. **Discussion on Meeting Days and Times:** There was discussion about a potential change, but decision was made to check in with Chris from the Grove Society as they had shared that they would be willing to change the meeting day or time for the Grove Society.
- B. **June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m:** Pooch and Evans both shared that they will not be able to come to the June meeting.
- C. July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

- 13. **Adjourn:** Pooch adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.