

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 15th 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

Park board will be held in person at City Hall located at 31 S Madison St on the third floor. To attend the meeting virtually please go to: meet.google.com/cke-iazy-twx or call: +1 567-236-0714 and enter pin: 228 747 609#

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AGENDA

1. Call to order

Morrison called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. Roll call

In attendance was Morrison, Pooch, and Merritt, and Espinosa, Prudhon was in attendance at 6:45pm. Fusion and Pfeil were absent. Also in attendance was Chad Renly, Bill Wassing, Angela Olsen, Curt Nyhus, Jason Sergeant and Bill Lathrop.

3. Motion to approve the agenda

Pooch / Pfeil – 4-0 Motion Passed

4. Motion to waive the reading of the February 15th, 2022 minutes and approve them as printed.

Pooch / Pfeil – 4-0 Motion Passed

5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed

- None

6. New business

A. Discussion and approval for the Cub Scout Pack to have an overnight camp and fire at Lake Leota Park.

Curt stated that as in previous years the local Cub Scout Pack would like to have an overnight at Lake Leota Park. He anticipated 25-30 people combined between adults and kids and expected between 5 & 6 tents would be used. They would have a cookout and, in the morning, have a space derby race. Current dates are May 13th & 14th. Morrison wished them good weather for the event.

Pooch / Pfeil - 4-0 Motion Passed

7. Park's report

Renly reported that the lake ice was beginning to melt off. The park roads will be opened as soon as it's fully melted and the bathrooms will be prepped for water within the next few weeks. Parks had a on site meet with the Jeff, who was the individual who worked on the graffiti at the Capital during the protests. They tried a sample location of the recommended chemical to remove the spray paint from the lower shelter. The weather will need to be consistently in the 50's. Renly also said that the dock near the warming house is in disrepair. They will be working on fixing it.

A. Lake Leota Dam Repair – (place holder)

The bid has been posted for the project the bid opening will be on the 23rd at 2pm. The bids will need to go the DNR for approval. Expected timeline of getting it back from the DNR will be approximately 30 days.

B. Creek walls & 2nd duck house (place holder)

Work will resume as the temperatures warm up.

8. Pool report

Renly reported that he went in to inspect the work that was done last year. There are a few areas that will need to be cut out and repaired but the work should be a lot less than before. Angela is coordinating with Badger Pool to do an acid wash on the tub and get things going.

9. Old business

A. Park & pool design update

Seargent went over the latest design details. Storm water is currently the largest piece that is being worked on. The aquatic area is the furthest along in design. The soccer fields and the parking lot to the east will mostly remain as is. The budget has been a struggle with consistent price increases. Various alternate bid concepts are being looked at including the slides, community room and the splash pad. MSA met with the community garden group as well as the soccer group. There has been a lot of discussion on looping trails throughout the park and connection points. They are looking at an option to remove an equipment and shelter building from the aquatic center. This option would save \$50,000. One alternate bid strategy that is being looked at would postpone the construction date. Poock asked if there was any new information from Baker Street. Seargent stated he had a call scheduled with them tomorrow for an update. Pool lighting is also being looked at as another alternate bid for in pool lighting versus deck lighting. Morrison asked Olsen what pool users would get more use of the rock wall or the slides. Olsen responded that the slides would most likely get more use. Poock stated that he liked that the slides could be more accessible to more age groups. The rock wall is an alternate to the higher cost 3m high dive board. Possible community room would maintain access to facilities and bathrooms after hours. The community room may be added as a future feature.

B. Adopt-A-Park program (place holder)

Renly requested the updated form from Leah with final names of the group or person for the signs. As soon as he has that he will forward to the high school for the students to begin creating design ideas.

10. Other

Morrison mentioned Peace Park. The labyrinth was installed approximately 5 years ago. Volunteers would work on weeding the pavers so that new locking sand could be installed around the pavers to prevent new weeds coming in. Renly said they would take a look at the area and see what all would need to be done. Pooch looked up the dedication of the labyrinth and said it was dedicated on May 7th, 2016.

A. Meeting reminder:

Regular meeting on April 19th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Morrison reminded the Committee that next month's meeting will be held at 6:45 and not 6pm to make room for the re-organization meeting.

11. Motion to adjourn

Pfeil / Pooch 5-0 Motion Passed at 6:51 pm