

# Evansville Youth Center

## Regular Meeting

Youth Center, 209 S First St., Evansville, WI 53536

Monday, May 22nd, 2023 5:30 pm

### Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31pm

2. **Roll Call**

Members		Others Present
Butch Beedle	Present	Interim Director Angie Olsen
Alderson Ben Corridon	Present	
Abraham Rodriguez	Absent	
Kenneth Updike	Present	
Bill Lathrop	Present	
Abbey Barnes	Present	
Maria Torres	New, Present	

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda**, by Lathrop, seconded by Barnes, approved without dissent.
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes** of the April 24th, 2023 meeting and approve as printed, by Beedle, seconded by Barnes, approved unanimously.
5. **Civility reminder** – Mr. Corridon reminded the group to conduct civil discussion
6. **Citizen Appearances** – None

## 7. Youth Center Operations

Ms. Olsen reported:

The kids took a bowling field trip on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Olsen reported the kids were well behaved while at the bowling alley and had a good time.

## 8. New Business – None

## 9. Old Business

### a. Backyard Net

Ms. Olsen reported she has still not received a response from Kendall Buttchen with the School District on any old soccer nets that might be available. She noted the kids have been more respectful and that this may no longer be the issue it once was.

### b. Ducky Derby

Ms. Olsen reported on issues around the raffle that has been the primary fundraiser for the Youth Center for over a dozen years. According to Olsen, the raffle has not been conducted legally since 2013. Somehow EYC was using the license of the Evansville Community Partnership – which is not allowed. Jim Brooks, chair ECP, was not aware of the matter.

Regardless, Ms. Olsen has applied for a license with the state and is waiting for final approval.

Once the license is available – the license number must be printed on the tickets. Céilí's Coffee will pay for printing the tickets. Tickets will include their logo and a 10%-off coupon.

Mr. Corridon asked whether we need to renew our raffle license every year? Ms. Olsen was unsure – she believes licenses are good for a few years. Corridon inquired how much the license costs. “Not much,” Olsen replied.

Ms. Olsen reported that EYC officially has a spot in the parade on the 4th. The ducks will be released into Allen Creek at 3:00pm

Prizes for the winning lottery numbers will be \$300 first prize, \$200 second, \$100 for third.

Mr. Updike offered a pop-up tent for use in the park to sell tickets from.

### **Announcing Winners**

The Board then discussed the prior practice of announcing the **names** of winners shortly after the conclusion of the Derby from the stage of the music tent. The group discussed this practice relative to the amount of work required to organize the tickets to quickly determine the winners' names. It was agreed that the value of announcing names was not worth the effort of organizing the tickets throughout the event. The tickets will eventually need to be organized to verify that funds raised match tickets sold, but that can occur after the event – as can announcing the names of winners. The announcement on the day of the event will be the winning duck numbers.

### **Who Can Sell Tickets**

The Board agreed that ticket sales should be limited to the following groups: Board Members, Parents of Children at EYC, at City Hall, and at the Pool.

Mr. Lathrop asked when we would start reaching out to parents to bring them into the process as needed volunteers. Ms. Olsen replied that she would do so in the upcoming days. Mr. Beedle requested the Board be copied on correspondence to parents.

Ms. Barnes inquired about collecting and organizing the ducks after the race. We will need to have a fair number of students in the creek to scoop them out, as well as some parents as backstop for those that might filter through.

Ms. Barnes inquired how we would be signing up volunteers, recommending Sign-up Genius. Ms. Olsen agreed.

Mr. Updike suggested high school seniors as an additional resource. Ms. Olsen said she has not gotten responses from the school when she has tried to connect. Mr. Corridon shared he would be happy to meet face to face with school officials.

Mr. Beedle asked if we have any signs we can use for tables. Ms. Olsen believes there are.

Mr. Beedle asked about a credit card reader. The group agreed having a card reader would be very helpful and likely encourage more sales – but at this late date it seemed unlikely we could put that together in time for the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will accept cash only, but investigate into this for next year.

The Board agreed that the EYC tent for ticket sales should be as close to the beer sales booths as possible to maximize the likelihood people will have cash in their hands.

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**c. Other Matters**

Ms. Barnes inquired whether the City’s liability release document is suitable for kickball. Ms. Olsen replied, “I think it would.”

Mr. Beedle asked whether we need to hold a kickball tournament fundraiser, based on the success (and work involved) with the Ducky Derby and mailed request for donations to businesses in August. He asked how much do businesses provide. Mr. Corridon will investigate that.

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10. **Next Meeting Date** – The Board decided on an earlier next meeting date to provide additional time to prepare for the Ducky Derby. Agreed on Monday, June 19th, 5:30 pm at the Youth Center.
11. Mr. Lathrop made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Beedle, approved unanimously - meeting adjourned.