

City of Evansville  
**Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting**  
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Joy Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call.** Morrison, Espinosa, Pooch (arrive at 7:05pm), Merritt and Hamilton (left at 7:30 pm) were present. Prudhon, and Fuson were absent. Also present was Ray Anderson, Ian Rigg and Chad Renly.
3. **Agenda.** Motion to approve the agenda made by Espinosa, seconded by Hamilton.
4. **Minutes.** Motion to waive the reading of the September 17, 2019 minutes and approve them as printed made by Espinosa, seconded by Hamilton noting a correction in spelling in Section 2.
5. **Citizen appearances.** None
6. **New business.**
  - A. **Lake Leota Use.** Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Espinosa, to approve the request for use of Lake Leota/Leonard Park by Boy Scout Council in January 2020. The scouts will hold an ice fishing derby/event with a target date of January 18, 2020. Rigg said a date needs to be known so Park Maintenance can open the gates and plow the road.
  - B. **Park Concession Stand Use.** Morrison said there is a complication of people using the concession stand in that they have to go through the Jays to use a City building. Something needs to be cleaned up or understood better with this arrangement. Rigg said that they need to meet with the stake holder to discuss a solution instead of guessing.
  - C. **Park Vandalism.** Renly gave options on detouring vandalism. The cheapest option is to install automatic or sensor lights to signal when people are in certain areas. It may be helpful for police patrolling the area. This is a park maintenance matter that requires no action just continued updates.
7. **Parks report.** Fish stocking is done. South creek walls are complete for the season. Road to the former bridge has been removed and a flatter grade has been installed. Duck house should finish up next week. Staff planted oak trees in the park. Second Street entrance looks nice. Winterization of bathrooms will be finished the following weeks.
8. **Pool report.** Pooch asked if staff are coming back. Rigg indicated he heard nothing contrary to staff returning next season. Pooch is concerned about staffing levels and support for the swim team. Morrison has suggested that as we look at facility improvement we should also look at service levels, staff numbers and more.
9. **Old business.**

- A. Aquatic Center Construction.** Rigg said that after reviewing the soil borings report we may be able to clear a few feet off the hill that the pool rests in, adding more square footage for a new facility. With the tub now in question as to holding water in a season, previous savings of leaving the tub may no longer be available. The committee will get updates and eventually determine a proposal to send to the public for referendum.
  - B. 2020 Budget.** Rigg spoke on the budget. There was a \$1,000 reduction in the “Park Maintenance” line, but added expense lines in categories that used to be paid out of Park Maintenance line. The Committee wanted to see more planning for playground equipment replacement in the capital plan. Rigg and the Committee chose a schedule that seems reasonable at the moment.
  - C. Adopt a Park.** There was no discussion as the committee was not fully present. Rigg spoke about a liability waiver and asking the insurance company if they had preferred language.
- 10. **Other.** Adopt the Park program has been on hold. There were some concerns about the community garden appearance this season. Dog park locations need to be explored more. Renly said another alternative is south of the DPW building once the area is straightened up.
  - 11. **Meeting Reminder.** Regular meeting on November 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
  - 12. **Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn made by Poock, seconded by Espinosa. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.