

NOTICE

A meeting of the City of Evansville Park and Recreation Board will be held on the date and time stated below. Notice is further given that members of the City Council and Historic Preservation Commission may be in attendance. Requests for persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made by calling City Hall at (608)-882-2266 with as much notice as possible.

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 **5:30 pm**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Motion to Approve Agenda
4. Motion to Waive the reading of the minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting and Approve them as printed.
5. Civility Reminder
6. Citizen Appearances
7. New Business
 - A. Discussion on Senior Project: “Bloomed” Suicide Prevention Walk
 - B. Discussion and Motion to Recommend to Common Council the waiver of fees (in the approximate amount of \$325, not to include a \$100 deposit) for The Evansville Jays baseball team. Season Non-Resident Ball Diamond Rental \$275 + \$50 Press Box Rental through September.
8. Park’s Report
9. Aquatic Center
 - A. Review Operational Schedule
10. Old Business
 - A. Aquatic Center, Splashpad, and Park Improvement Updates
 - B. Aquatic Center Donation Appreciation
11. Upcoming Meetings
 - A. Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00pm
12. Motion to Adjourn

-Aldersperson Cory Neeley, Park & Recreation Board Chair

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 Regular Meeting
 City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
 Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Neeley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Aldersperson Cory Neeley	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Dir.
Sue Merrit	P	Angie Olsen, Aquatic Center Director
Lyman Fuson	P	Ray Anderson, Park's Custodian
Chad Sigl	P	
Matt Poock	P	
Jim Espinosa	P	
Gene Prudhon	P	

3. Motion to Approve Agenda by Espinosa, seconded by Prudhon. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting and approve them as printed by Sigl, seconded by Fuson. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion on minutes were to change karaoke to kayak, and the TruGreen quote was from Kriebs instead of Neeley.

5. Civility Reminder: Neeley issued a reminder that we hold all city meetings with respect and decorum.

6. Citizen Appearances: None

7. New Business:

A. CSA Coalition Bike Ride: Board members thought that the event map looked fine. There was a question about the cost to rent the entire park, and what other City resources were being utilized by the event.

B. Review of Swimming Pool Rates- Resolution #2024-07: Board members were not happy that they were not able to offer recommendations for the Pool Rate Schedule before it was adopted by Council. The Board universally feels that this occurrence sets a bad precedent that shows little respect for the advice and service of the members of the Board. Sigl expressed explicitly that the rates should be streamlined and are too complicated. There were also questions on reasoning for a discount of \$15 for a second child for Non-Resident Swim Lessons. Neeley shared his feelings with the Board that he had shared at Council, that more information is needed. The information needed would be about how the rates are determined by staff, including projected revenues and their budgetary impact. The Board agreed that there has been no communication of these figures if they exist.

C. Pool Schedule: Olsen presented a tentative pool schedule. The Board shared that they would be interested in seeing the rest of the pool amenities that will be available during times that the pool will be occupied by the Swim Team or Lessons.

8. Park's Report: Anderson shared that the restrooms and the fields at Larson Acres Park will

not be open this year. Kriebs shared an update on the bid process for the Dam. In addition, the roads will be resurfaced after the Splashpad and Dam projects are completed. Kriebs also shared that the Sport Court will likely be built in Larson Acres Park. Pooock shared that the fundraising for the Sport Court has nearly been completed.

9. Old Business

A. Aquatic Center, Splashpad, and Park Improvement Updates: None

B. Aquatic Center Donation Appreciation: Pooock shared that a display is being worked on for the donors and there will be an event held to unveil the display of appreciation.

C. Ice Rink: None

10. Upcoming Meetings

A. Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00pm

- 1. Discussion and possible date/time change due to conflicting with Common Council Reorganization Meeting:** Discussion resulted in a decision to move the meeting to 5:30pm on April 16th.

B. Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00pm

11. Motion to Adjourn by , seconded by . Motion passed at 6: pm 7-0.

Elle Natrop

From: Alliyah&Bradley <bloomedab25@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 8:03 PM
To: Elle Natrop
Cc: Jolene Klitzman
Subject: Senior Project-Park Board Agenda

Hello,

Our names are Alliyah McComb and Bradley Bartz we are a part of the graduating class of 2025. For our senior project, we plan to raise awareness for suicide and mental health. Our idea is to put on a walk at Lake Leota in the upper diamond part of the park on August 24th, 2:00 pm-6:00 pm. We were wondering if it was possible to get the fees waived due to it being a senior project and funds being tight. This event is to fundraise and raise awareness for a much bigger problem in our world which is suicide and mental health awareness. We would be very appreciative if you could help us out and waive the fees for us. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for taking time out of your day to look over this. Have a great day!

Sincerely,

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Evansville Home Talent Baseball

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April 2024

To: Evansville Park and Recreation Board Members

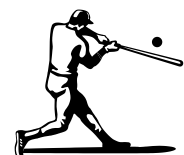
From: Jon Frey, General Manager / Player (608-575-4359, jonfrey17@gmail.com)

Subject: Information about Evansville Home Talent Baseball (also known as the Jays)

The Evansville Home Talent Baseball Club, Inc. is a local amateur baseball team made up of Evansville area adult men. The team competes in the Home Talent Baseball League in south central Wisconsin, primarily centered around Madison. Other local communities that have teams are Stoughton, Albion, Belleville, Jefferson, McFarland, Fort Atkinson and Verona. The Evansville community has a long history of Home Talent teams, but the current franchise was re-established in 2005. Team plays all of their home games at Lake Leota Park Upper Baseball Field (aka Jays Nest).

Park improvements and donations towards the City made by the Jays

- Donation to "Growing Our Parks: Recreation for Generations" (2023; \$1,000)
- City Parks Capital Campaign Steering Committee Member (2022-2024)
- Game announcer and DJ music system (summer 2022)
- Funded outfield grass fertilizer (spring 2021; \$375)
- Adopt-A-Park Program participant at the "Jays Nest" (2021)
- Painted blue trim of light shed to match new shed (summer 2020; \$100)
- Coordinated efforts to installed a new storage shed (fall 2019)
- Purchased four new garbage cans, including new liners (spring 2019; \$1,000)
- Installed new sound system (spring 2017; \$3,000)
- Acquired commercial beverage cooler (summer 2017; donated by a HTL team)
- Concrete approach around concession stand (summer 2016; \$3,000)
- Field water hose, reel and valve (summer 2016; \$1,100)
- New roof, siding & stone cladding siding on concession stand (2015-2016)
- Purchased and maintained field finisher, including gas (2014; \$2,500)
- Installed baseball foul poles (spring 2013; \$500)
- Installed barn quilt & scoreboard sign (summer 2013; \$300)
- Edged baseball field dirt-grass line (spring 2012)
- Acquired donated ag lime for the field (spring 2012; \$500)
- Sponsored City Little League Teams (since 2012; \$1,700)
- Funded outfield grass fertilizer program (spring & fall every year since 2012)
- Acquired donated services to roll outfield grass (spring 2012; \$200)





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Park improvements and donations towards the City made by the Jays (continued)

- Installed batter's box mats (spring 2012; \$1,500)
- Coordinated and installed donated flag pole in right center field (spring 2012)
- Helped repair field fencing (spring 2012)
- Installed stainless steel serving counters (spring 2012; \$650)
- Installed batting cage, including storing each winter (summer 2011; \$2,000)
- Helped purchase new refrigerator and freezer (spring 2007; \$200)
- General improvement to the concession stand & park (since 2006)

2024 Marquee Games

- Memorial Day (May 27)
- Active Military & Veterans Night (May 30)
- Evansville Wrestling Club - Takedown Thursday (June 6)
- Evansville High School Football - Gridiron Dawg Night (June 20)
- Home Talent Alumni Appreciation Day (June 23)
- Festival Game (July 4)
- Baseball Youth of Evansville - Youth Baseball Night (July 18)
- Appreciation Day (July 21)
- Evansville Angels Softball - Angels in the Outfield Night (August 1)

Current 2024 Roster

Jon Frey	Ryan Borchart	Henry Bishop
Wyatt Nelson	Alex Karnes	Anthony Nolden
Brock Buskager	Spencer Buskager	Aaron Anderson
Mike Maves	Stephen Kopecky	Ethan France
Max Kurth	Derek Cashore	Bennett Keller
Chase Maves	Luke Schultz	Will Peterson
Blake Frey	Carson Syse	Trevor Syse

Future Improvement Ideas

- Awnings over concession stand serving windows (ref Park Board Mtg Sept 2018)
- Improve team dugouts with simple roof/shelter
- "Jays Roost" fan improvement area at the "Jays Nest"
- Improve field lighting and energy efficient LED lights
- Plant more shade trees around field area
- Grade/mound dirt infield with drainage system
- Install pitcher warm-up bull pen

