

City of Evansville  
**Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 21st, 2021, 6:00 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](https://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
2. Roll call
3. Motion to approve the agenda
- Pg. 2-3 4. Motion to waive the reading of the August 21<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes and approve them as printed.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed
6. New business
7. Park's report
  - A. Lake Leota Dam Repair – (place holder)
  - B. 2021 creek walls & 2<sup>nd</sup> duck house (place holder)
8. Pool report
9. Old business
  - Pg. 4 A. Park & pool design update (place holder)
  - B. Adopt-A-Park Program (place holder)
10. Other
11. Meeting reminder:
  - A. Regular meeting on October 19th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
12. Motion to adjourn

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### MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chair Morrison at 6:02 pm.
2. Roll call: Joy Morrison, James Espinosa, Lyman Fuson, Gene Prudhon, Sue Merritt, Mike Pfeil, and Matt Poock. Also inattendance: Jason Sergeant, Chad Renly.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Espinosa and seconded by Merritt, approved on voice vote.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the July 20th, 2021 minutes and approve them as printed made by Fuson and seconded by Espinosa, as corrected and approved by voice vote.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed
  - A. Ben Rowin – Park Bench Discussion: Would like to have a bench placed in memory of Frank Handley, Eve King, and Ronnie King in the Leonard Leota Park on the shore of Lake Leota. A GoFundMe page has been started to help pay for the bench and additional proceeds will be used for other park needs. Discussion was held on the need to get approval from both the Historic Preservation Committee and the State Historical Society since this would be introducing a new style of bench to the park. Jason Sergeant explained to Mr. Rowin what was necessary to get it through the next steps.
6. New business:
7. Park's report: Nothing new for a park maintenance perspective, looking at repair or replacement of the Geese Aware lights.
  - A. Lake Leota Dam Repair – (place holder): Waiting for DNR input.
  - B. 2021 creek walls & 2<sup>nd</sup> duck house (place holder): Work continues as scheduled. Waiting for quote for stone tabletop replacement and other repairs to the seating and benches.
8. Pool report: Pool is holding water. Current date to close is August 29, but Angie is hoping to

keep it open through Labor Day weekend.

9. Old business

- A. Park & pool design update (place holder): MSA Professional Services met with city staff to start discussions on the project such as the timeline. The next couple of months will involve public outreach and design considerations. The intent is to bid the project in February. They have done drone flyovers and completed an engineering review. Baker Street Consulting was hired to do a feasibility study on fund raising possibilities for the \$1.5 million that was additional to the bonding. Timeline for the assessment is eight weeks. They would likely be retained for the actual fundraising campaign.
  - B. Adopt-A-Park Program (place holder): Duck Soup Signs is researching styles for the signage and once the style is determined will print the signs with the hope to have them in place by fall.
10. Other: The dog park has been getting regular use. Beyond the Willow has contacted the city about the possibility of donating benches for the dog park.
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12. Motion to adjourn: Made by Espinosa and seconded by Poock at 6:50 pm. Passed by voice vote.

# Evansville West Side Park and Leonard-Leota Park Improvements

Project Process Report | September 9, 2021

## What's New?

The Architectural and Engineering team has begun to serve as a partner to the City of Evansville for these dynamic park and recreation projects that will serve and support the community for generations to come. The community vision for a new multi-purpose aquatics facility and West Side Park improvements is gaining momentum, and the creative and energetic team is here to help. In addition, the transition of the new splash pad at Leonard-Leota Park will further revitalize the community, all while being sensitive to this beautiful and historic park.

The MSA team, along with Water Technology, Incorporated (WTI) and Rettler Corporation, are uniquely skilled to support these efforts to not only meet the City's goals, but exceed them. There is plenty to do with a tentative desire to open in the spring/summer of 2023. The project kicked off in August with a series of City leadership and fact-finding efforts. Drone flights of West Side Park and Leonard-Leota Park, along with detailed site surveys, were performed. Discussions began with goal-setting, revisiting, and in some regard building upon the previous "big picture" project scope/vision as described in the previously approved referendum. The kickoff was followed by Aquatics, and Athletic Field Stakeholder Meetings, where public input was received. In summary, initial efforts included:

- **Site Survey and Drone Flights** completed in mid-August
- **Project Kick-off Meeting** held Aug. 9, 2021
- **Aquatics Programming Meeting** held Aug. 25, 2021
- **Athletics Stakeholder Meeting** held Sept. 3, 2021

Next in September, the Design Team will study and prepare preliminary site concepts. The team will share the initial concepts with the City's Leadership Team for comments and further development. These concepts will then be shared at a Public Open House Discussion in Mid-October to foster community input and further inform the best project possible.

The City has also separately engaged the Baker Street Consulting Group to provide Innovative Consulting Services for Nonprofits to organize and develop a Fundraising Feasibility Study to determine the appropriate next steps for effective and systematic fundraising. Such a planning study can do much more than deciding the fundraising potential for a capital campaign. It can also be leveraged to build a roadmap for successful annual fund development, strategic planning, and capacity-building initiatives with the specific underlying goal to advance the missions and visions of Evansville through inspiring counsel, bold leadership, and innovative solutions that drive transformative, sustainable change.

***Project StoryMap:** Stay tuned next month for online project updates following the Public Meeting.*



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