City of Evansville

**Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting**

Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street

Tuesday, April 19, 2016, **5:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

1. Call to order at 5:00 pm
2. Roll call. Chair Ben Ladick, Gerry Hels, Rod Courtier, Lyman Fuson, Darrell Hamilton

Also in attendance: Ray Anderson, Ian Rigg

1. Motion to approve the agenda. Move 8a 8b Ladick/Courtier
2. Motion to waive the reading of the March 15, 2016 minutes and approve them as printed. Courtier Hels
3. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed:

120 Grove Street, Noel Oscar—Property borders Lake Leota and disc golf course, reported issues with trespassing. The disc golf organization placed placards but they have been trampled and disappeared and now more trespassing. Would like the city to consider a more permanent demarcation. The Oscars have been trying to plant shrubs to mark the property lines. Concerned about liability if someone should get hurt on his property. Upset with the disregard for private property. Solutions discussed—more permanent line, move the cages, temporary markers for the short term until a more permanent solution is decided upon.

1. Parks report: Bathrooms are open, fencing around basketball and tennis courts is completed. Women’s side of bathroom has been upgraded. West Side Shelter downspouts and gutters were installed, shelter is now completed. Ray needs to know the location of the sidewalk in Brezinski Park in order to design the layout of the ADA swing. Municipal services has approved the sidewalk. The Park Board appreciates the input of citizens and thanks Aiden Blohm for his letter about the hours at the Park’s Store.
2. Old business.
   1. Motion to waive fees for the horse barn fee for the Grove Society on August 28th, 2016: Jennifer Ehle has found an organizer of the car show and has a list of 20 vehicle owners that would like to display their cars. Car owners feel that there could be as many as 200 that would attend with their cars. Also requesting that the Park Store be open from 12 to 5 since the presentation is focusing on the historical nature of the Park. The hope is that sponsors and donations could cover the costs. Lee Stock is the organizer and he and Jennifer plan an informational meeting on Thursday, May 16. Ladick/Hels.
   2. Update Scout House: Electrical has been run underground, wood burner is to be replaced by electric heat. Fireplace will be inspected and the design for the doors has been sent to the State Historical Society for approval.
   3. Update on ADA swing: Intends to have finalized plans at the next meeting
   4. Youth baseball update: registrations are about to close, field coordinator and umpires have been hired
   5. Aquatic Director position: Angie Olson is the new aquatic director. Sign ups for swim lessons and swim team are in progress and will remain open until the pool opens unless space fills up. Many of the summer staff are planning to come back and are taking applications.
   6. Update on multi-county swim pass: Profit sharing has been scrubbed by the Beloit attorney. We will track the origin of the passes.
3. New business.
   1. Motion to approve purchase of computer software for swim team: Team Manager, Bronze at $170. Ladick/Courtier—passed on a roll call vote.
   2. Motion to waive reservation fees for Evansville Jays in exchange for park improvements. Jon Frey provided a document showing past improvements, plans for 2016, and future proposed improvements. Current progress includes finishing the concession stand and a concrete approach around it. Hamilton/Hels--approved
4. Other: Hels: 10 acres adjacent to West Side Park. Had planned on hiring a consultant but the staff time does not allow for an RFP in 2016 so the plan is to conduct it in 2017. The city’s attempt to purchase the land on the west side of the lake.
5. Motion to adjourn. Hamilton/Hels 5:49 pm.

Next meeting date Tuesday, May 17, 2016, **6:30 p.m.**