

City of Evansville  
**Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street  
Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. Call to order: by Chair Morrison at 6:30 pm
2. Roll call: Joy Morrison, Courtier, Espinosa, Hamilton; also in attendance Rigg.
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Hamilton/Courtier
4. Motion to waive the reading of the October 17, 2017 minutes and approve them as printed. Fuson/Hamilton
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
  - a. Cheryl Fuchs on memorial bench at Lake Leota /Leonard Leota Park. Cheryl Manni had been an active member of the Parks Board and continued to volunteer in the park for many years after that. Cheryl is offering to purchase a memorial bench to the late Ms. Manni from Belson Outdoors to have installed in Leota Park. Fuchs would like the Board to decide on which bench. Kyle Allen would install a concrete base to make the installation permanent. Certain styles of the bench would come with the memorial engraved, otherwise Fuchs will get a brass plate.

At the current time there is no policy for these type of memorials. Rigg outlined ideas that other municipalities have used. Concerns about when the bench wears out or needs removal and the reaction of those who contributed to the memorial. Fuchs asks the Board to discuss the options over the next few months and let her know the decision and she will get started on the purchase. Board and Rigg would like more input from Ray Anderson.

Hamilton asked about the future of adding an area with engraved pavers and suggested naming the area after Mrs. Manni. Fuchs expressed concerns about the length of time it would take to raise the funds for a small area. Rigg suggested that it could be initially funded by the City and the donations would go to reimbursing that fund.

The Board should discuss the best way for the future of memorials. Fuchs would like it to be something that could be long lasting with low maintenance.
6. Parks report: Bathrooms are closed for winter, leaves have been taken care of, continuing to clean up all the parks as weather permits. Gate at the main entrance has been replaced and Ray will close once the ice starts to form
7. Pool Report: Angie is looking into some lifeguard classes and updated standards. Fees have not been determined yet.

8. Old business: Council passed the budget and the fireplace renovation, remaining outfield fence at the lower diamond and the consultant for the West Side park were all approved.
9. New business: None
10. Other.
11. Motion to adjourn. Courtier/Fuson, 7:04 pm

Next meeting date Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.