

City of Evansville  
**Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. Call to order: 6:32
2. Roll call—Morrison, Courtier, Merritt, Hamilton, Fuson. Also in attendance: Ian Rigg, Ray Anderson, Holly Gulledge. Dan Brice is no longer serving on the Board, recommendations for a replacement can be made to the Mayor.
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Hamilton/Fuson
4. Motion to waive the reading of the December 19, 2017 minutes and approve them as printed. Courtier/Hamilton
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
  - a. Motion to approve Cheryl Fuchs request for park bench in Leonard/Lake Leota Park per Historic District Design standards. Fuchs will meet with Park Custodian Ray Anderson about location and Jason Sergeant about style of bench. Historic Preservation has made general recommendations for the style. Hamilton/Fuson
6. Parks report: Gene Pruden is looking to plant more trees, Anderson recommends the West Side Park. Anderson and Pruden will determine the number and location in the next few weeks. Elija James is fund raising for bleachers for the West Side Park for his Eagle Scout project.
7. Pool Report: All lifeguards must be recertified this summer due to change in Red Cross rules. Both Holly and Angie are looking for Trainer Classes in order to conduct the certification tests in Evansville. Takes two to three days for the training. Last year there were 15 or 16 lifeguards on staff. Also looking at having the Red Cross conduct classes for swimming lessons so that the classes can be Red Cross certified lessons.
8. Old business: None
9. New business:
  - A. Motion to approve Gene Heiman's event contingent on signed contract with the City. Ian received a request from Gene, who is the former owner of the Red Barn, offering to do a fund raising event consisting of a country western music fest at the park. He would like to offer beer and wine cooler sales. Need involvement from the Public Safety Committee. City would need a contract with indemnity spelled out to relieve any risk. Also need to know what days, times, clean up, and other terms and that it

doesn't interfere with other events in the Park, namely the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Morrison expressed concerns about the lack of specifics about which charity or charities the funds would go to. Hamilton suggests that the initial event be a one day event. Ian reported that Evansville police presence at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event has kept issues to a minimum—one arrest in 2017 and none in 2016. Like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, all alcohol would have to be restricted to a designated area. Since the Board has questions and concerns the Board has decided to wait until the next meeting and have a further discussion.

- B. Opening presentation of 2018 Park Master Plan: Holly: To continue with grants from the State, a new master five year park plan needs to be developed. The current plan expires this year. The PRB members should read over the current park plan and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. A timeline will be established and presented at the February meeting. As the plan develops the Board will ask for public input. Ideas to consider are West Side Park development, Brezinski Park's change in focus and the Pool Plan. Holly will be coordinating a public input survey for PRB review. Ian would like the members copy Jason, Holly and himself about questions about the plan. Do not include other members of the board in order to avoid any violation of open meetings laws.

10. Other: None

11. Motion to adjourn. Hamilton/Fuson: 7:14 pm

Next meeting date Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m.