

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chairperson Joy Morrison at 6:06 pm
2. Roll call: Morrison, Espinosa, Prudhon, Pooch, Fuson, Hamilton. Also present were Ian Rigg, Jason Sergeant, Ray Anderson, Angie Olsen. Jon Frey of the Evansville Jays, Troy Larson, Bill Lathrop. Sue Merritt joined at 6:11.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Pooch, seconded by Espinosa approved by voice vote.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the May 19 and June 8, 2020 minutes and approve them as printed made by Pooch, seconded by Espinosa approved by voice vote.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed: None.
6. New business: None
7. COVID 19 Response:
 - A. Phase 2 Reopening - Baseball and Shelters Under Phase 2
 - B. Shelters can be opened with a maximum gathering of 25. City will not be cleaning or disinfecting the area.
 - C. Doug Schwen (citizen) was concerned that the Rock County guidelines don't allow for team sport competition only practice and skill building. He referred the Board to the Rock County website where guidelines for school and extracurricular activities are posted. The Common Council and other Boards and Committees have requested that the Rock County guidelines be followed. The girls' softball program would like to start practicing and Rigg felt that space in the parks could be allocated for practice.
 - D. The Jays season is planned start the weekend of July 4th. There are four scheduled home games on Sundays with the first home game on July 19. Jon would like to schedule Thursday games independent of the Home Talent League. The Thursday games are not official games. The Jays submitted a letter requesting the ability to sell concessions during games. Jon is willing to install plexiglass shields at the two concession windows and will spray down surfaces and dugouts with bleach solution, place cones to maintain social distancing and concession workers will wear masks and gloves. Frey clarified the Thursday games would be skill building

without the scoreboard but with an umpire. It will still appear as a competitive game so it should also fall under the Rock County guidelines.

- E. Matt Pooch made a motion to allow practice to begin immediately under Phase 2 guidelines and allow competitive baseball when the County moves into Phase 3, seconded by Espinosa and approved by voice vote.
- F. Pooch made the motion that the line “the concession stand will not be available” from the Field Rental form, seconded by Hamilton and approved by voice vote. The form will be reviewed and updated for Phase 3 guidelines.

8. Parks report

- A. Review of draft Park and Recreation Plan 2020-2025 and possible motion to approve staff to open the draft for 30-day public review. Jason Sergeant explained the timeline, the goal is to have adoption at the August 11 Common Council meeting so that it can be considered during budget discussions in the fall. Board should get comments to Sergeant by June 30. The public hearing is intended to be at the beginning of August at the regular Plan Committee meeting. Hamilton made a motion to approve staff to open the draft for 30-day public review, seconded by Espinosa and approved by voice vote.
- B. Parks Report: replaced doors on the lower bathroom, geese away product has arrived and will be installed in July, all summer help is on board, will continue to make improvements on the lower bathroom, Lake Leota park has been very busy. Morrison asked about the trees in Franklin park and asked about staking them. Anderson has been doing some staking and will continue as time allows.

9. Pool report

- A. Results of pool concept survey: summary is available on the website. 162 participated and 108 were verified as City of Evansville residents, followed by Town of Union. All respondents were within Rock County. Concept #1 was the most favorable in the survey. The concept drawings were based on the pool remaining in its current location.
- B. Cost estimates: \$7.2 to \$7.4 million at Westside Park vs. \$8.1 to \$8.8 at Lake Leota. The downside is there would be one less soccer field initially but could be added as more land became available. Westside Park would allow for reconfiguration of the mechanical buildings. If built in Westside Park the Westside Park development and Aquatic Center could be rolled into one project.
- C. Location of new Aquatic Center
- D. Referendum recommendations: The Board recommends using the second draft where the voters are given a choice of location and the different costs. Rigg will introduce a final version at the July meeting.
- E. Fundraising: May need to hire a consultant to help with the fund raising. Should Rigg conduct a procurement for professional fundraising? The final decision would not be made until after the referendum has been decided.
- F. The Common Council voted to close the pool for the 2020 season. Badger Pool found the leaks in the expansion joints repairable at a not to exceed cost of \$25,000. The repairs will take place this summer.

10. Old business: None

11. Other: None. Anderson inquired on the status of the Park on the 4th should there be an independent fireworks show. The Park would be closed off to car traffic at 6 pm on July 4 in order to keep the crowds down. Rigg will work with the Evansville Police to coordinate the effort. The sod and mound will be removed from the lower diamond to allow for softball practice.
12. Meeting Reminder: Regular meeting on July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
13. Motion to adjourn made by Poock at 8:52 pm, second by Espinosa, passed by voice vote.