

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

Due to COVID 19 this meeting was not held in person.

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MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chairperson Joy Morrison at 6:00 pm
2. Roll call: Morrison, Espinosa, Prudhon, Pooch, Fuson, Hamilton, and Merritt. Also present were Ian Rigg, Jason Sergeant, Mayor Bill Hurtley, Ray Anderson, Angie Olsen, Chad Renly, Jon Frey of the Evansville Jays, Bill Lathrop.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Espinosa, seconded by Pooch approved by voice vote.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the June 16, 2020 minutes and approve them as printed, made by Prudhon with the amended correction, seconded by seconded by Espinosa. Approved by voice vote.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed: None.
6. New business: None
7. COVID 19 Response: Nothing has changed from last month since there has been no change in the Rock County guidelines.
8. Parks report: Phil and Nancy Cress had sent a letter thanking the Park Board for the maintenance of Wind Prairie Park. Ray Anderson reported: No clean up was required after the 4th of July. The parking lot by the lower shelter has been enlarged. A group from St. John's volunteers painted the bathroom.
 - A. Security at the Park: Chad and Ray have purchased motion sensor lights for the park and Water and Light will install. If cameras were to be added to the park internet access would have to be run into the park. The closest access is 1000 feet from where the cameras would be located, and the line would have to be underground. It is possible that Water and Light could install the conduit then Charter could blow the line in. It would have to cross under the railroad which Charter could seek permits. There may be alternative hardware options that don't require internet cabling.
 - B. Lake Testing: Renly discussed the Citizens Lake Program which uses volunteers to collect water samples which are tested for various attributes. The testing conducted has dropped over the past several years. The City is currently looking for a volunteer to do the collection. Gene Prudhon volunteered.
 - C. Geese population update: Geese Aways to be installed the week of July 20,
 - D. Splash pad: The Common Council inquired about adding a splash pad at the park that does not include the Aquatic Center (West Side or Leonard Leota). It would need to go on the referendum. Originally the intent of the funding for the splash pad would have been done through fund raising not City funds.
 - E. Dam Grant and Project: The grant has been approved and been ranked which allows for more funds and doesn't tie the City to the funding requested. The Gabion baskets have no footings so it is possible to get enough in the grant to

replace that section of walls and replace the Gabion baskets. Currently the project is in the design phase.

- F. Review of draft Park and Recreation Plan 2020-2025: Jason Sergeant discussed the 3rd Draft and all corrections have been made. If the PRB has no other edits, the plan will go to the Plan Commission.
9. Pool report: Joy voiced concerns about the current circumstances and if it was a good idea to conduct the referendum at this time. Ian pointed out that the debt would not start impacting the taxpayers until 2024 and the current pool probably won't last until a new pool is built.
 - A. Cost estimates: attached to Park Board Packet.
 - B. Referendum recommendations
 - C. Fundraising: Ian has talked to Wyatt Jackson of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin who could help with the fundraising with a 5% fee. This is the group that manages the Antes Fund and other funds for the City.

The pool has been repaired by Badger Pool and are looking at the cost of painting the pool.
10. Old business: None
11. Other: None
12. Meeting Reminder: Regular meeting on August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and will again be held virtually.
13. Motion to adjourn made by Pooch and seconded by Espinosa at 7:57. Passed on a voice vote.