

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 15th, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chairperson Morrison at 6:00
2. Roll call: Espinosa, Fuson, Hamilton, Pooch, Prudhon, Morrison. Also present Chad Renly, Ray Anderson, Leah Hurlley
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Espinosa seconded by Prudhon
4. Motion to waive the reading of the November 17th, 2020 minutes and approve them as printed made by Prudhon, seconded by Hamilton. Approved by voice vote.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed
 - A. Ice skating rink: Susan Becker 233 Garfield Ave., brought the idea of creating an ice skating rink. Is there space in one of the parks for a rink? Morrison expressed concerns about the ability to maintain a rink on Lake Leota. Susan asked about some of the other parks that have a large flat area. What would be the limit for city services to create and maintain a rink? If the city would approve of the maintenance, it shouldn't be an issue. Chad and Ray will look at the retention pond and report back at the January meeting.
6. New business
 - A. Boy Scout event discussion: Keith Henning of the Evansville Troop to discuss the proposed Fisheree and Jamboree (titled "Licensed Chill") for February 13, 2021. They are planning as if there wasn't a pandemic and then will adjusting depending on circumstances. Looking at training for Merit Badges if possible. The current plan is for 50 to 100 boys. Morrison voiced concern about the Rock County guidelines for gatherings. Henning felt that the people at the event could be spread out on the lake and through the park. The event will be discussed at the January meeting to consider the impact of the pandemic and the Rock County guidelines.
 - B. Shelter reservation procedures: Leah Hurlley presented. The code allows reservations for 2021 to start on the first business day January. Normally there is a line for reservations at City Hall on that day. Since City Hall is closed Leah is concerned about how to manage it for 2021. In 2020 the city went to a PDF online form for pet licenses and Leah felt that was a possible way to handle the reservations. The concern is determining the applications arrived since it is a first come first serve. Leah Hurlley and Judy Walton can open the lobby to accept applications on January 4th to accept anyone who shows up in person.
 - C. 2021 Baseball schedule: Leah Hurlley presented. Youth League was cancelled in 2020 which created a lot of work due to the fact that registration had been opened so fees were collected which had to be refunded and shuffling the schedules. Espinosa felt that the suggestion that a virtual organization meeting for the 2021

season. Hurtley asked that we review the fee schedule and municipal code Chapter 86.6 (Park and Recreation Board) to address some inconsistencies and if they are still accurate. In the current budget the youth baseball coordinator position had been cut. Leah is concerned about the workload that will be created by the lack of this position. This position took care of organizing the coaching meetings and coaches, creating the game schedule, printing of the shirts, making in-season decisions (rain outs/delays/etc.). These duties had been incorporated into the Deputy Clerk position description. Renly suggested reaching out to the coaches and other interested parties to see if there would be interest in volunteering their time to help reduce some of the duties. Espinosa volunteered to work with Leah on volunteer ideas and how they might be structured.

7. Parks report

- A. Dam repair (place holder): Engineering firm that was hired to do the drawings has been impacted by Covid so they are behind in the deliverables. Renly has requested an extension from the DNR through January 29th. He expects the drawings will be done early in January.
- B. 2021 creek walls and 2nd duck house (place holder): Met with Dan Stefans to discuss the duck house and that any attempt to save it may cause more damage. It was suggested that an attempt be made to reinforce the foundation, paint the wood and replace the shingles. Renly expects there will be issues in the foundation due to the size of the voids under the current foundation.
- C. Park security & internet (update 2021): No updates.
- D. Lake Leota pier removal: The pier was removed on Monday, December 7th.
- E. Dog park update (update Spring 2021): Poock has been working on the signage for the park.
- F. The park road will be closed at Ray's discretion based on the ice thickness.

8. Pool report

- A. Leak/paint repairs (place holder): no updates. Angie is looking at software for scheduling and sign ups and will have updates at a later meeting.

9. Old business

- A. Park & pool design update (place holder): No updates at this point.
- B. Adopt a Park Program (place holder): No updates.

10. Other: The October BASE disc golf tournament drew twelve players and prizes were awarded.

11. Meeting Reminder:

- A. Regular meeting on January 19th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Motion to adjourn made by Hamilton and seconded by Poock at 7:45.

