

City of Evansville  
**Park & Recreation Board Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Third Floor City Hall, 31 South Madison Street  
Tuesday, March 15, 2016, **6:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

1. Call to order at 6:31 pm
2. Roll call. Chair Ben Ladick, Gerry Hels, Dan Bice, Rod Courtier, Lyman Fuson, Darrell Hamilton  
Also in attendance: Ray Anderson, Ian Rigg
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Ladick/Courtier
4. Motion to waive the reading of the February 16, 2016 minutes and approve them as printed. Hels/Fuson
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed:

Mary Beth Anderson 7 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Swim Team Coach, noting Aquatics Director Will Ganje had resigned. Had worked with Will for many of the supplies/scheduling for the swim team and needed guidance on how to move forward. Ian Rigg will be taking over his duties until a new aquatics director can be hired. Wanted to know if there would be changes to the pool open times, Rigg said no changes to the weekday hours. Asked if the City would consider purchasing the software that the last swim coach purchased privately. The price would be \$127.50. City paid \$125 for participation in two swim invitational swim meets in 2015. Would the City consider adding one more or if she should make the swim team pay an additional fee as part of the registration fee. Rigg needs to review how the swim team revenue is taken in and who is responsible. Since the swim team fees are paid to and handled by the City, the swim team could use the funds for the third swim meet. The software would need to be added to next month's agenda.

Jennifer Ehle, 1532 Langley Lane, Madison, President of the Grove Society. Antes Cabin. City is decorating the interior but concerned that the City doesn't own the building. Rigg and Ladick will need to do more research of whose purview it falls under—Preservation Committee. Rigg will respond to her concerns. Vacation cabins along Hwy 14 during the 1920s, Dan Stephans (in attendance) would like to do a presentation Sunday August 28, about this piece of Evansville history and possibly include a car rally. Unsure how big or how much they want to put into it at this point. Could the fee for the Horse Barns be waived? Would have to add to April agenda. Ray Anderson suggested taking the next month to figure out the scope and size.

6. Parks report: Park road is open. Bathrooms will get upgrades this spring before opening. Will be doing some work around the tennis and basketball courts.
7. Old business.
  - a. Update on Scout house. Rigg has contacted the insurance company but insurance company has issues with the wood burning heater. Would need an inspection about installation and if all rules are followed it might be insurable. Otherwise electric heaters could be installed but the fireplace could still be used. There are issues with cracks in the walls and the slab foundation. Needs more input in order to determine how to move forward. Jason Sargeant is the contact for the scout house. Also historic preservation issues may need to be considered.
  - b. Update on the ADA swing: Jennifer Persons announced that they have raised the money to purchase the swing. The City will order the swing and the group will reimburse the City once invoiced. All rubber matt would cost in the range of \$10,000. Ray is looking into other, less expensive, options for landscaping. The group has raised \$5,100. The cost of the sidewalk falls primarily to one resident. There is additional \$2000 from the grant. There is available City budget. The project will be done this year.
  - c. Youth baseball update: New Coordinator hired Mike F. Registration has begun, need a field coordinator and umpires. Preparing for the Night of the Young Child. Uniform company has been set up, equipment has been ordered.
  - d. Update on multi-county swim pass: Ian will be meeting in Janesville Thursday March 24, 2016 to finalize the details. Will continue to look into if the youth baseball program should be moved from the City to a different organization. Needs more research and consider the issues.
8. New business.
  - a. Aquatic Director Position: Ad was placed and website will be updated on March 16, 2016. Consideration of an assistant director. Applications are due March 31.
  - b. Time Capsule at Leonard/Leota Park: Keith Henning of the Boy Scouts would like to put a time capsule inside the finale of the flag pole. Historic Preservation has to review and set some guidelines based on the conditions for the Park. After Hist. Pres.
9. Other: Sandy Decker thanked the park board for their service and is looking forward to the master plan for the Westside Park and Leota Park. Discover Wisconsin will be filming at Leota Park in July and the show will air in February. Dan Bice attended the annual soccer meeting and there was a lot of frustration about the bathroom situation. They are asking if someone from the soccer board could have a key in case the bathrooms are locked. Ray unlocks them in the morning and the Police Department locks the bathroom at the end of the day. Rigg felt that it would be up to the EPD if a key could be issued.

10. Motion to adjourn. The third Tuesday of April by ordinance is swearing in of new officers. Hamilton/Hels 7:32.

Next meeting date Tuesday, April 19, 2016, **5:00 p.m. Hels/Hamilton**