

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Neeley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. **Roll Call:**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Alderson Cory Neeley	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Sue Merrit	P	Ray Anderson, Parks Custodian
Lyman Fuson	P	
Chad Sigl	P	
Matt Poock	P	
Jim Espinosa	P	
Gene Prudhon	P (arrived at 6:30pm)	

3. **Motion to Approve Agenda, to add Ice Rink Discussion as Item 7B, by Fuson, seconded by Merrit. Motion passed 6-0.**
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting and approve them as printed by Sigl, seconded by Espinosa. Motion passed 6-0.**
5. **Civility Reminder:** Neeley issued a reminder that we hold all city meetings with respect and decorum.
6. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed:** None
7. **New Business**
 - A. **Discussion for Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025-2030.**

Discussion began by determining that the next five year plan will ramp up in 2025. In the meantime, the plan will be to look at the charts in the current plan from time to time. From there to look at the items to determine what should be prioritized next. Discussion began by starting on page 7.6, to look at the items to determine where items are at in their completion. Discussion items included the completion of the rock walls of Allen Creek, ice rink placement on Lake Leota, roads of the park, dam work, and the safety of the Madison Street park entrance. There was additional discussion on other uses for the park, such as having other events or festivals beside the 4th of July event.
 - B. **Discussion for Ice Rink:** There was discussion for potentially moving the ice rink from Countryside to West Side Park after this winter. Sergeant shared that he needed to talk with the Public Works Foreperson to ensure that it wouldn't be too taxing on staff.
8. **Park's Report:** Anderson reported that the plan will be to close the restrooms on October 30th. Anderson offered an idea for having "art in the park" for the five year plan, would be to have a carving out of a tree near the Bell Tower. The company that Anderson has had contact with is Timberjacks.
9. **Aquatic Center Report:** Sergeant reported that the old one has been demolished

10. Old Business

- A. Aquatic Center, Splashpad, and Park Improvement Updates:** Sergeant reported that the biggest challenge has been the condition of the soccer and baseball fields. One of the neighbors of the park has shared concerns on how close the fields are to their house. The city has started to look into the cost of a net to help prevent balls from balls getting onto their property. The Splashpad is hoping to get as much done as possible this fall. Poock shared that the fundraising goal has been moved from \$1.7 million to \$1.85 million, to add the Sport Court. Currently the fundraising efforts have acquired \$1.75 million. Prudhon inquired on signage for the Park Donations, and the decision was to put on the next agenda.
- B. Adopt-A-Park Signs:** Anderson brought a sample of how the signs will look. The cost would fall between \$12-\$15 each.

11. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00pm

12. Motion to Adjourn by Espinosa, seconded by Sigl. Motion passed 7-0.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Elle Natrop*