

City of Evansville **Park and Recreation Board**
 Regular Meeting
 City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
 Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

2. **Roll Call**

| <u>Members</u> | <u>Present/Absent</u> | <u>Others Present</u> |
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| Alderperson Cory Neeley | P | Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Dir. |
| Sue Merrit | P (6:01pm) | Elle Natrop |
| Lyman Fuson | P | Kris Evans, Evansville Resident |
| Chad Sigl | P | |
| Matt Poock | A | |
| Jim Espinosa | P | |
| Gene Prudhon | P | |

3. **Motion to Approve Agenda, by Espinosa, seconded by Fuson. Motion passed 6-0.**

4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the October 17, 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:** None

7. **New Business**

A. Discussion for Ice Rink:

Evans shared on the process of how he had hauled water to the site of the Ice Rink last winter. He explained the amount of water that it took to make the ice rink happen. There was also a rollercoaster of weather that had made the process more labor intensive with the thawing and refreezing. By the end of the season, the liner was also ripped. Nelson Young had donated the lumber, the City had purchased the liner, and residents would shovel off the rink. Nelson Young has already committed to donating wood for this winter.

The discussion for the upcoming winter started with deciding on a location. There was discussion on the Countryside location from the previous winter, as well as the potential of moving it to West Side Park. The water availability would still be a challenge at West Side Park. Natrop shared that the idea from Sergeant would be to have the location moved to Lake Leota. The concern on Emergency Services and lighting was discussed. Kriebs shared that he would look at the sight and see what could be done for lighting. The plan will be to have some snow fencing put up to help keep people away from the Dam. There was also some discussion on the possibility to use some of the wood that Nelson Young plans on donating to make some benches for places to sit and/or ramps for access. The idea is that there could be a hole dug into the ice, just like ice fishing, to install a pump to attach a garden hose to smooth out the surface for skating. This would solve the problem of hauling water as well.

8. Park's Report: Natrop read from a written report from Ray Anderson, the Park's Custodian. Statement read: "Bathrooms are closed and I have finished picking up leaves."

9. Old Business

A. Aquatic Center, Splashpad, and Park Improvement Updates: There was a short discussion on how the weather had been good for the construction progress at West Side Park. Natrop confirmed that that the free pass for \$1000 donation was still occurring, when Neeley asked.

B. Aquatic Center Donation Appreciation: Neeley inquired if there was a plan to have a wall dedicated to show appreciation for all of the donations. Natrop shared that Sergeant had shared with her that the plan was to have a wall, but to have dedication plaques wherever it would be possible.

C. Adopt-A-Park Signs: Neeley mentioned that Ray Anderson had brought some signs to show the Board at the last meeting, and they are still in the corner of the Council Chambers.

10. Upcoming Meetings

A. Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:00pm

11. Motion to Adjourn, by Espinosa, seconded by Sigl. Motion passed at 6:32pm 6-0.