

Youth Center Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2017
Creekside Place
102 Maple St, Evansville, WI 53536

Mr. Brooks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Attendance: Mr. Brooks, Mr. Vossekuil, Ms. Bartlett, Ms. Swanson Ms. Dobbs and Ms. Krull

Approved meeting minutes from October 21, 2019. Voice vote (5-0)

Mr. Brooks opened the meeting and gave a civility reminder to all members. He asked the group to discuss the pros and cons of each of the previously listed possible site options. We are looking to be open minded and to discuss at a high level.

West Side Park:

Positives: Tons of green space, parking is available, kids are already there, summer opportunities, soccer, baseball/softball, kickball

Negatives: We may have to purchase the land, the walk from school would be pretty far, open space/not closed in, and concerns about there only being 2 staff members. Busing issues. West side park plans for the future are pretty full – we would be taking something out to make a Youth Center fit. Allot of kids going to the Youth Center state that they wouldn't continue going if the center was at West Side Park. Ms. Dobbs indicated that a lot of kids that don't currently go to the center, would end up going if it was not located right next to the School.

Nelsons Cards:

The group decided to remove this option from the list due to the size, crossing of Main Street, not close enough to Countryside Park.

Lake Leota Park:

Positive: Winter Friendly – the roads would be plowed. Playground. Fishing every night. Could build fences with City Referendum that is coming.

Negatives: Walking from the schools would be far, kids crossing Main Street, concerns of students finding their way. Concerns with High School kids hanging around which could turn into a supervision issue as well as concerns with the lake being right there and no lifeguard. There would have to be busing, which equates to cost. If there was a bus, there is concerns of missing it if a student is meeting with a teacher after school and some would want to go back to school for a game and it would be too far. The distance would mean less time to play

Fair Street Lot:

The lot is a ½ Acre and Union Township owns it.

Positive – close to TRIS, not too far from Middle School.

Negative – Does Union Township want to sell this? Lot size is not ideal. Possibly a 2-story building. Parking lot concerns with the lack of space.

The next meeting will be December 18, 2019.

Jim Brooks, Chair

Approved: 12/18/2019