

MINUTES

The **Rogers Parks & Recreation Commission** met for a regular session on July 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by .

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Betty Evans, Mendy Fisher, Nathan Gairhan, David Hale, Shawn Lee, Greg Lindley

Not Present: Paul O'Rourke

Others Present: Ronnie Webb, Jose Hernandez

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Jose Hernandez spoke to the Commission requesting lights be added to the Rogers Skate Park. He started a petition and collected more than 1,000 signatures which he presented to the Commission. The Commission thanked him for his presentation and were in agreement for the Parks & Rec. Dept. to look further into adding lighting.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Nathan Gairhan, second by David Hale to Approve the minutes as submitted.

REPORTS:

1. Projects & Reports
2. Trail Counts

1. Projects & Reports

Kent reported on trail improvements. Cambridge wayfinding signs were installed in June. Posts were installed last week. The parking lot resurfacing at Lake Atalanta is near completion. Drop-off areas along the Razorback Greenway at Mercy bridge and Horsebarn. Having J&L take a look at them. Looking at having the fencing along Osage trail replaced. The road signs at Price Ln. have been raised. All RFDs are working correctly. Detour for Trail of Two Cities will be installed within the next month.

Lance gave updates on Railyard Park and downtown. Railyard Park is complete. Working with the Garden Club of Rogers on getting plants replaced at the Butterfly Garden. Centennial Park is out for bid. The bench at Maple Grove has been vandalized and removed. Working to get it reinstalled. Looking into getting the jump zone at the Bike Park paved. Working with the Walton Family Foundation to minimize costs. The current dirt jump is not holding up to the use it is receiving by riders.

David gave an update on Mt. Hebron and other projects. The lighting system at Railyard Park was having some issues that are working on being addressed. Mt. Hebron is well under construction. Contractors for sports fields are working on site. Majority of poles for the soccer fields have been set and fence posts will be set and complete this week. The curb along the soccer fields will be poured next week. Storm sewers are being installed. The pole bases for Musco lighting to be installed next week or the week after. The meting hall is under construction and the slab will get poured next week. Planning on starting on the maintenance building and the restrooms footings the first week of August. The trail that will run along the west side of the park will start getting poured the first week of August also. Having some issues with construction of the road and utilities, but it is not affecting construction of the park. Estimated completion is May 2022.

2. Trail Counts

Kara provided an update on June trail counts. There were 84,825 trail uses. The 2020 and 2021 tree grant bids were awarded. Looking to start planting trees in the late fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Run the Railyard - August 28th, 2021
2. RPEF Forest Frenzy - October 16th, 2021
 1. Run the Railyard - August 28th, 2021
 2. RPEF Forest Frenzy - October 16th, 2021

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman: Greg Lindley at 1:10pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

Chairman