

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
March 15, 2023
Noon at Rogers City Hall
301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Greg Lindley, Mendy Fisher, Paul O'Rourke, Shawn Lee

PUBLIC FORUM:

No Public Comments

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Mendy Fisher, second by Paul to approve minutes as submitted.

REPORTS:

Projects/Progress Report

- Kent Laughlin provided updates on the concrete being replaced at the Mercy Hammock Station, project is almost complete. There was a damaged Railyard Loop sign on Easy St. that has been replaced. The Northwest Park demolition site has added increased safety measures to protect students. The JB Hunt bridge project has removed the hump in the trail but more trail work will still be needed after the project is completed. There are a few bumps at Lake Atalanta that they are working on fixes for.
- Lance Jobe gave updates on the concrete bridge at Lake Atalanta. The concrete Nabholz had poured keeps cracking, he is waiting on a report on why that is. The gates for the Play Yard park are in and ready to be installed, as well as benches and trash cans along the east side of the park. The utilities at Centennial Park are being installed.
- Andrea VonBrinton gave updates on Northwest Park and Mt Hebron Park. Grading is ongoing at Northwest Park, and Mt. Hebron might be able to open this weekend (March 18th).
- Kara King showed off the new trail counters that will be replacing some of the older models. These counters have updated covers that will prevent bugs and water from entering. These updated counters will provide us with more reliable trail counts. She will be figuring out the best way to mount and install them as soon as possible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jim White spoke about the rental agreement for the Pavilion at Mt. Hebron. Bailey Crossett, Staff Attorney, is preparing this agreement for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Andrea gave sport league updates.

- Baseball is underway and moving practices/games to Mt. Hebron.
- Adult Soccer registration closes soon, expecting ~800 players
- Rogers Activity Center is looking to start Sand Volley ball in the fall.

Events

- April 15th – 9a-12p Lake Atalanta Appreciation Cleanup
- April 16th & 23rd – 1p-3p Invasive Cleanup at Lake Atalanta
- April 22nd – Earth day
 - 9am trail cleanup behind Home Depot
 - 11a-1p Tree Giveaway at Aquatic Center
- April 30th – Super Mom 5k/10k/Half Marathon at Blossom Way Trailhead
- May 20th – NWA Carry the Load 5k Ruck & Rally departing from Veterans Park

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Greg Lindley at 12:36pm.