

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
June 21, 2023
Noon at Rogers City Hall
301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Greg Lindley, Mendy Fisher, Paul O'Rourke, David Hale, Nathan Gairhan

PUBLIC FORUM:

No Public Comments

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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

REPORTS:

Projects/Progress Report

- David Hook reported on the progress at Northwest Park. Fencing, foul poles, concrete footing and dugouts should be completed in the next few weeks. Parking lot has been rocked and all utilities are on site. Artificial Turf install is expected to start in August and be completed in October. Building structure steel to be delivered in August. The park is currently on track to be completed in March 2024. N 13th St. is shut down and on track to reopen before school starts.
- Kent Laughlin reported that the busted concrete on the trail at 28th/Walnut has been fixed. A concrete spot at Foerster Park is getting fixed next week. The department is looking to use some razorback greenway enhancement funds to improve signage along the trail.

Trail Counts

- Kara King spoke about the trail counts for May. May was Bike Month and held several events that contributed to increased numbers (Tour de BBQ, Square to Square and Bentonville Bike Fest). A counter at Foerster Park was moved to the intersection of 28th/Walnut. 8th/Price has a new counter. Grant money has been acquired for trees at Northwest Park. Rogers status as a Bike Friendly Community has been upgraded to Silver from Bronze.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Due to attendance, the Commission will seek interest in establishing a subcommittee for future park needs next month. Amber Long of Community Development will join the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Andrea VonBrinton - Updates on recreation. Kids Triathlon at the Aquatics Center on July 8th. Spring sport leagues are wrapping up this weekend. Summer Sports Camp numbers were higher this year than previous years.
- Jim – The downtown water stop has 12 of 16 nozzles working. Aquatic Center is busier than ever. The city council has approved \$300k in maintenance for the Aquatics Center this year which will be used to fix leaks/pumps, acquiring spare parts in order to be proactive on repairs in the future. Major repairs are being planned to be completed in the Fall.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned by Nathan Gairhan at 12:29pm.