

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes

September 20th, 2023

Noon at Rogers City Hall

301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Betty Evans, Mendy Fisher, Nathan Gairhan, Greg Lindley

PUBLIC FORUM:

No public comments

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Greg to approve a revision to the minutes. Adjusting the adjourn time to 12:59pm

REPORTS:

Projects/Progress Report:

-David Hook provides updates on the progress of Northwest Park. The trail on 13th street should be completed in the coming weeks, allowing for the barricades to be moved off the street and 13th to be fully open. The steel for the buildings is 90% finished and the roofing will begin soon. 2 fields (5 & 6) are turfed. Dugout roofs and netting is starting this week. Focus on the trails inside and around the park will start soon, heavy equipment needs to be moved first.

-Kent Laughlin reported the section of the Razorback Greenway under the JB Hunt bridge has been repaired. Work is being done on S 13th street, most of the sidewalks are completed and prep for the trail is underway.

-Noah Bandy gave an update on the trails. The count for the Railyard Bike Park beginner line is likely higher due to ants and wasps. Upgrades to the entire counting device fleet will likely come in 2024.

-Andrea reported on the Recreation sports numbers for the various city programs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Future Park's needs:

The Commission looks through various park maps and discuss areas for improvement and growth. Areas of interest include Uptown trail connectivity, Pinnacle open space, and the corner of Rainbow Rd and Pleasant Grove Rd. Current Sports fields are also brought up as a potential area to improve with turf facilities. Indoor space is also discussed, with Greg Lindley asking if there could be potential for a community rec center. A community rec center could allow for Indoor aquatic facilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Quinton

- Arts and Culture is merging with the Parks and Recreation department.
- The Aquatics Center had ~4% less revenue this season, with last year being a well-above average season.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned by Betty Evans at 12:57 pm.