

MINUTES

The **Rogers Parks & Recreation Commission** met for a regular session on April 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, Shawn Lee, Greg Lindley, Paul O'Rourke

Not Present: David Hale

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from the public.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

1. Minutes of March 17th, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Greg Lindley, second by Betty Evans to Approve the minutes as submitted.

REPORTS:

1. Projects & Progress Reports

2. Trail Counts

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Lance Jobe discussed progress on the Railyard Park. The DTR Farmer's Market is set to open on May 1st on the Frisco Plaza. The north end of the park will not be complete by then and will open later. Waiting on pavers to be installed in that area. Nabholz working on redoing the concrete by the water towers. Ross Barney was in town and added items to the punch list for completion. Ross Barney to be featured in Metropolis Magazine for their design work on the Railyard Park. The goal is to have to park open entirely by Memorial Day Weekend/first of June. Centennial is coming along, working on finalizing plans.

Kent Laughlin gave an update on trail projects. Razorback Greenway street markings installed April 19th. Working on adding no motorized vehicle signs. Dixieland hawk light is up and running again. Crosswalks to be installed at intersections of 8th & Price and 13th & Easy. Looking at adding markers at New Hope Bridge. Final walkthrough of Cambridge was last week, still monitoring areas with drainage issues. Working to get the trail tied in to the existing ADA ramp at the Hudson intersection. Street signs on Price lane adjacent to the trail will be raised.

2. Trail Counts

Trail counts in March were up 1%. Tree giveaway was held on April 17th and gave away 200 trees. Arbor Day is on April 30th. Slow Streets is set to begin on April 30th. Route runs on 5th St. from Cherry to Oak on Fridays-Sundays through the end of May. May is National Bike Month. Kara has set up various bike challenges specific to Rogers. The bike challenges are the Lake Atalanta challenge, Railyard Loop challenge, Mercy challenge, RYBP line challenge. Stickers will be given to those who complete the various challenges.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Cinco de Mayo Bike Ride - May 8th, 2021
2. Ozark Beer Company Boat Regatta - July 25th, 2021
3. NWA Cyclocross Series - December 4th, 2021

Upcoming events on the trails & Lake Atalanta:

1. Cinco de Mayo Bike Ride - May 8th, 2021 - Railyard Loop & RYBP
2. Ozark Beer Company Boat Regatta - July 25th, 2021 - Lake Atalanta
3. NWA Cyclocross Series - December 4th, 2021 - Railyard Bike Park

Sports programs numbers are continuing to grow. The playground equipment at Foxfire has been installed, still waiting on turf surfacing below to be installed. Mendy Fisher announced that May is Mental Health Awareness month and encourage everyone to get out and play for a mental boost.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned by chairman: Paul O'Rourke at 12:35pm.

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman