

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes

June 19th, 2024

Noon at Rogers City Hall

301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Betty Evans, Shawn Lee, Christhian Saavedra, David Hale, Amenda Fisher

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Lee to approve May minutes as presented, second by Evans. Approved. Unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments

REPORTS:

David Hook: Update on the significant damage at Northwest Park after tornado. Things to note include: All roofs will have to be replaced. Turf embedded with debris (glass, nails, etc.) and will have to come up. Majority of the fencing will and most of the concession building will have to come down. All roofs on the press boxes will have to be redone. Maintenance building will have to be redone and new electrical wiring throughout. All architectural drawings will have to be revised. Working with FEMA on reconstruction and recovery, waiting for them to get directives to see how we proceed legally. The way we do construction moving forward will have to be revised. It will be a bid and construction management process. Best case scenario it will be 16 months before NWP will be running again.

Update on the Victory Theater damage. Approximately 1/3 of roof was peeled off and there is a good amount of water damage. Ceiling, walls, drywall, seats, stage, flooring, etc. all have damage. Should finish remediation this week but it is basically a redo situation. Roof was not redone in the initial remodel but will be included in the redo. New roof system and basement added to new scope of work. Have yet to access the damage to audio visual equipment.

It will be a long process to recovery. 30+ city owned facilities were damaged in some way.

Plans in process for a new Fire Station #4 and Olive St Park remodel (in early stages). Work will begin on a new fire station while the other is still active. It will probably impact the park for a bit that will involve being shut down and then a new park will be rebuilt.

Lance Jobe: Oak St. west of Horsebarn construction to kick-off in July. Will have some impacts to the Trail of Two Cities, starting with bridge construction.

Half a million cubic yards of debris & trees have been removed to date. It is expected to go over a million. They are tagging trees that are believed to be in right of way and preparing for tree removal based on a certain criteria.

Kent Laughlin: Reviewed damage along the Railyard Loop and working on next steps. Trying to keep current projects moving forward. Various stages of 13th St are well on their way. 13th and New Hope trail project moving along over summer break. Resurfacing in various areas are in progress. Poplar work starting as soon as possible but there are some utility conflicts after storm damage. Northside of Hudson about to start construction on a continuous sidewalk from 26th St. to 4th St with a six-month timeline for that project.

Kara King: Update on trail counts. Dip in numbers after tornado due to trail closures. Railyard Park received the least damage from tornado and was the first to be reopened. All hard surface trails are open after storm clean up. Trail crossing lights are working with the exception of Olive St by the RAC and 13th & Easy. There

were three sections of trail with tree root damage, mostly in alleyway. Currently working on getting soft surface trails at Lake Atalanta open. Water Stop at the Railyard Park is not currently functioning due to pump issue and is being worked on. Update on upcoming events including a family bike ride from the RAC to the Butterfield Stage to see Trout Fishing in American on June 29th at 6pm. Because of tree loss from the storm there is a plan in place to get trees to anyone who wants them during the fall 2024 and spring 2025 tree giveaways. The largest giveaway we have ever done was 425 trees. We are looking at thousands coming up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioners were emailed various versions of signage and pickleball racks to review prior to meeting. Parks general philosophy is that we do not dictate rules on any other type of courts. Keeping that consistency with pickleball. It is hard to put out rules that you cannot enforce as a department. Because of that, we have avoided putting out any such rules. It was pointed out that we do not rent out pickleball courts and charging for lessons on the courts is prohibited with the exception of our partnership with the RAC. The department has received various complaints coming from two different sides of the pickleball issue. One being those who are rule and competitive oriented and the other side where they are just there to have fun and feel like they are pushed into rotating in with people they don't want to play with.

Motion to keep Pickleball signage as is by Hale, second by Evans. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Quinton Harris: Next meeting we will have numbers as baseball wraps up.

Looks Great Services are the ones doing the debris clean up and were here on the ground the next morning and have been really great to work with.

Shawn Grindstaff: With the closure of the Victory Theater the Arts & Culture department is assessing how to move forward with previously booked acts. Next Thursday Victor Wooten, a well-known multiple Grammy winning bassist will be playing at the Butterfield Stage. Tickets are still available show starts around 7pm. Butterfield stage was largely untouched by the storm. Numbers for attendance have remained the same as previous years even with everything going on from the storm.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned by Lee at 12:35pm