

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
January 15th, 2024
Noon at Rogers City Hall
301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Paul O'Rourke, Shawn Lee, Greg Lindley, Betty Evans, Mendy Fisher, Christian Saavedra, Ryan Neal

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Evans to approve November minutes as presented, second by Fisher. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments

REPORTS:

David Hook:

- NWP Update: Cleanup and construction are progressing quickly. The wind rating on the Musco lights has been increased to 150 mph. Structural engineers will provide a report next week to help determine the final scope of work for the main buildings.
- Reconstruction Update: Meetings with design firms for the theater and other structures around town have begun, and the design process is underway. We expect to receive information from the structural engineers in early February. Bids for the theater roof will go out in the next couple of weeks.
- Solar Update: Solar panels have been installed. We are awaiting a few responses from Carroll Electric and working through potential fencing issues. We expect the system to be operational by May.
- Olive Park/Fire Station 4 Update: Construction documents are being finalized. Conceptual drawings for the park portion should be available in about two months. Fire Station 4 will take priority, with construction expected to begin in the 3rd or 4th quarter of this year.

Kent Laughlin:

- 13th Street Trail Update: Tree planting, sodding and other work are ongoing.
- New Hope to Olrich Trail: Working on punch list items.
- Polar St. Trail: Progress is being made, with the first phases expected to be complete by the end of March. Work will then continue westward.

Kara King:

- Trail Counter Update: Trail counts have been low in the last couple of months, likely due to weather. However, counts are still higher compared to last year.

- Volunteerism Update: There has been a general decrease in volunteerism across the board, but our numbers remain strong considering the trend.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of new officers:
Motion by Evans for O'Rourke to move to Chair, second by Lindley. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
Motion by Evans to nominate Saavedra as Vice Chair, second by Fisher. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ANOUNCEMENTS:

Quintin Harris:

- Introduction of new Commissioner Ryan Neal.

Shawn Grindstaff:

- Plans are in place to add native vegetation throughout the city, starting with areas like the trail around Cambridge Park and the area north of Horsebarn Park. Native restoration signage will be included.
- A winter market will periodically be hosted at Mt. Hebron.
- Two resolutions were passed through City Council: one regarding a contract to continue Railyard Live programming and the other regarding the farmers market.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned by O'Rourke at 12:26 PM.