

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
February 26th, 2024
Noon at Rogers City Hall
301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Paul O'Rourke, Betty Evans, Ryan Neal, Mendy Fisher

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Evans to approve January minutes as presented, second by Neal. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments

REPORTS:

Lance Jobe:

- Construction around 40th and Oak near the trail has led to some unauthorized trail closures that the City is addressing.

Kent Laughlin:

- Working through punch list items on 13th street.
- A change order has been approved to fill in the trail gap near St. Vincent's on 13th Street, connecting to the roundabout on Poplar.
- A temporary connection has been approved at 13th and Oak for bicyclists to navigate the intersection.
- Progress continues on the 8th and Easy tunnel, though it has slowed somewhat.

Quinton Harris:

- Provided an update on several items from David Hook, including the upcoming bid for the theater roof, which will take place on March 4th.
- Northwest Park: The concession stand will need to be completely rebuilt, while the rest of the structures will be "reskinned." Bid documents for the remaining buildings should be available in the next couple of weeks.
- Turf company on hold; scoreboards are expected in the next month. Most of the fencing and netting has been replaced.

Kara King:

- Trail counts are on track, with no major updates.
- The City will be participating in a city-wide bike drive with Pedal It Forward on Saturday, February 29th. Donation trailers will be available at various parks, including Mt. Hebron, Veterans, and the Rogers Aquatics Center, as well as the Pedal It Forward shop at the RAC.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Rogers Aquatics Center 2025 Fee:**

Wendy Jones:

Jones spoke in regards to raising entry fees and park rental fees. She also spoke to aligning the resident fee with the non-resident fee, increasing the park rental fee from \$3,000 for 2 hours to \$4,000, and adding a \$150 concession stand fee. These fees were set when the park opened in 2013 and have not been adjusted since.

Motion by Neal to approve Rogers Aquatics Center rate increases, second by Fisher. The motion passed with 3 votes in favor and 1 vote against.

Vote result:

In favor: O'Rourke, Neal, Fisher

Opposed: Evans

ANOUNCEMENTS:

Quinton Harris:

- Leagues, Tournaments, and concert dates filling up.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned by O'Rourke at 12:21 PM.