

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
June 18th, 2025
Noon at Rogers City Hall
301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Greg Lindley, Paul O'Rourke, Shawn Lee
Present via Zoom: Mendy Fisher

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Lindley to approve March minutes as presented. Second by Lee. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments.

REPORTS:

David Hook:

- All contracts for Northwest Park have been signed. Materials have been ordered and construction is progressing. Lighting, fencing and turf installation are mostly complete. Parking lot is underway. Project completion is expected by spring 2026.
- Roofing at The Victory is expected to be completed next week. Remaining work will go out to bid later this month, with full project completion anticipated by the end of the year.
- Appropriations for Olive Street Park, Fire Station 4 and the roundabout project are in progress. A potential grant may cover all or part of the park project.
- Chain link fence repairs have begun at various locations throughout the city.

Lance Jobe:

- Despite a detour, Oak Street construction is affecting the Trail of Two Cities and the Razorback Greenway. The Greenway is expected to reopen in the next couple of weeks.
- ARDOT is open to the swap with the cemetery.

Kent Laughlin:

- 13th Street (from Walnut south) is now complete.
- Work on Poplar Street is progressing slowly: the goal is to have it paved before the start of the school year.
- The 8th Street and Easy tunnel is now open. Final construction work should be completed by the end of the month. A contract for tunnel artwork is under legal review.

Kara King:

- Concrete repairs from tornado damage are scheduled to begin within the next 3-4 weeks. Some areas will require detours, including fencing at Tower Park.

- A general notice will be posted on social media regarding upcoming detours affecting the Greenway and Railyard Loop.
- No updates on trail usage counts.
- A pilot project is underway using smart bike locks. Data is being collected from 21 locks on bike racks downtown and 4 near the Razorback Greenway. The program tracks demographic info and usage time and will run through the end of August.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Quinton Harris:

- Funding for new pickleball courts was included in this year's budget. Items to consider are parking availability, electrical capacity, and restroom access. Three potential locations have been identified:
 - South of Rogers High School
 - Cambridge Park
 - Veterans Park (most likely option due to existing amenities)
- A brief overview was provided of the current site plan for the Olive Street Park, Fire Station and roundabout project. Discussion included possible court types for the new park layout.

David Hook:

- Appropriations are expected in July. Olive Street Park is tentatively scheduled to close in mid-to-late August for construction.
- Construction on the new fire station will take approximately 9–12 months. Once complete, work on the Olive Street Park will begin.
- The park is projected to reopen in late 2026 or early spring 2027.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned by O'Rourke at 12:30 PM.