

**Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes**  
**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Noon at Rogers City Hall**  
**301 West Chestnut St.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Motion by Neal to approve June minutes as presented. Second by Lindley. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

No comments.

**REPORTS:**

David Hook:

- Northwest Park project moving along. Work on concession building in progress, one field left to turf and lighting complete. Still looking at spring of 2026 for reopening.
- Roofing at The Victory is 99% done. The remaining work goes out to bid over the weekend. Bids coming in on August 5<sup>th</sup> which will allow interior work to proceed quickly. Hoping to be done by the end of the year.
- Concrete trails throughout the city are being redone. Fencing and retaining walls in progress.
- Awaiting pricing from contractors for pickleball court repairs.
- Fire Station 4 and Olive Street Park on next council agenda for approval. Tentative agreement with the Walton Family Foundation for a match of up to 1.8 million on park portion.

Kent Laughlin:

- Trail update – Poplar Street moving along, block from 1<sup>st</sup> St to 2<sup>nd</sup> St is now open. Hoping to have the next block complete in the next month. Trying to get block next to Tillery open somewhat before the school year begins in mid-August.
- Received Council approval to accept a grant from the Walton family to extend trail connectivity and crossing signals. Construction to begin in early August.

Kara King:

- Trail counts unavailable – working through licensing agreements.
- Pilot for bike locks located in downtown and along the Razorback Greenway ends at the end of July but we are considering an extension through the fall.

- 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:**

- Pickleball locations revisited however Veterans Park is still the chosen location.
- Olive Street Park discussion continued.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No announcements.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned by Saavedra at 12:18 PM.