

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
November 19th, 2025
Noon at Rogers City Hall
301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Betty Evans, Ryan Neal

Present via Zoom: Paul O' Rourke, Mendy Fisher

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Neal to approve October minutes as presented. Second by Fisher. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments.

REPORTS:

David Hook:

- Northwest Park update: On schedule for completion in time for March practices. Maintenance building projected for completion and move-in around mid-March.
- Olive Street Park update: Approximately one year away from construction start.
- Pickleball courts at Veterans Park: Site work expected to begin within the next couple of weeks.
- Victory Theatre update: Interior drywall mostly complete. Stage replacement is being finalized. AV equipment is on site. Waiting on carpet lead times. Tentative project completion: April 2026.
- Bike Park update: Work on jumps and decking to be completed by January. Asphalt resealed; lines repainted to indicate color-coded difficulty levels.
- Christmas light update: Lights will be turned on this Friday.
- Splashpad restroom building at the RAC: Repairs delayed due to permitting. Target completion by end of year.

Kent Laughlin:

- Poplar Street updates: Paving underway today from 3rd to 5th Street. Goal is to have 3rd Street open and Poplar to the east open by December 1 for the Christmas parade. The Poplar Bikeway Extension (west of the 13th Street roundabout) has been resurfaced and prepped for restriping to define a bike path extending to the Walmart Supercenter.
- Tornado repair update: Bidding completed for replacement of RRFPs and trail wayfinding panels.

Kara King:

- Trail counter update: Awaiting alternative software solution to pull data.

- Tree canopy recovery update: Tree planting at Fire Station 7 and Library Park. Contractor onboarding underway for planting in late winter/early spring. A total of 270 trees will be planted at Miller Park, Mt. Hebron, the Bike Park, Lake Atalanta, downtown plazas, and at Northwest Park if possible. Horsebarn North is receiving trees today.

Darren Dawson:

- Concrete repairs at Lake Atalanta: Work beginning today to address maintenance needs. Several sections will be repaired. Estimated completion in the coming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wendy Jones:

- 2025 Recreation participation numbers:
 - 83,306 visitors to the Aquatics Center
 - 148 teens and young adults employed
 - 8,300 recreational sports participants

Sheree Barnes:

- Rental totals through October:
 - 2,330 hours of community rentals outside league use
 - October had the highest rental hours of the year
 - Prairie View Center recorded 956 rental hours, spanning over 99 days

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- No December meeting.
- Next meeting to be held January 21st, 2026.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned by Evans at 12:17 PM.