

**Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**  
**Noon at Rogers City Hall**  
**301 West Chestnut St.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Shawn Lee, Betty Evans, Greg Lindley, Mendy Fisher, Christian Saavedra

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Motion by Evans to approve November minutes as presented. Second by Lee. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

John Pesek:

- Spoke regarding the recodification of the City Code of Ordinances and key changes affecting the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Noted the most significant change is the commission name, which will become the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to better align with legal requirements.
- Explained that additional boards and commissions will transition into the Advisory Committee with standing subcommittees, including the Public Art Commission and the Tree Board.

**REPORTS:**

David Hook:

- Northwest Park update: On track to start league practices in March. Staff will move into maintenance buildings in mid-March; site prep is on schedule. Landscaping is the biggest challenge we face with the time of year. Grand opening timing TBD.
- Theatre update: Interior work progressing: drywall, painting, cabinets, sound panels, and carpet installation on track for completion in early April.
- Pickleball at Veterans Park: installation continues with some weather-related delays. Anticipated to be ready for use in the spring. Plan to be ready to go in the spring.

Kent Laughlin:

- Bike Lane update: Poplar Street is open east of 8<sup>th</sup> street: work west of the 13th Street roundabout is progressing in phases.
- Concrete, landscaping, and surfacing remain weather-dependent and are expected to be completed in spring.
- Lighting installation planned as funding allows; preparatory work underway.

- Hawk signal for Dixieland is backordered.
- Grant awarded to support City Council's Vision Zero commitment for eliminating traffic-related injuries and fatalities.

Kara King:

- Bike Park improvements completed, including resealing and added color coded lines to match difficulty levels
- Expanded Jump Zone line added as a safety improvement.
- Pump track relocated temporarily; staff evaluating a permanent location.
- Planning underway for activities to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's founding, included a themed bike ride around Memorial Day as well as City involvement in the downtown Rogers neighborhood 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.
- National recognition opportunity: bike park may be listed as a certified skills facility.

Quinton Harris:

- Presented the 2025 Department Year in Review report highlighting department accomplishments and community impact.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers:

- Motion by Evans to appoint Saavedra as Chair. Second by Lindley. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion by Lindley to appoint Neal as Vice Chair. Second by Fisher. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned by Saavedra at 12:38 PM.