

RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Minutes from Monthly Meeting

April 12, 2018

Present: Johnny Brazil, Dallis Clark, Jamey Ellis, Bryan Fisher, Mayor Randy Horton, Alderman Bill Strait, Terry Thomas
Absent: Andy Hatley
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy
Guests: Sean Ingram-The Courier; Mark Lykins-River Valley Disc Golf Association; Chris Olson-Bike Park & Inclusive Playground Spokesperson; Richard Payne-AVSA; Cass Capen-Housley, Megan Jones, Tiffany Henry, Athena Davis, Cheryl Moody-Friends of the Dog Park

Terry Thomas called the meeting to order at noon.

Bryan Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The commissioners were invited to attend a sales presentation/demonstration of a floating obstacle course at the Aquatic Center at 2:00p following the commission meeting.

Old Business

A. Park Master Plan-A recommendation was made to begin the process of updating the park master plan. The current plan was adopted in 2003. Bryan Fisher made a motion in favor of the recommendation. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Chairman Election-Dallis Clark made a motion to appoint Bryan Fisher as the chairman of the parks commission for 2018. Jamey Ellis seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

B. Dog Park Discussion-Cass Capen-Housley addressed the commission about the need for an off-lease dog park in Russellville. She explained that the park would allow dogs to explore, exercise, and socialize under the supervision of their owners. A committee has been formed to facilitate its development and is asking for the city's support. A suggestion was made to discuss the project during the development of the parks master plan. Dallis Clark made a motion to explore locations and costs. Johnny Brazil seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

C. Resurfacing City Basketball Courts-This agenda item was tabled.

D. Bike Park/All Inclusive Playground-Chris Olson addressed the commission about the development of a bike park and an all-inclusive playground at Vick Field. The proposed bike park could be used by children as well as adults, and the playground would be designed for all children including those with special needs. Park design examples were distributed to the commissioners. Chris explained that any and all funds dedicated to the project would be matched by the Walton Foundation. He would like the city to commit \$5,000.00 to develop project designs and cost projections. A recommendation was made for the city to pay this cost with the contingency that Chris Olson continue to pursue funding to offset the expense. Commissioner Brazil made a motion in favor of the recommendation. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

E. Disc Golf Alternative Hole Placement-River Valley Disc Golf Association member Mark Lykins addressed the commission. The club is a non-profit organization with a vision to build, support, and maintain disc golf courses. He explained that the course at Pleasant View Park needs some changes in order to remain a premier park, and the club is willing to cover the expenses. The club would like permission to add 14 alternate pin positions and 1 alternate tee pad, adding length and difficulty to the course. Jamey Ellis made a motion in favor of the request. Johnny Brazil seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

F. Aquatic Center

1. Special Event Lane Rentals-To eliminate closing the facility for special events that don't need the entire center, a recommendation was made to add a lane rental price of \$20.00 per hour per lane to the Aquatic Center fee schedule. Bryan Fisher made the motion in favor of the recommendation. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

2. Pay Increase for Water Aerobics Instructor-Water Aerobics Instructor Tina Chronister is currently paid \$20.00 per class and would like her fee increased to \$25.00 per class. No appropriation will be needed to cover the increase. Dallis Clark made a motion in favor of the increase. Johnny Brazil seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3. Scoreboard Advertisement-A recommendation was made to begin selling ads on the LED scoreboard at the Aquatic Center. No costs will be associated, however it would generate additional revenue. Bryan Fisher made a motion in favor of developing a fee schedule and advertising agreement. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

G. M.J. Hickey Pool Party Fees-In the past, lifeguards working private parties were paid directly by the renter at the party. A recommendation was made to begin collecting the lifeguard fees at the Hughes Center at the same time rental fees are paid. Johnny Brazil made a motion in favor of the suggestion. Bryan Fisher seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Updates

A. 5K Races on Phoenix Avenue-In order to eliminate interference in Aquatic Center business, all 5K races on Phoenix Avenue will begin at 8:00p.

B. Balloon Fest at Soccer Complex-Balloon Fest will be held on May 4 & 5 at the Russellville Soccer Complex.

- C. Park Improvements**-The department shops and storage areas were cleaned and organized, and the boat dock at Illinois Bayou Park was completely resurfaced with composite deck boards.
- D. LWCF Grant-Lights on Shiloh Upper**-The department has been awarded a 50/50 matching Land & Water Conservation Grant to re-lamp the upper field at Shiloh Park with LED lighting.
- E. Shiloh Pavilion**-The department will be requesting approval from the Corps of Engineers to replace the pavilion at Shiloh Park. The A & P Commission has agreed to pay the majority of the project expenses.
- F. Handicap Fishing Piers-Pleasant View Pond**-The department is partnering with CADDIS Fly Fishing Club, as well as community civic groups, to build handicap fishing piers at Pleasant View Park pond.
- G. Pavilion at the Soccer Complex**-A & P Commission has agreed to purchase an 8 x 10 pavilion at the front gate of the Soccer Complex to be used as a ticket booth.
- H. Veterans Memorial Park**-The Corps of Engineers has approved continuation of Phase II at Veterans Memorial Park, as well as begin work on Phase III.
- I. Monthly Report**-The commissioners received a copy of the department's monthly report.
- J. Upcoming Events**-A schedule of upcoming events was given to the commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.