

**RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes from Monthly Meeting**  
**May 10, 2018**



Present: Johnny Brazil, Dallis Clark, Bryan Fisher, Andy Hatley, Mayor Randy Horton, Alderman Bill Strait, Terry Thomas  
Absent: Jamey Ellis  
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy  
Guests: Christie Graham-Russellville Tourism & Visitors Center, Sean Ingram-The Courier

Bryan Fisher called the meeting to order at noon.

Dallis Clark made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting. Andy Hatley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**New Business**

**A. Resurfacing City Basketball Courts**-This agenda item was tabled.

**B. Master Gardeners Sign**-Pope County Master Gardeners would like to sanction the beds on both sides of the entrance to Washburn Park. This will allow the club to gain volunteer points for the project. If approved by the commission, the club would like to place a small sign in one of the beds indicating they are maintained by their club. Andy Hatley made a motion in favor of the request. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**C. Aquatic Center**

**1. Inflatable Obstacle Course Rental**-The inflatable obstacle course for the Aquatic Center has been ordered and is expected to arrive this week. The unit will be set up occasionally during public swim and will be made available for use during private parties. A recommendation was made by Terry Thomas to add \$50.00 to the private pool rental fee if the renters would like to have the obstacle course at their event. Andy Hatley made a motion in favor of the recommendation. Johnny Brazil seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**2. Arkansas Tech University PE Swim Class**-Negotiations are underway for Arkansas Tech University to add beginning swim classes, intermediate swim classes, lifeguard certification classes, and possibly stroke development classes to their curriculum. Classes would be held at the Aquatic Center, and Aquatic Center Manager TR Santos would assist in teaching. Fees have not be set, however early discussions suggested ATU will pay the city \$100.00/student/class/semester. The lifeguard certification class would be an additional \$35.00 per student to cover materials. Terry Thomas said the classes would be held during "down-time" of regular business hours. Dallis Clark said this would generate additional revenue at the center and made a motion in favor of the classes. Johnny Brazil seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**3. Change in Admission Fee**-Non-swimmers in street clothes do not pay admission to enter Hickey Pool. A recommendation was made to adopt the same policy at the Aquatic Center. In addition, Terry Thomas recommended that only swimmers be included in the count for pool parties at the Aquatic Center. Johnny Brazil made a motion in favor of changing the fee schedule at the Aquatic Center to reflect the changes. Andy Hatley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Updates**

**A. Soccer Complex Benches & Pavilion**-Twenty-five team benches have arrived for the Soccer Complex. The pavilion has been ordered and should be delivered in a couple of weeks.

**B. Veterans Memorial Park**-The pavilion site has been graded at Veterans Memorial Park, and the electrical work is in progress.

**C. All-Inclusive Playground/Bike Park**-During the April commission meeting, the commissioners voted in favor of spending \$5000.00 to develop conceptual drawings and cost projections for an all-inclusive playground/bike park project. The expense will be presented to City Council on Thursday, May 17 at 5:30p at City Hall. Mayor Randy Horton encouraged the commissioners to attend the meeting to show support for the project.

**D. Aquatic Center**-Repairs will be made on a non-structural crack in the wall at the Aquatic Center. A summer kick-off party will be held at the facility on Saturday, May 26 from 10a-2p. Free hotdogs and popcorn will be provided, and St. Mary's Hospital will be providing information to help increase awareness of pediatric strokes. Admission will be half price the entire day.

**E. Monthly Report**-The commissioners received a copy of the department's monthly report.

**F. Upcoming Events**-A schedule of upcoming events was given to the commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.