

# RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

## Minutes from Monthly Meeting

November 18, 2021

Present: Johnny Brazil, Dallis Clark, Bryan Fisher, Greg Hines, Terry Thomas  
Absent: Jamey Ellis, Chris Olson  
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy  
Guests: Jay Post

### Call to Order

Greg Hines called the meeting to order at noon.

### Approval of Minutes

Bryan Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes from the 7-8-21 commission meeting. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### Old Business-None

### New Business-

**A. Christmas Parade Fees-**In an effort to encourage businesses and non-profit organizations to participate in this year's Christmas Parade, all entry fees have been waived. Approximately 70 entries have already been submitted for the December 2 event.

### Updates

**A. Aquatic Center-**Swim team practices and meets continue at the Aquatic Center. A sliding door has been ordered and will be installed at the entrance to the main restrooms. The door should be in at the end of December. Funds are needed to repair the emergency lights at the facility, and an appropriation request is being submitted to City Council.

**B. James School Park-**The new restrooms and pavilion at James Park are finished and open to the public. The basketball courts have been paved, the goals are up, and the bleachers have been built. Remaining items include painting the courts, fencing, and lighting.

**C. Schoolhouse Trail-**Phase I of the schoolhouse trail has been paved and striped. The crosswalk signals and lights are the only items remaining to complete the project. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled in the next two weeks. The next phase of the trail system will be partially funded by the ArDOT grant.

**D. Inclusive Playground Grant-**Preliminary drawings of the all-inclusive playground at City Park were presented to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism grant selection committee. The department should receive notification in a couple of weeks regarding the department's grant application.

**E. M.J. Hickey Pool-**Lamp Rynearson, an aquatic engineering firm from Kansas, recently inspected Hickey Pool. According to the company, the pool needs a new liner and a new main drain. No leaks were detected except in the main drain. The main sand filters should be replaced, as well as the concrete. It is their recommendation that the kiddie pool operate on its own filtration system. Recommendations have been presented to the City Council. The firm is working on specifications and drawings, and the bid should open in December.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.