

# RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

## Minutes from Monthly Meeting

April 14, 2022 

Present: Johnny Brazil, Greg Hines, Hank Huggins, Chris Olson, Terry Thomas  
Absent: Dallis Clark, Bryan Fisher  
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy  
Guests: None

### Call to Order

Greg Hines called the meeting to order at noon.

### Approval of Minutes

Johnny Brazil made a motion to accept the minutes from the 3-10-22 commission meeting. Greg Hines seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Newly appointed Parks Commissioner Hank Huggins was introduced to the commission.

### Old Business

**A. Commissioner Nominations-**The parks department is currently seeking nominations to fill the position on the parks commission that will be vacated by Dallis Clark. The commissioners were asked to submit information on potential candidates to the Department Director.

### New Business

**A. Splash Pad Project-**Terry Thomas and Mayor Harris met with representatives from RJR Enterprises to discuss a location and design for a new splash pad in Russellville. The company was given a budget of \$400,000 - \$500,000. After looking at several sites, City Park was selected as the best location because of the amenities and availability of utilities. The existing splash pad in City Park is a recirculating system that requires chemicals. The newer design would have a flow thru system with no chemicals or filters needed. The project could possibly be funded with monies from economic development. Conceptual drawings will be presented to City Council in May.

### Updates

**A. Confederate Mothers Memorial Park Bike Trail-**Blake Slater from River Valley Ozark Off-Road Cyclists spoke with the commissioners during the March commission meeting about the club developing a mountain bike park at Confederate Mothers Memorial Park. The commissioners were in favor of the project. The project was also presented during the City Council agenda prep meeting. A memorandum of understanding will be written and signed by both parties. Out of pocket expenses for the city will only include the cost of a land survey.

**B. Sequoyah Park Playground-**The new playground at Sequoyah Park is currently being installed. The playground has many ADA features, as well as swings and a merry-go-round.

**City Park All-Inclusive Playground-**The all-inclusive playground unit at City Park has been ordered and should arrive by the end of June.

**C. City Park Bathroom Renovation-**The supplies to renovate City Park have been ordered. With the exception of plumbing work, the project will be completed in house.

**D. Aquatic Center-**The annual Easter egg hunt at the Aquatic Center was successful with 187 children participating. The center is currently seeking sponsorships in hopes of offering free swim lessons to families. The facility set a goal of 100 free swim lessons, and over half the goal has been achieved. The facility will be closed May 2 – 7 for new flooring in the restrooms and lobby.

**E. M. J. Hickey Pool-**Renovation plans for Hickey Pool were approved by the health department. The project was awarded to Clarity Pools LLC.

**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 12:45pm.