

**RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes from Monthly Meeting**  
**May 9, 2019** 21

Present: Johnny Brazil, Jamey Ellis, Bryan Fisher, Greg Hines, Terry Thomas  
Absent: Dallis Clark  
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy  
Guests: Hannah Butler-The Courier

Bryan Fisher called the meeting to order at noon.

Greg Hines made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. Jamey Ellis seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**New Business**

**A. Depot Park Contract Revision**-A recommendation was made by Terry Thomas to remove the cleaning deposit requirement from the Depot Park pavilion rental agreement in order to mirror the parks pavilion rental contract. Johnny Brazil made a motion in favor of the recommendation. Greg Hines seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**B. ARDOT Grant**-The department would like to apply for an 80/20 ARDOT grant with funds used to assist in the development of a trail project that would connect three schools and five parks in Russellville. The application deadline is June 3. Barrett & Associates is currently working on final costs and drawings. Commissioner Hines made a motion in favor of the grant project and application. Commissioner Johnny Brazil seconded the motion, and the motion passed. This item will be presented to City Council next week.

**C. Solar Light Project at Illinois Bayou Park**-Ron Knost is campaigning for donations for three solar lights at Illinois Bayou Park. The park currently has three separate light poles with only one solar light, and it no longer works. The Advertising and Promotion Commission, Dardanelle Aquatic Resource Team, and Game & Fish Commission are contributing to the project, however an additional \$4000.00 is needed. A recommendation was made to use monies from the one cent sales tax fund to assist in purchasing new solar lights at the park. Jamey Ellis made a motion in favor of the recommendation. Johnny Brazil seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The request will be presented to City Council.

**D. Aquatic Center Summer Hours**-A request was presented about extending the hours at the Aquatic Center to 9:00p Monday thru Friday beginning Memorial Day and ending Labor Day. The center currently closes at 7:30p. Johnny Brazil made a motion in favor of the request. Greg Hines seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Updates**

**A. Aquatic Center Repair**-The Aquatic Center was closed for ten days to replace a caulk line in the competition pool. While the building was closed and the pool drained, the staff cleaned floors, pool walls, tiles, and drains. The caulk line will need to be replaced every two to three years.

**B. Dog Park**-Plans were shown of the future dog park in Russellville. Park amenities will be paid by Leadership Russellville and Friends of the Dog Park. The department is currently searching for grant opportunities to cover fencing, concrete, and a water line.

**C. Veterans Park**-Construction of the pavilion at Veterans Park is complete. The flag pole is up, and sidewalk work continues. The Veterans Coalition is working on a park sign.

**D. Turf Program**-All the fields have been sprayed with Roundup and pre-emergent. In addition, the fields at the Soccer Complex, Hickey Park, Shiloh Park, and Pleasant View Park have been fertilized. The sprinklers on Hickey Park fields 2, 3, and 4 have been repaired.

**E. Park Master Plan**-This agenda item is pending until approved by City Council.

**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 12:30pm.