

**RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes from Monthly Meeting**  
**January 13, 2022**

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

**Call to Order**

Greg Hines called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Bryan Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11-18-21 commission meeting. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Old Business-None**

**New Business**

- A. Election of Commission Chairman**-Dallis Clark made a motion to re-elect Greg Hines as the chairman of the parks commission for 2022. Bryan Fisher seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- B. Nominations for a New Commissioner**-The parks department is currently seeking nominations to fill the position on the parks commission vacated by Jamey Ellis. The commissioners were asked to submit information on potential candidates by Friday, January 28.

**Updates**

- A. James School Park**-The dirt work has been completed at James Park. The first coat of sealer has been applied to the basketball courts, and painting will be done when the weather warms. Electrical work is finished, as well as the installation of new LED lights. Fence work should begin in two weeks.
- B. Aquatic Center**-An automatic door has been installed at the entrance to the main restrooms at the Aquatic Center helping with temperature and humidity. A converter for the emergency lights has been ordered allowing the lights to be turned off/on with a switch.
- C. Schoolhouse Trail**-Phase I of the schoolhouse trail is open to the public. The City has been awarded a \$250,000 ArDOT grant to assist in the funding of Phase II. A notice to proceed should be received shortly after the project kick-off meeting.
- D. All Inclusive Playground**-The city has been awarded a \$180,000 grant from the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism for an all-inclusive playground in City Park. The department is awaiting the notice to proceed.
- E. General Park Updates**  
Repairs to M. J. Hickey Pool will be presented to City Council in January. The specifications and drawings for the project are complete. After a few revisions to the bid books, the project will be advertised for bid. The department has booked numerous softball tournaments for the 2022 season. Department Athletic Director Matt Gray plans to offer a cornhole league in February if there is enough interest. The old shed at Vick Field has been removed improving the look of the park. The new playground at Sequoyah Park has been ordered and should arrive in the next couple of weeks. The old unit will be removed next week.
- 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.