

# RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

## Minutes from Monthly Meeting *11* May 11, 2023

Present: Johnny Brazil, Greg Hines, Josh Holmes, Hank Huggins, Chris Olson, Nick Ouzts, Mayor Fred Teague, Terry Thomas  
Absent: No One  
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy  
Guests: None

### Call to Order

Hank Huggins called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Newly appointed Parks Commissioners Nick Ouzts and Josh Holmes were introduced to the commission.

### Approval of Minutes

Johnny Brazil made a motion to accept the minutes from the 3-9-23 commission meeting. Greg Hines seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### Old Business-(None)

### New Business

**A. West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Trail Connection**-The City is in the process of applying for an 80/20 ArDOT grant with funds to be used for the Bradley Street/2<sup>nd</sup> Street trail connection. Preliminary plans were distributed to the commissioners. Project costs are estimated at \$750,000. The commissioners were all in favor of applying for the grant.

### Updates

**A. Schoolhouse Trail**-Phase III of the Schoolhouse Trail is nearing completion. This section goes from Russellville Middle School, to Circle Drive Park and then Kroger. Bowden Specialties received the bid for Phase II and should begin soon. This section of the trail system will go thru James Park to El Paso Avenue.

**B. City Park**-The new splash pad at City Park is scheduled to open to the public Friday, May 19. An official grand opening will be scheduled at the same time as the opening of the all-inclusive play unit at the park. The play unit is finished, and the fall zone should be completed in a couple of weeks. A new pavilion is on order and will be located by the new playground.

**C. M. J. Hickey Pool**-Work on the pool house at M.J. Hickey Pool is almost complete with new epoxy floors, toilets, signage and paint. Work on the pool itself is nearing completion, however rain has delayed some of the work. The department still plans to open to the public on Memorial Day weekend.

**D. A.D.A. Fishing Piers**-According to AR Game & Fish, the new A.D.A. fishing piers on the community fishing pond at Pleasant View Park should be installed by Memorial Day.

**E. Pine Knob Bike Park**-Pine Knob Bike Park looks spectacular and was done primarily by volunteers. A pavilion has been ordered and will be located at the top of the hill. A grand opening will be held on June 10 at 8:00am.

**F. Aquatic Center**- Staff at the Aquatic Center are staying very busy in preparation for the opening of M. J. Hickey Pool later this month.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm