

**RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

**Minutes from Monthly Meeting**

**September 14, 2023**

Present: Greg Hines, Nick Ouzts, Johnny Brazil, Terry Thomas  
Absent: Hank Huggins, Joshua Holmes  
Person Recording: Pam Faulkner  
Guests: None

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Johnny Brazil made a motion to accept the minutes from the 5-11-23 commission meeting. Nick Ouzts seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Old Business-None**

**New Business None**

**Updates**

- A. City Park Renovations** – The all-inclusive playground and splash pad projects at City Park have been completed. The merry-go-round on the new play unit will be replaced with a different type that should work better. A new pavilion was installed by the new playground. The park is heavily used and pavilion rentals have really increased compared to last year.
- B. A.D.A. Fishing Piers** – The fishing piers are open to the public. A rail will be installed around the parking lot. More parking spaces and a road will be added when the Pleasant View parking lot is repaved in November.
- C. Turf Project – M.J. Hickey Park/Pleasant View Park** – Dirt has been scrapped off Fields 3 & 4 and Fields 2 & 7 are next. Forty to fifty dump trucks of dirt was hauled off. The next step will be the drainage work. Installing turf on Fields 1, 2, 3 & 4 at Pleasant View Park will begin when installation at M.J. Hickey Park is completed.
- D. Schoolhouse Trail** – Phase III is completed and Phase II has been paved. Crosswalks, signals and lights will be installed soon on Phase II.
- E. New Projects** – New projects include a new pavilion and play unit at M.J. Hickey Park, new play surface on the Shiloh Park play unit and dirt work and tree trimming at Circle Drive Park. One of the concrete slabs at Circle Drive Park will be utilized for a pickleball court and a bike station will be installed on the other slab.
- F. Pickleball Court Grant** – A 50/50 matching grant has been submitted to the Outdoor Grant Program. The maximum amount of \$250,000.00 was requested. Grant hearings are usually held in October and notifications sent out in December.
- G. ArDOT Grant – West 2nd Street** – A 80/20 matching grant in the amount of \$700,000.00 has been submitted for a trail section that will run along West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (behind Kroger) to South El Paso Avenue.
- H. Monthly Report**-The commissioners received a copy of the department's monthly report.
- I. Upcoming Events**-A schedule of upcoming events was given to the commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28pm.