

RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
Minutes from Monthly Meeting
May 14, 2020

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Present: Dallis Clark, Jamey Ellis, Mayor Richard Harris, Greg Hines, Alderman Chris Olson, Terry Thomas
Absent: Johnny Brazil, Bryan Fisher
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy
Guests: Terrance Narveson

Call to Order

Terry Thomas called the meeting to order at noon.

Approval of Minutes

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

Old Business-(None)

New Business

A. Pine Tree Donation-Due to the cancellation of Earth Day, the city will receive a donation of approximately 325 pine tree saplings. Some of the trees will be planted at the Soccer Complex, Waco Basin Park and along the trail at Orbit Lane. A recommendation was made to give some of the trees to city employees and to citizens that attend the town's sesquicentennial celebration. Greg Hines made a motion in favor of the recommendation. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

B. Community Fireworks Display-Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Arkansas Tech University will not allow their campus to be used for parking at the 2020 Community Fireworks Display. In addition, the Corps of Engineers has stated that Old Post Park will not be available unless the governor has lifted restrictions pertaining to large events. The department is currently looking at Pleasant View Park as the event venue.

C. Master Plan-Chapters four and five of the Park Master Plan are complete, and the Department Director has a conference call scheduled for next week to review the chapters. The information will then be distributed to the commissioners and council members.

Updates

A. Opening of Buildings & Parks-Sports facilities, fishing ponds, Russellville Skate Park and the dog park have re-opened. Park restrooms will open Friday, May 22 prior to Memorial Day. The Hughes Center will open on Monday, May 18 with restrictions and limitations. Pickle ball will be allowed in the morning from 8:00am – 12:00pm and basketball play will be allowed from 12:30pm – 4:00pm. Basketball will be limited to shooting only and equipment will not be provided. The Aquatic Center will open to members only on Tuesday, May 26. Hickey Pool will open the week of June 1. A suggestion was made to schedule a special meeting to discuss the future of Hickey Pool.

B. Disc Golf-A group of Eagle Scouts has been working at Disc Golf planting crepe myrtles and doing erosion control. The department would also like to recognize the Disc Golf Association for all their work on the course.

C. Veterans Park-Work continues at Veterans Park including dirt and sod work, electricity to the pavilion and installing tiles. In addition, the park sign has also been ordered.

D. Leagues & Tournaments-The governor is scheduled to make an announcement regarding leagues and tournaments on Wednesday, May 20. Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park will be one of the host sites for a large fast pitch softball tournament on June 6 and 7.

E. Children's Fishing Derby-The department's annual Children's Fishing Derby has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 12.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.