

# RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

## Minutes from Monthly Meeting

July 9, 2020



Present: Dallis Clark, Bryan Fisher, Greg Hines, Terry Thomas  
Absent: Johnny Brazil, Jamey Ellis, Alderman Chris Olson  
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy  
Guests: Robert Barnett

### Call to Order

Bryan Fisher called the meeting to order at noon.

### Approval of Minutes

Dallis Clark made a motion to accept the minutes from the 6-11-20 commission meeting. Greg Hines seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### Old Business

**A. Park Master Plan**-Halff Associates is reviewing all submitted comments, and the updated, final draft will be ready for review in two weeks. The final draft will be presented at the City Council agenda prep meeting on August 11 and then for adoption by City Council on August 20.

**B. M. J. Hickey Pool**-Arkansas Aquatics has been unable to travel to Russellville to examine Hickey Pool due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grindley Pools from Little Rock has been contacted to look at the pool and give recommendations and prices. Commercial splash pad designer RJR Enterprises will submit drawings and costs of various splash pad types. This agenda item will remain on old business until a decision is made regarding Hickey Pool.

### New Business

**A. Tournament Fees**-Tournament fees at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park are currently \$50.00 per field per day and \$15.00 per hour per field for light usage. A cleaning deposit of \$100.00 is charged for tournaments of less than 30 teams and will be refunded if trash is picked up at the facility. The mayor would like the department to evaluate the rental fees and determine if an increase is needed. The fee schedule will be emailed to the commissioners for their review. Commissioner Hines would like to know what other cities in the state charge to have a tournament. This agenda item will be discussed again next month.

**B. Policy on Campers in City Parks**-At this time the department doesn't have a policy for campers staying overnight in city parks, and requests are handled on a case by case basis. The commissioners were in favor of developing a policy as opposed to addressing the issue in rental contracts. This item will be discussed in a future meeting.

**C. M. J. Hickey Park Scoreboards**- Fields 1, 6, and 7 at Hickey Park have LED scoreboards with wireless capability, however the remaining fields have scoreboards that are wired direct and are not LED. Rainey Electronics quoted state pricing to change the scoreboards on fields 2, 3, and 4 to match the other fields. This agenda item has been discussed at the finance meeting, and it will be taken to full council this month.

### Updates

**A. Aquatic Center**-Operations are running smoothly at the Aquatic Center, and the facility still remains open to only members. The daily schedule, as well as, a list of upcoming events was distributed to the commissioners.

**B. M. J. Hickey Park Backstops**-New backstops and covered score booths for Hickey Park fields 2, 3, 4, and 7 are being designed by Barrett & Associates. Construction should begin shortly after the fall season ends.

**C. James School Park Bathrooms/Pavilion**-Bob Hiegel of HTW Architects, Engineers, and Planners has submitted a quote for design services for new restrooms at James Park. The pavilion will be quoted separately in hopes of getting a better price.

**D. Tournaments**-Numerous softball tournaments have been held at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park, and several others have been booked in July and August.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.