

Minutes
Rock Hill Parks and Recreation Commission
January 17, 2024
6:30pm

Members Present: Stephanie Stuppy, Cathy Enge, Lacy Fields Keune, Matt Reardon

Other Attendees: Tina Wiley, Alderwoman liaison; Katy Nieman, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Old Business:

Turner Park Construction continues. Demo is done and the retaining walls are complete. With the cold temperatures they are going to wait for warmer weather to pour concrete.

The Hudson Playground Project is underway. DG2 Landscape Architecture is optimistic they will be able to start construction this summer. They are meeting with ABCreative to get new playground equipment rather than refurbishing the existing tower. The design will still include the ramps and poured-in-place surfacing on half the playground.

Holiday Programs were a success. 70 people attended the Saturday with Santa event at the Fire House. 12 families participated in the New Year's Eve Boxes. The Holiday House Decorating winner received a \$25 Hanger Kitchen+Bar gift card as well as free car washes from Brite Worx.

The Rock Hill Library reached out to get input from the Commission on the Storywalks that were put into the parks last summer. The signs were destroyed while at Turner Park and the Library is trying to decide if they should repurchase. None of the commission members received any comments good or bad about the storywalks from residents. (Staff did get one complaint from a resident concerned about the book choice.) Of the parks the Storywalk was at, Oakhaven seemed to be the best location.

New Business:

The Board of Alderman will be approving the budget in the next couple of months. If approved, updates to the Parks Budget include:

1. One public works staff will move to become a full-time parks staff. The seasonal part time park staff will be eliminated.
2. To cover the cost of the rental of the School District, the increase in minimum wage and bus services/field trips, day camp fees will increase around \$10 per week. This still puts Rock Hill Day Camp well below the average cost of municipal day camps in neighboring cities.
3. Fees for completion of the Turner Park Project including an extensive land survey that was not included in the grant and a bench/plaque for donations made to the project.
4. Oakhaven Park Tennis Court crack filling.
5. A new picnic table for the Hensley Park pavilion.

Staff is planning a Valentine's Day Family Bingo night on Friday, Feb. 16 at City Hall.

The Commission discussed the possibility of a Dog Park in the City.

A member of the Great River Greenway reached out to discuss the Deer Creek Trail project and the potential it will go through Rock Hill. Staff will attempt to get additional information.

Announcements:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.