



## AGENDA

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, July 10, 2019  
12:00pm Creekmore Community Center

Approval of minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

1. Mosquito Spraying as it Relates to Parks (*requested by Millspaugh*)
2. Discuss Property at 8301 McClure Drive (*requested by Raney*)
3. Creekmore Park Putter (*requested by Raible*)
4. Flood Damage Update (*requested by Millspaugh*)
5. Project Updates
6. Public Comments
7. Commission and Staff Comments

City of Fort Smith  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 8, 2019

The Parks and Recreation Commission met at noon on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Creekmore Community Center.

Park Commission members present: Casey Millspaugh, Madeline Marquette, Nancy Raney, Jim Rowland, Chris Raible, Susan Pruitt, and Lacey Jennen.

Park Commission members absent:

Staff members present: Doug Reinert, Sara Deuster, Linda Woodruff, Jim Mackey, and Amber Plank.

Others: Teresa Hesselberth, David Harris, Dawn Stovall, Debby Thomas, and Marshall Sharpp.

Millspaugh called the meeting to order at 12:00p.m. Raney made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Marquette and unanimously approved.

**1. Greg Smith River Trail Marker Project**

Reinert presented an Eagle Scout project proposal on behalf of high school student McKay Reed, as he was not able to miss school. Reed's proposal is to raise funds to purchase supplies to construct and install mile markers along the Greg Smith River Trail. Rowland said he frequents the trail and wonders where he is at times and that he supports this project. Reinert added that if a medical emergency were to arise, patrons would be able to indicate their location by the mile markers. Raible stated he would like to see more of a unique design for the trail. Rainey noted safety should be considered in the design, including visibility. Marquette made a motion to approve the project subject to approval of the design of markers by Parks Staff. The motion was seconded by Raible and unanimously approved.

**2. Project Updates**

51 Acres- Construction of the waterline is in progress. Once completed, it will allow us to move forward with constructing restrooms, water fountains, electric, and complete the maintenance facility. We are continuing to work on Phase II, which includes the design of an inclusive playground, water, restrooms, and Miracle League field.

Train- Excide Technology donated a new battery system for the current electric train.

Fort Smith Park – Maintenance Staff worked diligently laying out two sand volleyball courts. The courts are near completion, aside from the arrival of nets and borders.

Pickleball -Chaffee Crossing has an old tennis court that could be converted into a Pickleball court. FCRA has been working with the Pickleball Association on this project. Reinert added, we are currently looking into a location for such courts to expand recreation at the 51 Acres property.

Chaffee Crossing Trails-The Notice to Proceed for Phase I was issued on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The project was delayed due to weather precautions. S

Maybranch Trail- An LOI was sent out for the Maybranch Trail. WAPPD is currently working on a grant that is due May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Maintenance Staff have been focusing on mowing, trimming of trees, and overall park cleanup as they are able due to the large amount of precipitation.

### **3. Public Comments**

Dawn Stovall with the Western Arkansas Tennis Association (WATA) was present to give a report. She noted WATA serves as host for the area junior high program in which students must tryout and “make” the team. Stovall noted WATA provides a Futures Program for students who do not quite have the skills to make team. They received further coaching and training in this program to help develop their skills to a level that would qualify them to make the junior high team. The Coleman Creekmore Classic tournament had 122 participants registered, with ages ranging from 6yrs-18yrs. Stovall added WATA gives two \$1,000 school scholarships annually, one to a high school student who intends to play college tennis and one to a volunteer, and that most of the fundraisers WATA hosts are to help fund these scholarships.

### **4. Commission and Staff Comments**

Raney made a motion to ask Parks Staff to examine the possibility of requiring citizens who utilize park facilities to supply waste containers for recyclable materials such as plastic, aluminum, and furthermore do away with straws in general. The motion was seconded by Jennen. Raible suggested to *recommend* citizens to recycle rather than to *require* them to do so. Millspaugh suggested that it be incentivize rather than recommendation. Raney suggested offering citizens their deposit back. However, it was noted citizens are already given a refundable deposit. Millspaugh pressed the issue to a vote without acknowledgement of Raible’s suggested amendment. Pruitt, Raney, Jennen, and Rowland approved the motion, while Marquette and Raible were opposed.

David Harris was present in the audience and added to the recycling discussion. Harris stated there used to be recycling cans in each of the rooms. However, past staff removed them from the rooms due to citizens frequently disposing of items that are not recyclable.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Casey Millspaugh, Chairman  
Amber Plank, Records Coordinator