

Rogersville Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024

6:00pm

The meeting was called to order and the roll was taken with all board members except Melissa Boyd present. The minutes from the August meeting were approved and with no public comments, Director Elkins began with program updates. Elkins stated that flag football games would begin the following week and he spoke of how the cheer program was being organized differently this year. It's the intent that cheer be its own program and not just a sub-program to flag football. Therefore, the cheer squads were formed to not have specific squads set for specific flag football teams. Each night a cheer squad was scheduled, they could be cheering for different teams which puts more focus on the cheer squads instead of the flag teams. Elkins then mentioned that they were having their Touch a Truck event this coming Saturday, September 14. The event was originally scheduled in May but was cancelled due to weather. Elkins then mentioned that they were forming a new fitness program designed for youth. This new program would target rec level athletes and focus on speed, strength and coordination building. Elkins also mentioned that the department had rescheduled the Movie in the Park event that was cancelled in July due to weather for October 26. The event would be Halloween themed. Elkins then gave updates on several grants. He said that the application for the BlueCross BlueShield grant for Swift Park had been submitted with official announcements expected until sometime in December or January. With the LPRF grant, the architect is finalizing the construction documents for the concession stand and bathroom building. Elkins had also met with Holston Electric to discuss relocating a power box that is by the pickleball courts if expanding that area was feasible. This project is part of the CDBG grant. He also mentioned that HEC was putting together some options to install lights in the pool parking lot. In new business, Elkins stated that he would be purchasing field material to add to ballfields 1 and 3 this winter. It would be the same material that was added to field 2 earlier this year. He then mentioned that he was starting a tree program to begin the process of eventually replenishing trees in the park and across the city. Elkins then told the board that the city was updating their website and he was working on updating the information and pictures that would be found on the parks and recreation page as well. With no other comments, the meeting was adjourned.