

**MINUTES**  
**Goshen Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**October 30, 2023 at 6:00PM**  
**Goshen Community Building, 244 Clark Street**

**Call to Order:** Ken Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Roll Call:** Ken Smith, Adam Walker, Kyle McGurk, Caleb LeBow and Danielle Edwards were present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kyle McGurk made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Adam Walker. All in favor yea. (5) Opposed (0). The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

October 3, 2023 Minutes Adam Walker made a motion to approve the minutes with the proposed changes. Seconded by Caleb LeBow. All in favor yea (5) Opposed (0). The motion carried.

**New Business:**

- A. Highlands Gravel Classic:** Kyle McGurk/Bruce Dunn presented. Bruce owns All Sports Productions; they do events in Northwest Arkansas. This coming year 2024 is their 22nd year doing events. They did The Walmart Joe Martin stage race this past May in Fayetteville. They are involved in their own events and other community events, large and small. Their goal is to engage participants and spectators in the community. They started the Highlands Gravel Classic 2 years ago. Brandon Pack, who you have been working with on trying to make this a cycling hub, felt like there might be a need to change the venue, to more of a community engagement. Bruce's idea is to have the start and finish here at the Community Center. The Highlands Gravel Classic would be held April 27, 2024. Kyle McGurk made a motion to draft a resolution to support this event for adoption at the next City Council meeting. The motion states approval of the support of Parks and Recreation Commission first. Second, we are asking the council to consider a resolution in support of this event. So, we can accomplish it and be presented and discussed at the November 14th Council meeting or a special council meeting. Seconded by Caleb LeBow. All those in favor. Yea (5). Opposed (0). The motion carried.

**Old Business**

- A. ARDOT ADA Trail Project Design and Costs:** Caleb LeBow presented. We got an update from Crafton Tull, along with estimates for both the sidewalk plan and the driveway parking lot. The sidewalk trail cost estimate came into right around \$230,900. The driveway is estimated to be around \$234,000. I do not believe these are far off from what was anticipated. He passed along the current drawing which everyone has been all in for. Were at 90 percent, which would include the switch back. That is part of the project as

well as concrete resurfacing is part of the HUD project. The ARDOT project starts with ADA parking two slots. It is recommended that it extend on the high side as much out of the flood zone area. It is 1,400 feet and then crosses the Creek, then extends up to the chicken pad. I would just add that John Beneke is working on a design for a picnic observation station. Luke suggested it is worthwhile for us to get borings for the bridge and footings. You know we have a very Karst topography. He is also looking at raising the bridge up to clear a 100-year storm which engineering wise. We are already going to do a design for that. Luke has officially asked that we consider an amendment to cover the Geotech borings and the foundations of the bridge, which I am all for and it is worth bringing up to the City Council to see if they are comfortable. Luke has not gotten us a number. Rough guess I have seen borings in this area, \$8,000 to \$15,000 and then the foundation which is not substantial. I would think \$5,000 to \$10,000. Would not see it going much over \$25,000 to \$30,000 and that may be extremely high. The original budget for the first plan we moved away from was the 80/20 project and it was \$320,000 total with the grant being \$250,000 the city coming up with 20% on top of that. What I am seeing here on this preliminary estimate. Is a figure quite a bit less than that. We are seeing a projected subtotal of \$193,000 with a contingency of 20% being 40,000 for a total of \$233,000. But we are just dealing with estimates. We sent the request to Trail Blazers for the bridge; they were very appreciative of our willingness to try to work with them. Unfortunately, they allocated that bridge to another project in Bentonville. Luke budgeted \$30,000 for transportation of that bridge. I do not think it is going to be a budget killer. Motion made by Caleb LeBow to bring to the City Council the design and estimate, also request to get an amendment for Crafton Tull, for the design of the footings, the bridge as well as the borings for those footings and in addition to purchase of a bridge. The opportunity for the one has passed. Purchasing one for a slightly increased fee, all this amounting to somewhere in the \$275,000 range. Seconded by Adam Walker. All in favor. Yea (5) Opposed (0). The motion carried.

- B. State Outdoor Recreation Grant:** Ken Smith presented. Mayor Stroud received a letter we made the cut. Our presentation was on Friday October 27, 2023. John Beneke thought it went well; we should know if we will receive the grant by the end of December. The Grant was a 50/50 match, we could receive up to \$250,000 if we receive the grant.
- C. HUD Environmental Assessment Status:** Ken Smith presented. There's a lot of writing involved, I have done the floodplain insurance, the endangered species, explosives, and hazardous waste review, under federal Rick Rud law. Resource Conservation Recovery Act of 1976. There are still four or five federal laws that we must go through. I am making progress. I would like to have it done by the end of the year.
- D. Ordinance 175 Revision:** Adam Walker presented: Brian is updating some components of Ordinance 175, which is what set up the Parks Commission. The major changes are Section 5 responsibly of the officers. What it does is outlines Chairman's rules, possibilities and the Secretary rules, possibilities as well, the majority of the is to maintain the minutes of the meetings and then of course, filling in the chairman's absence, and that includes things such as reporting to City Council and the like. Ken did reach back out to Brian on a slight change, just some of the verbiage. That is where we are. We would like to see a revised ordinance at the next City Council meeting. Changing the meeting date to the 4th Tuesday

of the month. We kept in there, the role of secretary, the secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings right now, that outlined the secretaries responsible for the minutes of the commission's meetings and that would just allow opportunity to continue to have recorder treasurer, just keep to it flowing. Should things change in the future. We maintain the function that, if necessary, the secretary still has a role. If at some point we do not have the benefit of Recorder Treasurer, but it would maintain the Recorder Treasurer as providing the service for the Commission but also that the secretary, if necessary, would step in as part of that.

**Public Input:**

None Offered

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Adam Walker at 7.44PM. Seconded by Ken Smith. All in favor. Yea (5) Opposed. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44PM

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**Chairman Ken Smith**