

Rogersville Parks and Recreation Board

Workshop Minutes

July 29, 2026

7:00pm

The workshop meeting was called to order with all board members present. With it being a workshop, and no regular Park Board meeting in July, there were no minutes to approve. The minutes from the June Park Board meeting will be approved at the regular meeting in August. There were no public comments and the discussion turned to the potential project of building a community center at 921 E Main St. site, formerly the UGO and Food Lion grocery store complex. Director Elkins updated the board on the vision that he has for the site and the tentative layout that he and the architect, Sonja Shannon, had been working from. The grocery store portion of the complex would be renovated into offices, program rooms, restrooms, and other community center appropriate space. Then the other suites adjoining the grocery store portion would be demolished, along with the existing parks and recreation building, and a steel structure housing two gymnasiums would be built with a connection to the grocery store building. Elkins presented the board with a document that listed general ideas of spaces that could be needed within the community center. This document was only intended to generate ideas and start discussions to prioritize what should eventually be included in the final design. There was some discussion on certain areas that could be combined into the same rooms and some requested additions to the document for spaces that should be considered that were not listed. Jeff Ryans from H.S. Williams Company was present and spoke to the board regarding his company's experience with metal buildings and how he/they could assist with this project. Being from Rogersville and having kids and grandkids in town, he was excited about this project and requested to help any way he could. Elkins then mentioned that he would put together a list of other community center facilities in the area and suggested that a group take some site visits to see other facilities and talk with the operators about how they are using them. With no other business, the workshop adjourned.

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- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
- 4) Public Comments on Agenda Items
- 5) New Business
 - a) Community Center Discussion
- 6) Other Comments
- 7) Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER	ATTENDED (Please Sign)
Todd Biggs	
Melissa Boyd	
Chad Christian	
Trey Fields	
Brock Gladson	
Andrew Poe	