

AFFTON WHITE-RODGERS COMMUNITY CENTER

PARK HISTORY

The land was acquired in 1996 through a partial gift from the White-Rodgers division of Emerson Electric, makers of thermostats. The building was dedicated on February 27, 1999. It was designed by Yarger Sports Architecture on a \$1.6 million budget and was named “Commercial Building of the Year” by the Affton Chamber of Commerce in 2000. A playground and a shuffleboard court were added in 2003.

A feasibility study for a pool and additional land acquisition was completed in 2003 by Counsilman / Hunsaker & Associates, Inc.

WHITE ROGERS

White Rogers Electric began in 1936 as a small group of engineers from Emerson Electric who worked on creating a new type of thermostat. Eventually they became an independent company named after Jim Roger and Chesterfield White, two principal engineers. The company was purchased by Emerson Electric Company in 1961.