Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
January 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Bishop Park Administration Building
6401 Boone Rd. Bryant, Arkansas

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Amanda Jolly at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Cody Crist, Renee Curtis, Lynn Farmer, Amanda Jolly and Richard McKeown

Committee Members Absent - Jason Whittington

Others Present - Parks Director Chris Treat, Parks Assistant Director Keith Cox, Grants Coordinator Rebecca Kidder and Councilman Jack Moseley

Motion to add an item to the agenda to approve a new Committee Chairperson. Motion made by Curtis, seconded by Crist. Motion passes.

Director's Report

Roof Repair is complete on the Aquatics Center, roof is completely operational for the first time since shortly after the facility was built.

Basketball programming running in partnership with Bryant Schools for gym space. Even with assistance from the school we are limited on any future growth due to gym space limitations. Options discussed to prepare for future growth. The committee will discuss possible scenarios once this season is over to prepare for next year. A special thanks given to Middleton Heat & Air for sponsoring the uniforms this season.

Maintenance Updates - "A Complex" Backstop netting will be completed soon and Gutter and Drainage work behind Center is currently underway. The Pool Pak is currently working and we have received an estimate for replacement cost. We are currently waiting on Batson Engineering to complete their study in March.

The outdoor restrooms will open when freezing temperatures are no longer in the forecast. We will look at potentially putting heat in the restrooms for future winters.

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

Coral Ridge Property - Treat presented a potential donation of a piece of property in the Coral Ridge Development and benefits it could be used for along with costs associated with the property. Motion to recommend to Council to not accept the land due to limited resources to maintain the property made by Crist, seconded by Farmer. Motion passes.

National Fitness Campaign Grant - Kidder presented a potential grant for outdoor fitness court and studio. The grant is non-binding, we can decide not to move forward at any point. The Parks Department is asking for support to continue to move forward with the application process. The Parks Committee is in agreement to continue to move forward. The Committee asked Kidder to look for grants for lighting for Bishop Park parking and streets due to the current safety concerns presented by the total darkness in the Park. Kidder and Treat communicated that searching for lighting grants have been and will continue to be top priority.

Motion to appoint a new Committee Chair - Motion to appoint Richard McKeown as Chairperson of Parks Committee made by Jolly, seconded by Curtis. Motion passes. McKeown thanked Amanda Jolly for her years of service as Committee Chair.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by McKeown, seconded by Curtis. Motion carried.