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

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Richard McKeown at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Richard McKeown, Renee Curtis, Lynn Farmer, Drew Martin, Jason Whittington

Committee Members Absent - Jennifer Benning, Cody Crist, Amanda Jolly

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Systems Administrator Brendan Fontenot, Adam and Chrystal Baker with Salt County Lacrosse, and Councilman Jack Mosely.

Approval of Minutes

1. **June 11 Regular Parks Committee Meeting**

Motion to approve by Martin, seconded by Farmer. Motion carried.

Associations/Club Reports

Director's Report

2. **Bryant Parks and Recreation Mid-Year Report**

Cox gives a report of the first half of 2024 which includes a review of capital improvements, performance measures and visitor numbers throughout the entire Parks system. He also discusses some of the plans for the remainder of the year.

3. **Parks June Summary**

Cox presents the June Summary of actions and accomplishments for the Parks Department and highlights a few items from that list. Cox specifically highlights the swim lessons provided to Bryant Youth Association and the history behind those swim lessons and the success that we are seeing from the 290 participants currently in that program. June was a very busy month for sports tourism events with an estimated $727,000 economic impact in the month of June.

Public Comments

Old Business

4. **Basketball Sub-Committee Update**

The Sub-Committee met on July 2 and has some potential examples for a code of conduct for the basketball program as well as the entire parks system. They have also been working to

acquire more gym space and are studying the current rates and potentially the need to increase those rates with the possibility of financial assistance being offered.

5. **Cover for Mills Park Pool**

Cox provides a quote from Westport Pools for $12,125.65 to provide and install a cover for Mills Park Pool. Two other competitive quotes were received.

Motion to recommend the purchase of a cover for Mills Park Pool by Whittington, seconded by Curtis. Motion passes.

New Business

6. **Lacrosse Concessions Container**

Cox asks the Committee for approval to allow Salt County Lacrosse to install a modified storage container at the Alcoa 40 Park lacrosse field. He informs the committee that the Planning Commission and Development Review Committee have approved the installation and it is at no cost to the city; Salt County Lacrosse are paying for the container and installation.

Motion to approve the installation of the modified storage container by Curtis, seconded by Martin. Motion passes.

7. **Salt County Lacrosse Program Agreement**

Cox asks for a recommendation to enter into a 5 year joint use program agreement with Salt County Lacrosse for use of field space at Alcoa 40 Park. Cox reinforces the investment that Salt County Lacrosse has made into Alcoa 40 Park and mentions that this is a way for the city to give them assurance that they have a place in Bryant long-term. Cox also mentions that this is similar to the agreements that have been made with the other youth sports partners.

Motion to recommend a joint use agreement with Salt County Lacrosse by Farmer, seconded by Curtis. Motion passes.

Committee Comments

Adjournment

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