Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
October 8, 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, Jennifer Benning, Lynn Farmer, Chera Moore, Jason Whittington

Others Present - Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Communications Coordinator Jordan Reynolds, Bryant Softball Association President Kara White and Councilman Jack Mosely.

Approval of Minutes

1. **September 10 Regular Parks Committee Meeting**

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

Associations/Club Reports

2. **Bryant Softball Association**

Martin introduces Kara White, President of Bryant Softball Association, a position that she has held since 2015. White informs the committee that BSA started in 1997 at Alcoa 40 Park and that over the years it has transitioned more from a recreational league to a more competitive tournament team program. She said that this past Spring season had 17 teams in Bryant and for Fall league they had 15 teams. BSA expanded to a Middle School program in 2020 that has been very successful. In the past couple of years the BSA has contributed the installation of batting helmet holders in the dugouts, as well as batting nets and pads for each field.

Director's Report

3. **Parks September Summary**

Martin opens by announcing that Dale Sanford has been promoted to the position of Parks Superintendent and informs the committee that now his previous position of Grounds Foreman will need to go to City Council to be unfrozen for hire. He then presents the September Summary of actions and accomplishments for the Parks Department and highlights a few items from that list; specifically some current programming that is taking place.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

4. **BHS Swim Use Agreement**

Martin presents the proposed annual joint use agreement with Bryant High School Swim Team for use of Bishop Park Aquatic Center for swim practices and meets. He informs the committee that this has been unchanged from the previous years agreements and asks for a recommendation to take to City Council for approval at the end of the month.

Motion to approve the agreement by Whittington, seconded by Farmer. Motion passes.

Committee Comments

There were no Committee Comments

Adjournment

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