Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
November 12, 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, Amanda Jolly, Chera Moore, Jason Whittington

Others Present - Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Communications Coordinator Jordan Reynolds and Bryant Athletic Association President Matt Orender.

Approval of Minutes

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

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

Finance Reports

2. **Parks 3rd Quarter Summary**

Cox gives the 3rd Quarter Finance Report showing revenues and expenses for January through September 2024. Revenues had come in 2.5% more than the budgeted amount for 9 months and Expenses were 2% less than budgeted.

Associations/Club Reports

3. **Bryant Athletic Association**

McKeown introduces Matt Orender, president of the Bryant Athletic Association. Orender informs the committee that this past year the BAA had almost 500 kids participating in youth recreational baseball, of which 175 participated in the Black Sox program. They also had 120 kids participating in youth football this Fall. The BAA also intends to replace the batting cage netting and pitching screens and L-screens, in partnership with the Bryant Parks Department.

Director's Report

4. **Parks October Summary**

Cox presents the summary of actions and activities from October, specifically highlighting that Fall sports have pretty much wrapped up so the grounds crew has overseeded ballfields with perennial rye grass; therefore fields will be closing for the next few months to rest the fields for next Spring. He also thanks the Bryant Police Department and Training Sergeant Michael McCabe for providing training for the entire Parks Staff in Civilian Response to Active Shooter

Events. Curtis asked how the Fall Fest numbers compared with years past and Cox informed that the numbers were up from 2023, even with some other local events competing with the event.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

5. **Lakeside High School**

Cox presents the proposed annual joint use agreement with Lakeside High School Dive Team for use of Bishop Park Aquatic Center for dive practices. 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 Jolly, seconded by Moore. Motion passes.

Committee Comments

There were no Committee Comments

Adjournment

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