Bryant Parks Committee

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room

Date: May 13, 2025 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. April 8 Parks Committee Meeting

- Minutes-ParksCommittee-April2025.pdf

Finance Reports

2. Parks Department Quarterly Finance Report - 2025 First Quarter

- Parks Committee Finance Report - March25 (2).pdf

Associations / Club Reports

3. Salt County Lacrosse Annual Report - Presented by Adam Baker

Director's Report

4. Parks Monthly Summary

- Parks Directors Report - May25.pdf

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

Parks and Recreation

5. Consideration of Passing Credit Card Fees along to the Consumer

Committee Comments

Adjournments

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
April 8, 2025 - 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 - Amanda Jolly, Renee Curtis, Lynn Farmer, Drew Martin, Chera Moore, Jason Whittington and Tony Williams.

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Parks Center Superintendent Ebonee Scott, Parks Program Coordinator Hunter Bolin, IT Support Technician Philip Plouch and City Councilman Jon Martin.

Approval of Minutes

1. **March 11 Parks Committee Meeting**

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

Associations/Club Reports

There were no Associations/Club Reports

Director's Report

2. **Parks Department Monthly Summary**

Cox presents the summary of actions and activities since the last Committee meeting and then gives an update on the status of the Parks Department after the flooding on Saturday, April 5.

Cox says that the flood waters were the worst he has seen since at least 2016, but the damage is not as bad as the flood of 2017. He thanked the Grounds crew for coming in first thing Sunday to get started on cleanup efforts and volunteers from partner organizations, as well as, support from the Department of Corrections for help with the cleanup.

M. Martin says that up to 8 fields have already been repaired and are playable and moving forward that the goal is to repair enough fields to reopen for league ball on Thursday, April 10 and to have all fields repaired in the next two weeks.

Cox credits the Ground Division for building the fields in a way to handle the flood waters much better than in 2017, when some fields were not able to be repaired until the following season.

D. Martin asked about the status of other Parks and the estimated cost for repairs that was not budgeted. M. Martin said that any damage was minimal at other Parks and have already been repaired and Cox said that most fencing repairs and other maintenance issues will be handled internally but the field dirt is the major cost. He said that they don't have an exact cost at this time but assures the Committee that it will be much less than in 2017.

3. **Bryant Parks Programming Annual Report**

Cox introduces Center Superintendent Ebonee Scott and she gives a report on the youth volleyball league and youth basketball league. She informs that both leagues increased in participation from the previous year and also updates the Committee on the success of the Code of Conduct that was passed by the Parks Committee last Fall. She then introduces Program Coordinator Hunter Bolin. Bolin hands out a list of new programming that he has established since starting last Summer, as well as, what the plan is for new programming coming up this Spring and Summer; including pickleball and archery. He then asks for any questions or feedback from the Committee.

Whittington asks about the possibility of expanding flag football to adult; which will be under consideration.

4. **Bryant Parks Advertising Plan**

Cox informs the Committee that the Advertising Plan is completed and for them to expect to see that out very soon. He reiterates that the plan has multiple options for cost as well as time commitment so that they can have an offering for all types of businesses.

Moore asks if the funds from this will go into the general fund. Cox informs that currently all sponsorships go into the general fund but that he is working to have all sponsorships and new advertising funds going into a capital fund that will go directly to the facility that is sponsored.

Williams asked if there are any current agreements in place that would conflict with any new advertisers to which Cox informed that there are current sponsors that have exclusivity agreements in place but they are not for all parks so there should be an option for anyone.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

5. **ArDOT TAP Grant**

Cox asks for support to apply for the ArDOT TAP Grant to provide parking lot lighting for Bishop Park. Cox says that the design and budget estimate is fully completed but the grant is a 80-20 match so most that the City of Bryant would be responsible for is $100,000.

Farmer asks for the timeframe and Cox said that the grant is due at the end of the month but that it will be the end of the Summer at the earliest before we know if we have received the grant.

Motion to recommend to Council to apply for the grant by Curtis, seconded by Moore. Motion passes.

6. **Request to add Pledge of Allegiance to the beginning of future Committee meetings**

D. Martin requests that we follow suit of our City Council, Quorum Court and State Legislature and implement the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance before future meetings. He states that he believes that it is something that we can all come together on and he would like to see all Bryant Committees and Commissions implement it as well.

Discussion follows regarding the differences in volunteer committees and elected officials, as well as, whether or not this would need to be amended in the bylaws, which were just approved in February. Cox informs the Committee that if the Pledge of Allegiance is added as an informal option before the Call to Order, then it does not have to be stated in the bylaws.

Motion to add the Pledge of Allegiance to future meetings by Martin, seconded by Whittington. Cox asks for a Roll Call Vote. Motion Fails with 3 votes for and 5 against.

Committee Comments

Farmer commends Cox for the news story that ran Tuesday morning for the positive spotlight that was put on Bryant for the flood recovery efforts. D. Martin gives credit to the entire Department for the efforts to recover from the extreme flooding so quickly. Cox again thanks the entire staff and all the volunteers that helped with cleanup efforts.

Discussion followed regarding the meeting with all Committees and Commissions on April 24.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Moore, seconded by Farmer. Motion carried.

Parks Finance Report

1st Quarter - 2025

Revenues

Park	Account	Account Description	Budget	Actual	Available
General	R62	Sales Tax Transfer	$1,525,650	$381,408	75.00%
Mills	R50	Sale of Services	$91,000	$4,934	94.58%
Midland	R74	Use Agreement Fees	$35,000	$0	100.00%
Bishop	R30	Memberships	$277,475	$57,889	79.14%
	R33	Rentals/Participation Fees	$154,450	$35,556	76.98%
	R36	Programming	$148,000	$20,301	86.28%
	R50	Sale of Services	$130,500	$15,810	87.89%
	R60	Miscellaneous Revenue	$2,000	$629	68.53%
	R74	Sponsorships	$114,450	$46,671	59.22%
Alcoa	R36	Parks Rental	$1,000	$428	57.25%
	R74	Use Agreement Fees	$5,000	$0	100.00%
Ashley	R36	Parks Rental	$7,000	$1,828	73.89%
		Total	**$2,497,525**	**$565,452**	77.36%

Expenses

Park	Account	Account Description	Budget	Actual	Available
General	E01	Personnel Expense	$884,112	$201,812	77.17%
	E10	Insurance & Tools	$8,637	$0	100.00%
	E20	Vehicle Expense	$22,316	$11,497	48.48%
	E30	Postage Expense	$500	$113	77.35%
	E40	Sales Tax Expense	$500	$0	100.00%
	E55	Professional Services	$47,600	$5,033	89.43%
	E60	IT Expense	$26,000	$2,623	89.91%
	E72	Bond Expense	$304,650	$64,550	78.81%
	E85	Interest Expense	$37,221	$13,789	62.95%
Mills	E01	Personnel Expense	$35,333	$58	99.84%
	E10	Building & Grounds Exp.	$50,027	$5,075	89.86%
	E30	Pool Supplies	$17,100	$3	99.98%
	E80	Fixed Assets - Infrastructure	$24,316	$0	100.00%
Midland	E10	Building & Grounds Exp.	$39,272	$10,967	72.07%
Bishop	E01	Personnel Expense	$955,985	$252,442	73.59%
	E10	Building & Grounds Exp.	$671,098	$153,286	77.16%
	E20	Service & Repair	$11,797	$5,490	53.47%
	E30	Supply Expense	$79,700	$22,174	72.18%
	E40	Operations Expense	$41,130	$16,927	58.84%
	E55	Professional Services	$119,300	$38,645	67.61%
	E80	Fixed Assets	$724	$22,469	-3001.93%
Alcoa	E10	Building & Grounds Exp.	$23,312	$4,767	79.55%
Ashley	E80	Building & Grounds Exp.	$4,001	$5,790	-44.70%
		Total	**$3,404,633**	**$837,509**	**75.40%**

Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
May 2025

- Hosted Salem Elementary's Fishing Derby at Bishop Park's Lake Charles on April 7.
- Hosted the Arkansas Senior Olympic basketball tournament on April 12th.
- Hosted a Hoop Play basketball tournament on April 19th.
- Hosted the Rotary Club's Duck Derby at Mills Park on May 5.
- Hosted the Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce's Saline County Eats on May 8.
- The Evening Pickleball League is underway and continuing through May 22nd.
- Youth Volleyball lessons started May 6 and will continue through the end of the month.
- Hosted the Community Engagement Committee's first Town Hall on April 24.
- Hosted Mayor Treat's Employee Town Hall on May 8.
- The Center will host a blood drive on May 22.
- Registration is open for High School Tennis Bootcamp which will be going on throughout the month of May at the Joyce Boswell courts at Mills Park.
- Registration is open for Tennis Summer Camp held on June 16 - 19.
- Registration is open for Evening Pickleball league at the Joyce Boswell courts at Mills Park that will take place throughout the Summer.
- Registration is open for Pickleball Power Morning league in the Center Gymnasium that will take place throughout the Summer.
- Registration is open for Adult Kickball that will take place at Alcoa Park starting in June.
- Compassion Moomey has received her Adaptive Swim Whisperer Certification through Swim Angelfish to be better equipped to work with participants with special needs. She was sponsored by the Tyler Dannaway Foundation to receive this training.
- Summer Season Passes for Mills Pool are on sale now.
- Bishop Park Splash Pad and Mills Pool are set to open on May 24.
- Held a Lifeguard Certification class on April 7-12.
- Held a Water Safety Instructor Certification class on April 28 - May 4.
- Lifeguard classes will be offered on May 12-18 and June 3-6.
- A Water Safety Instructor class will be offered April 28 - May 4.
- Registration is open for Summer Swim lessons at Bishop and Mills pools.
- Removed debris and made repairs to fencing at Bishop and Midland parks following the flood on April 5.

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Director's Report
May 2025

- Clay and safecoat had to be ordered to repair the infields of 4 baseball fields and 3 softball fields following the flood on April 5.
- Repaired all pipe leaks, hot water and other plumbing issues at Mills Pool bathhouse to prepare for Memorial Day opening.
- Hosted a FASA softball tournament on April 19.
- Hosted a USA softball tournament on April 26.
- Hosted a USA softball tournament on May 3.
- Hosted a 2D baseball tournament on May 3-4.
- Hosting a FASA softball tournament on May 10.
- Currently scheduled to host 6 basketball tournaments, 6 softball tournaments, 4 baseball tournaments and a swim meet in the months of May and June.