# Bryant Parks Committee

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room

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**Date:** August 12, 2025 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

## Call to Order

## Approval of Minutes

**1. July 8 Parks Committee Meeting**
- Minutes-ParksCommittee-July2025.pdf

## Finance Reports

**2. 2nd Quarter Finance Report** - January - June 2025
- Parks Committee Finance Report - June25.pdf

## Director's Report

**3. Bryant Aquatic Swim School Annual Report** - Presented by Kristin Robinson and Compassion Moomey

**4. Parks Monthly Summary**
- Parks Directors Report - August25.pdf

## Public Comments

## Old Business

## New Business

## Committee Comments

## Adjournments

**Bryant Parks Committee Meeting**
July 8, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Bryant Historical Museum
200 SW 3rd St. Bryant, Arkansas

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order** - Amanda Jolly at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Amanda Jolly, Renee Curtis, Tony Williams, Lynn Farmer, Jason Whittington, Chera Moore, Jennifer Benning and Drew Martin.

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, City Councilman Jon Martin and Lisa Meyer, DeAnn Thomas and Kathy Lewallen, Donna and Danny Anderson, Patsy and Warren Kuhn with the Bryant Historical Society.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. **June 10 Parks Committee Meeting**

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

**Associations/Club Reports**

2. **Bryant Historical Society Annual Report**

Kathy Lewallen introduces the board for the Bryant Historical Society which was founded in 2008. For the first 15 years of existence they met wherever they could find a place, before the opening of the Bryant Historical Museum. She also informs the committee of their other historical sites in Bryant, including the Tull-Banks House next to Hill Farm Elementary. She thanked the volunteers and the donations they have received for the museum. The museum is open the first and third Sunday of every month but they are also open by appointment.

Warren Kuhn informed the Committee that Museum Day will be September 13 where from all ten museums in Saline County will be open from 1:00 - 4:00. It will be free of charge and there will be drawings for door prizes for those that visit the museums.

**Director's Report**

3. **Parks Department Monthly Summary**

Cox presents the summary of actions and activities since the last Committee meeting and highlights the archery lessons that were witnessed by the committee meeting last month. He does give an update on the status of the splash pad which is currently dealing with a leak but is

operational. He thanked the grounds crew for the work they did on the Cal Ripken State Tournament; for the first time all divisions of the tournament were held in one location in Bryant, hosted by the Parks Department. Finally, Cox highlights the BASS team that will be attending Junior Olympics in July and says that there will be a BASS team report at the August meeting.

**Public Comments**

*There were no Public Comments*

**Old Business**

*There was no Old Business*

**New Business**

4. **Land Donation for Ted Boswell Memorial Park**

Cox informs the committee of a plot of land at the corner of Reynolds Rd and Mills Park Rd that Joyce Boswell would like to donate to the City of Bryant for the purpose of the Ted Boswell Memorial Park. Cox says that the long term plan is for some type of memorial to honor Ted Boswell along with areas for passive recreation.

D. Martin asked about any specific plans for memorial developments or a timeline for when it would be developed, to which Cox said it is very early in the vision process. Williams asked about the ability to connect this location to the trail system.

Motion to recommend to City Council to accept the land donation by Curtis, seconded by Moore. Motion passes.

**Committee Comments**

Curtis thanks the Historical Society for opening the museum up for the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by D. Martin, seconded by Moore. Motion carried.

# Parks Finance Report

## 2nd Quarter - 2025

### Revenues

| Park | Account | Account Description | Budget | Actual | Available |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **General** | R62 | Sales Tax Transfer | $1,525,650 | $762,816 | 50.00% |
| | R66 | Sale of Equipment | $0 | $16,500 | #DIV/0! |
| **Mills** | R50 | Sale of Services | $91,000 | $52,725 | 42.06% |
| **Midland** | R74 | Use Agreement Fees | $35,000 | $18,675 | 46.64% |
| **Bishop** | R30 | Memberships | $277,475 | $119,082 | 57.08% |
| | R33 | Rentals/Participation Fees | $154,450 | $100,511 | 34.92% |
| | R36 | Programming | $148,000 | $57,099 | 61.42% |
| | R50 | Sale of Services | $130,500 | $54,291 | 58.40% |
| | R60 | Miscellaneous Revenue | $2,000 | $17,694 | -784.71% |
| | R74 | Sponsorships | $114,450 | $82,249 | 28.14% |
| **Alcoa** | R36 | Parks Rental | $1,000 | $773 | 22.75% |
| | R74 | Use Agreement Fees | $5,000 | $1,500 | 70.00% |
| **Ashley** | R36 | Parks Rental | $7,000 | $3,685 | 47.36% |
| | | **Total** | **$2,491,525** | **$1,287,599** | **48.32%** |

### Expenses

| Park | Account | Account Description | Budget | Actual | Available |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **General** | E01 | Personnel Expense | $884,112 | $397,578 | 55.03% |
| | E10 | Insurance & Tools | $8,637 | $0 | 100.00% |
| | E20 | Vehicle Expense | $22,316 | $17,713 | 20.63% |
| | E30 | Postage Expense | $500 | $169 | 66.13% |
| | E40 | Sales Tax Expense | $500 | $37 | 92.60% |
| | E55 | Professional Services | $47,600 | $9,958 | 79.08% |
| | E60 | IT Expense | $26,000 | $22,661 | 12.84% |
| | E72 | Bond Expense | $304,650 | $129,773 | 57.40% |
| | E85 | Interest Expense | $37,221 | $26,905 | 27.72% |
| **Mills** | E01 | Personnel Expense | $35,333 | $5,403 | 84.71% |
| | E10 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $50,027 | $30,476 | 39.08% |
| | E30 | Pool Supplies | $17,100 | $8,305 | 51.43% |
| **Midland** | E10 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $39,272 | $20,148 | 48.70% |
| **Bishop** | E01 | Personnel Expense | $955,985 | $472,188 | 50.61% |
| | E10 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $671,098 | $370,557 | 44.78% |
| | E20 | Service & Repair | $11,797 | $11,786 | 0.10% |
| | E30 | Supply Expense | $79,700 | $47,340 | 40.60% |
| | E40 | Operations Expense | $41,130 | $27,071 | 34.18% |
| | E55 | Professional Services | $119,300 | $75,573 | 36.65% |
| **Alcoa** | E10 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $23,312 | $8,620 | 63.02% |
| **Ashley** | E80 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $7,263 | $5,817 | 19.91% |
| | | **Total** | **$3,407,895** | **$1,716,395** | **49.63%** |

**Bryant Parks and Recreation**
**Director's Report**
**July 2025**

- The Bryant Youth Association continued their Summer Program through the month of July, with 423 children registered. We provided them with 2 basketball courts during their program, as well as, our upstairs meeting rooms for staff trainings, financial literacy classes, vacation bible school, and more.
- The Bryant Youth Association also used our Aquatics facilities for the month of July for swim lessons and free play; with the Kindergarten at the Splash Pad, 1st and 2nd grade at Mills Pool and 3rd through 5th graders at the Bishop Lap Pool.
- Bishop and Mills Aquatics facilities had 36 party reservations in July.
- Summer swim lessons continued at Mills Pool and Bishop Aquatics Facility through July. In total there were 169 participants in July lessons at both pools; this does not include the 160 BYA children still participating in lessons.
- Youth Archery Lessons ran twice a week for the month of July. We had 13 kids participating, up from 11 in June.
- Youth Basketball Camps ran 3 days a week for each week of July, with a total of 37 kids participating.
- Nintendo Switch Bowling League was our first attempt at eSports in July; we had 6 teams participating. We hope this is the foundation for future eSports and non-athletic programming in the future.
- 3 separate pickleball leagues ran and completed in July. All 3 were very successful with a lot of participation, totalling over 100 participants; we also offered pickleball lessons with only 8 spots available and it filled up in 2 days.
- Adult Intro to Tennis for adults was offered in July and had 6 participants.
- The Bishop Park Gymnasium hosted a HopStep Basketball tournament on July 12 & 13.
- The Bishop Park Aquatics Facility hosted a Barracuda Swim Meet on July 12 & 19.
- The Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted the FASA Nationals Softball Tournament Open Class on July 15 & 16.
- The BASS Swim Team attended the AAU Junior Olympics in Houston, TX the week of July 21. BASS took 17 swimmers that competed with Team Arkansas at the event; Team Arkansas finished as the AAU National Runner-Up.
- The Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted a USA Softball Camp on July 25 & 26.

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- Converted the back entrance to the Center at Bishop Park to a one-way street. This includes adding DO NOT ENTER signs at the exit next to the BYA at Boone Rd. and painting arrows to show the direction that all traffic should flow. This has been communicated with the Bryant Youth Association and the Senior Adult Center, with everyone in agreement. We also made some repairs to the back drive behind the Aquatics Facility.
- Installed two new water fountains with bottle fills upstairs at the Bryant Youth Association.
- Replaced the RPZ to the irrigation system at Midland Park.
- Prepared Mills Park for Woofstock, which was held on August 2.
- The Barracudas Swim Team concluded their 2025 season.
- Youth Volleyball league is now open for registration. Recreational leagues for 3rd/4th grades and 5th/6th grades are offered. Games will be played every Saturday at The Center beginning on October 4th.
- Adult Men's and Women's basketball leagues are now open for registration. Games will be played every Sunday at The Center beginning September 7th.