# Bryant Parks Committee

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room

**Date:** August 11, 2026 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

## Call to Order

## Approval of Minutes

**1. July 14 Parks Committee Meeting**

- Minutes-ParksCommittee-July2026.pdf

## Finance Reports

**2. Parks Mid-Year Finance Report**

- Parks Committee Finance Report.pdf

## Associations / Club Reports

## Director's Report

**3. Bryant Aquatics Annual Report**

**4. Parks Department July Summary**

- Parks Directors Report - July2026.pdf

## Public Comments

## Old Business

## New Business

## Committee Comments

## Adjournments

**Bryant Parks Committee Meeting**
Jul 14, 2026 6:00 PM
Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room
6401 Boone Rd

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order** - Renee Curtis at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Amanda Jolly, Renee Curtis, Lynn Farmer, Drew Martin, Chera Moore and Lisa Bergren
Others Present – Parks Director Keith Cox, Assistant Director Matt Martin, Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Cassie Henry-Saorrono, Bryant Mayor Chris Treat, Kathy Lewallen with Bryant Historical Society and City Council Members Butch Higginbotham and Jack Mosely.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. **May 12 Parks Committee Meeting**

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

**Presentations and Announcements**

2. **Bryant Leap Forward Update**

Mayor Chris Treat provided an update on the City of Bryant Comprehensive Plan. He reported that initial survey results and community feedback indicate that residents desire top-tier amenities but do not support an increase in taxes. As a result, the current focus of the study is on identifying opportunities for intentional growth that strengthen the local economy while minimizing impacts on city infrastructure. This includes prioritizing development in market centers with smaller footprints and exploring mixed-use zoning that combines residential and commercial districts. Mayor Treat concluded by encouraging Committee members to remain engaged in the initiative by completing the second survey, now available, and helping to promote participation within their communities.

Higginbotham asked how this effort differs from previous attempts to pursue similar concepts in Bryant. Mayor Treat responded that lessons learned from earlier unsuccessful initiatives have informed a more intentional approach, including development of a comprehensive plan supported by both the community and elected officials, which may lead to necessary zoning policy changes. Cox reiterated that this process is distinct because the Comprehensive Plan would be completed prior to initiating new development.

Moore asked about the process for enabling mixed-use zoning and whether sales tax revenue could be retained within the ward in which it is generated. Mayor Treat stated that any zoning changes would require Council action and noted that statewide ballot initiatives scheduled for this Fall may provide additional local authority to allocate funds within specific districts.

D. Martin asked if these mixed-use communities would have the abilities to rent and buy, feeling there is a need to be diverse but not oversaturate the market on any specific type of housing option. Treat said that specifics like that would be dependent on each development, but he would expect to see both options available.

**Associations / Club Reports**

3. **Bryant Historical Society Annual Report**

Kathy Lewallen presented the annual report for the Bryant Museum, highlighting key activities and community engagement over the past year. She noted that the museum welcomed multiple visiting groups, provided guided tours, and received donations from several local individuals and organizations, reflecting continued community interest in preserving Bryant's history. Lewallen reported that 37 individuals attended Museum Day in September and shared that the museum plans to host the event again this coming September. She also noted that 25 visitors toured the museum during the Bless Bryant event at Ashley Park. The museum remains open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

**Director's Report**

4. **Parks Department May Summary**

Cox presented the monthly Parks Department summary, noting the City's transition from Google to Microsoft and early success of the Barracudas Swim Team in its first season under Parks. He reported that parking lot lining at Bishop Park is complete and construction has begun on the Mills Basketball Court. Cox also shared that the Senior Adult Center has been operating for a couple of weeks and that construction on the Mills to Alcoa Connector Trail is expected to begin soon.

**Public Comments**

*There were no Public Comments*

**Old Business**

*There was no Old Business*

**New Business**

*There was no New Business*

**Committee Comments**

*There were no Committee Comments*

**Adjournment**

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

# Parks Finance Report

## 2nd Quarter - 2026

### Revenues

| Park | Account | Account Description | Budget | Actual | Available |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **General** | R60 | Miscellaneous Revenue | $0 | $10,413 | #DIV/0! |
| | R62 | Sales Tax Transfer | $1,541,621 | $779,951 | 49.41% |
| **Mills** | R50 | Sale of Services | $90,500 | $54,968 | 39.26% |
| **Midland** | R74 | Use Agreement Fees | $37,500 | $19,425 | 48.20% |
| **Bishop** | R30 | Memberships | $277,475 | $118,855 | 57.17% |
| | R33 | Rentals/Participation Fees | $156,450 | $91,557 | 41.48% |
| | R36 | Programming | $154,000 | $133,045 | 13.61% |
| | R50 | Sale of Services | $130,250 | $55,463 | 57.42% |
| | R60 | Miscellaneous Revenue | $2,000 | $6,158 | -207.90% |
| | R74 | Sponsorships | $113,700 | $64,244 | 43.50% |
| **Alcoa** | R36 | Parks Rental | $1,200 | $330 | 72.50% |
| | R74 | Use Agreement Fees | $3,500 | $1,866 | 46.69% |
| **Ashley** | R36 | Parks Rental | $7,000 | $3,037 | 56.61% |
| | | **Total** | **$2,515,196** | **$1,328,899** | **47.17%** |

### Expenses

| Park | Account | Account Description | Budget | Actual | Available |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **General** | E01 | Personnel Expense | $911,671 | $434,135 | 52.38% |
| | E10 | Insurance & Tools | $8,637 | $300 | 96.53% |
| | E20 | Vehicle Expense | $23,616 | $14,983 | 36.56% |
| | E30 | Postage Expense | $500 | $210 | 58.00% |
| | E40 | Sales Tax Expense | $500 | $0 | 100.00% |
| | E55 | Professional Services | $39,750 | $16,856 | 57.59% |
| | E60 | IT Expense | $20,600 | $19,475 | 5.46% |
| | E72 | Bond Expense | $273,393 | $135,274 | 50.52% |
| | E85 | Interest Expense | $39,965 | $21,404 | 46.44% |
| **Mills** | E01 | Personnel Expense | $34,474 | $6,537 | 81.04% |
| | E10 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $39,807 | $21,071 | 47.07% |
| | E30 | Pool Supplies | $18,100 | $8,934 | 50.64% |
| **Midland** | E10 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $43,552 | $22,737 | 47.79% |
| **Bishop** | E01 | Personnel Expense | $1,005,097 | $493,826 | 50.87% |
| | E10 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $666,397 | $309,135 | 53.61% |
| | E20 | Service & Repair | $19,000 | $14,916 | 21.49% |
| | E30 | Supply Expense | $79,700 | $33,037 | 58.55% |
| | E40 | Operations Expense | $45,558 | $33,701 | 26.03% |
| | E55 | Professional Services | $119,300 | $113,566 | 4.81% |
| **Alcoa** | E10 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $24,112 | $10,425 | 56.76% |
| **Ashley** | E80 | Building & Grounds Exp. | $8,501 | $162 | 98.09% |
| | | **Total** | **$3,422,230** | **$1,710,684** | **50.01%** |

**Bryant Parks and Recreation**
**Director's Report**
**July 2026**

## *Programming & Events*

- Youth Pickleball Lessons finished in early July with 19 participants, marking our first youth pickleball offering. Planning is underway to grow this into a full league in Fall or Spring.
- Youth Tennis Lessons continued for the second time this summer with 19 participants; the session concludes August 6, with additional lessons planned for Fall.
- Youth Archery Lessons completed their third session in July with 10 participants, the second-highest enrollment to date. Due to strong interest, Archery will continue into the Fall.
- Upcoming Youth Programs include Youth Flag Football, Youth Archery Lessons, and a free Volleyball Skills Clinic in August.
- Adult Summer Pickleball Ladder League concluded in early July with 48 players across two divisions, the highest participation in a single league to date.
- Adult Morning Pickleball Ladder League at Mills Park continued with 15 players participating at 8:30 AM.
- Upcoming Adult Programs for Fall include additional Pickleball Leagues, Men's Basketball, 1-on-1 Basketball, and Adult Co-Ed Volleyball.
- Center Gymnasium hosted Slammin' Buckets Basketball Tournaments on July 18 and July 25.

## *Aquatics*

- Provided a complimentary Mills Park Pool Party to Lisowe Lights for foster families in Saline County on July 14.
- Held a lifeguard in-service on July 19 at Mills Park Pool. The training focused on active rescues, passive rescues, deep water rescues and spinal injuries at the surface of the pool. The lifeguards completed the training through a competition format.
- New ADA lifts were installed at both Bishop Park Aquatic Center and Mills Park Pool.
- New timing control installed on the splash pad to control the length of time it will run.
- Free swim lessons provided to BYA at both Mills Park Pool and Bishop Aquatic Center.
- Summer swim lessons finished their final session at Mills Park Pool.
- New motor/pump was installed on Mills Park Pool after motor failure.
- Barracudas ended the season at the Meet of Champs with 38 swimmers competing in the event.
- BASS Swim Team took 9 swimmers to Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Bryant Parks and Recreation**
**Director's Report**
**July 2026**

## *Senior Services*

- Began operating under the City of Bryant; strong participation with 294 congregate clients and 1,242 meals served.
- Launched Home Delivered Meals Program serving 30 clients with 460 meals delivered.
- Socialization programs engaged 465 participants with 2,549 units of service.
- Senior Advisory Council purchased new Mahjong equipment to support growing interest.
- Senior Advisory Council purchased new flooring for the pool room and it is installed.
- Donated laptop added to support Karaoke and other social programs.
- Telephone Reassurance Program launched, providing daily calls to seven clients.
- New Facebook page reached 268 followers in its first month.
- Planning underway for September 3 Health Fair with a goal of 50 vendors.
- Evidence-based wellness programs expanding, including upcoming Walk with Ease and Drums Alive offerings.

## *Parks Maintenance*

- Cleared overgrown grass and downed trees at property on Parkview Dr.
- Cut and cleared grass around the Bishop Park ponds (front and back).
- Delivered and installed signage for Bryant Summer Nights on July 23.
- Completed mowing and trimming across multiple park areas and parks properties.
- Performed routine grounds cleanup and debris removal throughout the month.
- Restored picnic table from City Hall to be repurposed for Parks use.
- Removed storm damaged shade fabrics from Bishop Park fields. Insurance claim has been filed.
- Construction began on Alcoa to Mills Park Connector Trail and will continue through the month of August.
- Construction began on the new basketball court at Mills Park and should be completed by the end of August.

## *Parks Administration*

- Parks Director Keith Cox graduated from Community Development Institute on July 31 after completing the three-year program broadening knowledge of community development and strengthening the ability to connect parks initiatives into long-term economic growth for the City of Bryant.