Bryant Parks Committee

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room

Date: September 09, 2025 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. August 12 Parks Committee Meeting

- Minutes-ParksCommittee-August2025.pdf

Associations / Club Reports

2. Bryant Senior Adult Center Annual Report - Presented by Rhonda Sanders, Butch Higginbotham and Deborah Wray

Director's Report

3. Parks Department Monthly Summary

- Parks Directors Report - September25.pdf

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

Parks and Recreation

4. Request to Change Location and Time for October Parks Committee Meeting

A City Council Budget Workshop is scheduled for 5:30 PM at the Boswell Municipal Complex; this workshop will include the 2026 Parks Budget. I am requesting to move the location and time of the Parks Committee meeting to follow that workshop.

5. Request to Change Date for November Parks Committee Meeting

The regularly scheduled November meeting coincides with Veteran's Day. I am requesting to move the meeting to another date.

Committee Comments

Adjournments

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
August 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room
6401 Boone Rd. Bryant, AR 72022

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Amanda Jolly at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Amanda Jolly,, Tony Williams, Lynn Farmer, Chera Moore and Drew Martin.

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Parks Aquatics Superintendent Kristin Robinson, Parks Aquatics Coordinator Compassion Moomey and City Councilman Jack Mosely

Approval of Minutes

1. **July 8 Parks Committee Meeting**

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

Finance Reports

2. **2nd Quarter Finance Report**

Cox addresses that the Committee has an amended report in front of them from the report posted on the agenda due to an error in the Sale of Equipment line and that with the correction the report is actually more balanced. He then goes over the full report and says that both revenues and expenses are tracking very well for the year.

Director's Report

3. **Bryant Aquatic Swim School Annual Report**

Cox introduces Aquatics Superintendent Kristin Robinson who gives a report on the Summer at Mills Park Pool, the Bryant Youth Association Swim Lessons, Group Swimming Lessons, Private and Semi-Private Lessons and Swim Babies. She highlights that the number of BYA participants that were able to pass the water competency test rose from 38% to 60% throughout the Summer and that over 80% of "graduating" 5th graders were water competent. This Summer, there were 596 kids that went through a swim lesson program with the City of Bryant; taught by 35 certified swim instructors. She also highlights the Lifeguard In-Service program and the training that the lifeguards go through to be "rescue ready".

Robinson then turns it over to Moomey, who along with being the Aquatics Coordinator is also the head coach for the BASS AAU Swim Team. The BASS team competed in 11 swim meets this year and placed in the top 3 of each meet in which they competed. Throughout the season, BASS swimmers earned 64 bronze medals, 134 silver medals and 222 gold medals. BASS took 18 swimmers to AAU Junior Olympics in Houston in July, where they competed as part of Team Arkansas. Team Arkansas finished as AAU National Champion Runner-Up and BASS swimmer Jagger Mercing finished as the gold medalist in the 100 freestyle and set an AAU national record. Try-outs will be later this month for next season's team.

4. **Parks Monthly Summary**

Cox presents the monthly summary from the agenda, specifically addressing the back entrance to the Center which has been converted into a one-way street for safety and security purposes. Currently signage has been added at the exit to stop people from entering and arrows have been painted on the asphalt pointing the direction for traffic to flow. He also informs the Committee that fencing and an access gate will also be installed to increase security and that all of these changes have been endorsed by the BYA and Senior Adult Center.

Cox also gives an update on the Pool Dehumidification System replacement. The old Pool Pak has been removed and the new system is scheduled to be installed, along with the new fans for the aquatic center, before the September Committee meeting.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

There was no New Business

Committee Comments

Farmer asks for an update on the Mills Pool Cover, which was approved last year but never installed due to an issue with the manufacturer. Cox says that order was canceled and a different vendor has been hired to install the cover once Mills Pool closes this year and there was no price increase. Robinson also updates on the other aquatics maintenance improvements over the past year.

Adjournment

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

Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
August 2025

- Held our annual Community Yard Sale at the Center Gymnasium on August 2 with 31 vendors setting up 45 booths.
- The second annual Woofstock festival was held at Mills Park on August 2 by Leadership Saline. $5500 was raised for the Saline County Humane Society, along with 9 adoptions and 72 microchip implants.
- Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted a Henderson State softball camp on August 5.
- Bishop Park Center Gymnasium hosted a Hoop Play basketball camp on August 9 and 10.
- Lifeguarding Class was held August 22-31. Four new lifeguards received their certifications.
- A First Aid/CPR/AED class was held for non-first responder Parks employees on August 27. Nine employees were recertified and 3 employees received certification for the first time. Certifications are good for two years.
- Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted a BASE tournament on August 30.
- We ran Adult Intro to Tennis at the Joyce Boswell Courts at Mills Park throughout the month of August.
- We ran Adult Pickleball lessons at the Center Gymnasium with 13 people signed up. We will run it again in October.
- The Bishop Park Splash Pad closed for the season on August 31 and Mills Pool closed for the season on September 1.
- Tryouts were held for the 2025-2026 BASS team. Seven new swimmers tried out; of which five made the team and the other two were referred to swim lessons.
- The old PoolPak dehumidification system was demolished and removed from the Bishop Park Aquatic Center. The area has been prepped for the new Seresco unit to be installed in September.
- Two industrial HVLS fans were installed in the Bishop Park Aquatic Center.
- Replaced the carpet leading from the cafeteria to the playground at the Bryant Youth Association.
- Replaced the RPZ and repaired electrical shortages in the sprinkler system at Midland Park.
- Removed three dead trees from Mills Park
- Placed sod on worn areas at back two pads at Midland Park.
- Completed bi-annual filter replacement at Center facilities.

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- Repaired damaged areas to Bryant Youth Association playground by filling in holes with pour-in-place surfacing.
- Installed two new water fountains with bottle fills downstairs at the Bryant Youth Association.
- Adult Men's Basketball League is starting September 7. We have 18 teams signed up this year.
- We will be offering Youth Tennis lessons on Tuesdays starting September 16.
- We are backing up our inaugural Adult Women's Basketball League to begin on September 21 in order to attempt to recruit a few more teams to enter the league.
- Youth Volleyball registration is still open. Skills testing and draft is scheduled for September 16 and 18 and games will begin in October.
- Multiple pickleball leagues are open for registration and will start play at the beginning of October. Two ladder leagues will be played on Tuesday nights, a morning league at Bishop Park on Wednesdays and a King of the Court roulette league will be on Thursday evenings at Mills Park.