Bryant Parks Committee

Bryant Historical Museum - 200 SW 3rd St.

Date: July 08, 2025 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. June 10 Parks Committee Meeting

- Minutes-ParksCommittee-June2025.pdf

Associations / Club Reports

2. Bryant Historical Society Annual Report

Director's Report

3. Parks Monthly Summary

- Parks Directors Report - July25.pdf

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

Parks and Recreation

4. Land Donation for Ted Boswell Memorial Park

- TedBoswellParkProperty.pdf
- Boswell Land Dedication.pdf

Committee Comments

Adjournments

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
June 10, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Bishop Park Administration Building
6401 Boone Rd. Bryant, Arkansas

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Renee Curtis at 6:00 PM

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

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Grants Coordinator Rebecca Kidder, IT Support Technician Philip Plouch, CASC President Jim Anderson, City Councilman Jack Mosely and Gabrielle Harvey.

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1. **March 11 Parks Committee Meeting**

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

Associations/Club Reports

2. **Central Arkansas Soccer Club Annual Report**

Central Arkansas Soccer Club President Jim Anderson gives their annual report highlighting the history of the club as well as some of their current successes. The program currently includes 829 participants and continues to grow every year. He also addressed some of the challenges they are currently facing, predominantly spacing issues and the need for the long-term expansion at Midland Park.

Farmer asked about the long-term plans for Midland expansion; Cox explained that it is in the Master Plan to double the amount of fields at Midland, however currently there is no funding source for the capital project. D. Martin asked how close the Club is to reaching capacity, to which Anderson said they are very close. M. Martin also explained that the constraints are not just due to how many kids can be squeezed onto a field, but also the long-term damage that it does to the fields. Williams asked about the feasibility of turfing the fields to accommodate for the increased usage or if there are any other areas or projects in the city going on that could assist short-term with expanding soccer facilities. Cox addressed those questions and said that the Department and Club are always looking for ways to continue to provide space for CASC's continued growth.

Director's Report

3. **Parks Department Monthly Summary**

Cox presents the summary of actions and activities since the last Committee meeting and did give an update on the Splash Pad closure, explaining the issue has been resolved and the Splash Pad will open by the weekend.

Public Comments

Gabrielle Harvey expressed her enjoyment playing pickleball at The Center and commended Parks Program Coordinator Hunter Bolin for the league.

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

4. **Energy Savings Performance Contracting Grant**

Grants Coordinator Rebecca Kidder introduces a plan to apply for a 50-50 matching grant for building efficiency improvements, including HVAC and LED lighting. She said that we are currently waiting on pricing and will come back to the Parks Committee once there is an actual dollar amount tied to these projects. Cox also informed the committee that the equipment we are looking at replacing with this grant is equipment that is expected to reach its lifespan in the next couple of years and have to be replaced regardless.

5. **Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program**

Kidder asks for support in applying for two projects with the Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program. The first project would be for parking lot lighting at Bishop Park. The second would be to ask for field lighting at Alcoa 40 Park on the Lacrosse Field and both softball fields. Both projects are independent of one another and they are 80-20 matches so at the most the city would only be responsible for 20% of the cost of both projects. Cox assures the committee that both of these projects are high priority in the Parks Master Plan.

Motion to recommend both grant applications by D. Martin, seconded by Benning. Motion passes.

6. **Request to change the location for the July Parks Committee Meeting**

Cox asks for a motion to suspend the bylaws for the July Parks Committee Meeting to the Bryant Museum. The Bryant Historical Society will be giving their annual report to the committee at that meeting and would like to open the museum beforehand for anyone that would like to come and tour the facility.

Motion to suspend the bylaws and host the July Parks Committee Meeting at the Bryant Museum by Moore, seconded by Benning. Motion passes.

Committee Comments

There were no Committee Comments

Adjournment

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

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- The Joyce Boswell Courts at Mills Park were used by Bryant High School Tennis twice a week in June while their courts on campus are under construction.
- Youth Archery Lessons ran on Tuesday evenings for the month of June. The inaugural program had 11 participants and taught beginners and experienced shooters and was held in front of the Bishop Park Pavilion.
- Summer swim lessons started at Mills Park Pool on June 2nd; along with classes held at Bishop Park Aquatic Center there were 203 participants in group swim lessons in June.
- A lifeguard certification course was held on June 3rd-9th. 6 new lifeguards were trained and certified.
- Bishop Park Baseball Complex hosted a Bryant Hornet Baseball Camp on June 4 - June 5.
- Hosted 2D State baseball tournament on June 6 - 8 at Bishop Park Baseball Complex.
- Hosted USA Recreational State softball tournament on June 7 at Bishop Park Softball Complex.
- A lifeguard in-service was held at Mills Park Pool on June 8th, focusing on "on the spot" rescues.
- The Bishop Park Splash Pad opened on June 10th after the maintenance team repaired the underground leak that delayed opening.
- The Bryant Youth Association began using our aquatics facilities on June 10th; Kindergarten going to the Splash Pad, 1st & 2nd graders to Mills Pool and 3rd-5th graders going to Bishop Pool. We are continuing our free swim lessons to the 1st-5th graders again this Summer.
- The BASS team competed in AAU All-Star Invite in Texarkana on June 13 - 15, finishing 2nd out of 15 teams.
- The Barracudas Swim Team continued practicing at Bishop Park Aquatic Center and held a swim meet on June 14th with approximately 60 swimmers.
- Youth Tennis Camp ran from June 16th to June 19th at the Joyce Boswell Tennis Courts at Mills Park. We had 25 participants ages 5 to 18.
- The Cal Ripken Baseball State Tournament was held on June 20 - 22 at the Bishop Park Baseball Complex.
- Hosted a Hoop Play Basketball Tournament on June 21 - 22 at The Center Gymnasium.

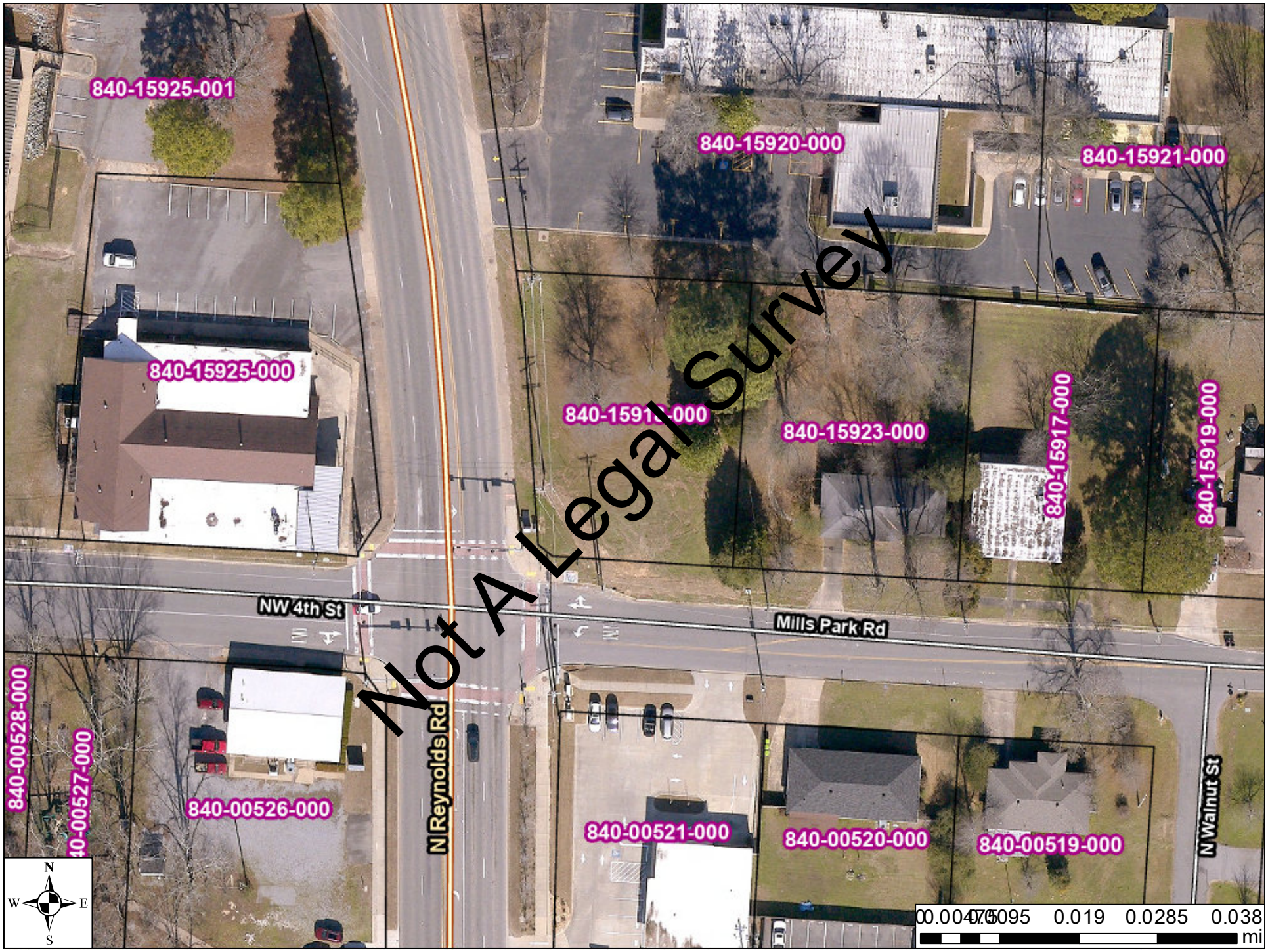
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- The BASS team was represented by 7 swimmers at the AAU Arkansas State Championships in El Dorado on June 27 - 29. The team finished 4th out of 14 and had 3 swimmers; Anson Nog, Jagger Mercing and Dalia Bird, who won High Point for their age group making them 2025 AAU state champions.
- Hosted USA Open Class State softball tournament on June 28 at Bishop Park Softball Complex.
- Hosted a Slammin Basketball Tournament on June 28 at The Center Gymnasium.
- The Bishop Park Aquatic Center and Mills Park pool hosted 28 party reservations in the month of June.
- The Center at Bishop Park hosted 21 party rentals in the month of June.
- Morning Pickleball Ladder League is currently being held on Monday mornings in the Center Gymnasium and has 50 participants.
- Beginners Pickleball Ladder League is currently being held at Mills Park and has 20 participants.
- Advanced Pickleball Ladder League is currently being held at Mills Park and has 35 participants.
- The BASS team will be attending the Junior Olympics representing Team Arkansas in Houston, July 21 - 27. Sixteen swimmers qualified and will be competing in the event.
- Replaced HVAC split system unit in Aquatic Center bathhouse.
- Spread new gravel into Mills Playground parking lot to cut down on the dirt/mud areas that had become problematic after rains.
- Continuing to rebuild fields A1, B1, C4, D2 and D3 at Bishop Park. This includes adding clay to the low spots and then leveling with SAF coat. This will have to be done multiple times after settling occurs before the fields will be back to the resiliency they were before the flood in April. We are also still working on fencing repairs on these fields.

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- Registration is open for Intro to Adult Tennis at the Joyce Boswell Courts at Mills Park that will take place July 10 - August 14th.
- Registration is open for Nintendo Switch Bowling league that will take place at The Center July 9 - July 31.
- Registration is open for Youth Basketball Camps that will take place throughout the Summer at The Center.
- Registration is open for Youth Archery Lessons that will take place throughout the Summer at Bishop Park.
- Registration is open for beginner pickleball lessons at The Center that will take place August 8th-29th.
- Registration is open for the Men's basketball league at The Center that will take place Sept 2nd-Nov 7th.
- Registration is open for Summer Swim lessons at Bishop and Mills pools.

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DEDICATION DEED

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT I, Joyce Boswell, Joyce Boswell Revocable Trust, unmarried and surviving spouse of Ted Boswell, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar ($1.00), cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby dedicate unto the City of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, the following lands for the use and benefit for the public, as a park, lying in the County of Saline, State of Arkansas, to-wit:

> All that part of the NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 34, Township 1 South, Range 14 West, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Block 4, Town of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, thence North 60.0 feet to a cotton picker spindle in the intersection of the North Right of Way line of Mills Park Road (formerly North 4th Street) and the East Right of Way line of Arkansas State Highway Number 183, and the point of beginning, thence North 17 deg. 21 min. 30 sec. West along said State Highway Right of Way line 161.982 feet to a rebar, thence North 12 deg. 43 min. 31 sec. West along said State Highway right of way line 5.04 feet to a rebar, thence North 89 deg. 38 min. 56 sec. East, leaving said Road 148.88 feet to a rebar, said rebar being the northwest corner of Eugene W. Cady and Mary W. Cady land as shown in Warranty Deed Book 91, Page 144, thence South 00 deg. 37 min. 54 sec. West along a line common with the West line of said Cady land 150.613 feet to a rebar in the North right of way line of Mills Park Road, thence North 90 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. West along said Mills Park Road right of way line 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to restrictions, covenants and easements, if any, as shown of public record.

This property to be used for and named Ted Boswell Memorial Park.

To have and to hold unto the same unto the said City of Bryant, Arkansas, for the uses and purposes herein mentioned and set forth.

WITNESS my hand this 8th day of May, 2025.

Joyce Boswell

Joyce Boswell

ACCEPTED:

By Resolution of the City Council of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, this ___ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS

BY _____

Mayor

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

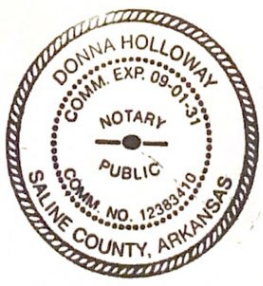
STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF SALINE

On this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and acting within and for the County and State aforesaid, Joyce Boswell, to me well known or satisfactorily proven to be the persons whose name appears in the foregoing Deed, and stated that she had executed the same for the consideration, uses, and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal on this 8th day of May, 2025.

(SEAL)



Donna Holloway

Notary Public

I certify under penalty of false swearing that
at least the legally correct amount of documentary
stamps have been placed on this instrument. Exempt or
no consideration paid if none shown.

GRANTEE or AGENT _____

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS _____