Bryant Parks Committee

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room

Date: March 11, 2025 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. February 11 Parks Committee Meeting

- Minutes-ParksCommittee-February2025 (1).pdf

Associations / Club Reports

2. Bryant Youth Association

Director's Report

3. Parks Department Monthly Summary

- Parks Directors Report - March.pdf

4. Tour of Parks

Public Comments

Old Business

Parks and Recreation

5. CPRG Grant

- City of Bryant.CPRG Map.pdf

New Business

Committee Comments

Adjournments

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
February 11, 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, Jennifer Benning, Lynn Farmer, Drew Martin, Chera Moore, Tony Williams and Jason Whittington.

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Mayor Chris Treat, Grants Coordinator Rebecca Kidder, IT Support Technician Philip Plouch, City Councilman Jack Mosely and Adam Baker with Salt County Lacrosse.

Approval of Minutes

1. **December 10 Parks Committee Meeting**

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

Presentations and Announcements

2. **City of Bryant Strategic Plan**

Mayor Treat presents his 2025-2026 Strategic Plan. In May 2024, Mayor Treat embarked on a citywide listening tour, meeting with community leaders, employees and council members to determine the needs of the city over the next 3-5 years. The Plan is broken down into four Pillars: Vision, Leadership, Problem Solving and Economic Development. Mayor Treat gives a brief overview of the four pillars and asks for any questions or feedback from the Committee.

3. **2024 ATA Field of the Year**

Martin announces that Bryant Parks Department has received the Arkansas Turf Association 2024 Field of the Year award for the Campbell Lacrosse Field at Alcoa 40 Park. He gives a special thanks to Adam Baker and Salt County Lacrosse for their partnership and efforts in the transformation of the field.

Associations/Club Reports

There were no Association/Club Reports

Director's Report

4. **Parks January Summary**

Cox presents the summary of actions and activities from January, highlighting multiple staff members that attended conferences and training from the grounds and aquatics teams during their slower time of year. He also gives updates on the ongoing advertising plan, upgrades that were made for additional parking at Midland Park and multiple maintenance issues at Aquatics.

Drew Martin asks for an update on the Mills pool cover. Matt Martin informs the committee that the cover will not be installed this offseason due to it being almost time to reopen the pool but once it is ready we will confirm that it fits and the contractor will be responsible for installing next Fall.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

5. **Parks Committee Bylaws Update**

Cox brings an updated version of the Committee Bylaws with a corrected location for regular meetings. He asks for a motion to approve the updated version of the Bylaws.

Motion to approve by Whittington, seconded by Farmer. Motion passes.

New Business

6. **Metroplan Climate Pollution Reduction Grant**

Kidder asks the Committee to approve the application for a streetlight conversion grant to upgrade the lights in the Center and Aquatic Center parking lot at Bishop Park. She explains that the grant is for 100% funding if approved and requires no match from the city.

Motion to approve by Martin, seconded by Moore. Motion passes.

Committee Comments

There were no Committee Comments

Adjournment

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

Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
March 2025

- Youth Basketball League continued games at The Center, Hurricane Creek Elementary and Bryant Middle School. Regular season ended March 1st and tournament play ended on March 8th.
- Pickleball Power Morning League continues.
- Bryant Aquatic Center hosted a Bryant High School swim and dive meet on February 6. We had approximately 140 swimmers competing from ten different schools.
- BASS Swim Team participated in a Junior Olympic Qualifier meet on February 14-15. They finished 2nd overall and the boys team finished 1st out of 9 teams. All 14 BASS swimmers that participated qualified for the summer Junior Olympics in Houston.
- Hosted a Lifeguard Recertification and Lifeguard Instructor Recertification class was held on February 22.
- An Aquatics Facility Operator class was held on February 25-26 with 7 attendees from around the state.
- A new Lochinvar water heater was installed for the Bishop lap pool. We are currently installing an identical heater for the therapy pool.
- Replaced a mini-split AC unit in the aquatics storage room.
- Installed super soil and re-seeded problem areas on Midland Park soccer fields
- Replaced the fencing at the front of Midland park. Leveled the fence to the new additional parking area.
- Re-installed a water fountain at Midland Park once temperatures allowed
- Opened all outdoor restrooms for Spring season.
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- Installed outdoor AED cabinet and AED at Alcoa 40 Park Pavilion.
- Currently working with JF Media on a comprehensive Advertising Plan that will be implemented this year.
- Received bids for natatorium dehumidification system replacement and awarded project. Currently working through contract details but work is still on schedule for this Summer.
- Registration is now open for spring break swim lessons, March 24th-28th.
- Registration is now open for the lifeguard certification course, March 24th-28th.
- Registration is now open for youth volleyball lessons with impact certified coach, Aubry Brandon. 2nd-6th grades beginning April 1st.
- Registration is now open for garden plots in the community garden. Spaces are limited.

CPRG - City of Bryant: Mills Park Expansion & Conservation Map

