Bryant Parks Committee

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room

Date: July 09, 2024 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. June 11 Parks Committee Meeting

- Minutes-ParksCommittee-June2024 (1).pdf

Associations / Club Reports

Director's Report

2. Bryant Parks and Recreation Mid-Year Report - **Presented by Keith Cox, Director of Parks and Recreation**

3. Parks June Summary

- Parks Directors Report - July.pdf

Public Comments

Old Business

Parks and Recreation

4. Basketball Sub-Committee Update - **Presented by Lynn Farmer, Basketball Sub-Committee**

5. Cover for Mills Park Pool

New Business

Parks and Recreation

6. Lacrosse Concessions Container

Requesting approval to install Modified Storage Container at Alcoa 40 Park

- Lacrosse Concession Container.pdf

7. Salt County Lacrosse Program Agreement

Requesting recommendation to City Council for approval of a 5-year joint use agreement with Salt County Lacrosse at Alcoa 40 Park

- SCLax Use Agreement 2025 (3).pdf

Committee Comments

Adjournments

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
June 11, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Bishop Park Administration Building
6401 Boone Rd. Bryant, Arkansas

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Richard McKeown at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Richard McKeown, Cody Crist, Renee Curtis, Lynn Farmer, Amanda Jolly, Drew Martin, Jason Whittington

Committee Members Absent - Jennifer Benning

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Systems Administrator Brendan Fontenot, Grounds & Maintenance Superintendent Matt Martin, Community Development Interim Director Colton Leonard and Jeff Hall with Central Arkansas Soccer Club.

Approval of Minutes

1. **March 14 Regular Parks Committee Meeting**

Motion to approve by Crist, seconded by Jolly. Motion carried.

Associations/Club Reports

2. **Central Arkansas Soccer Club**

Jeff Hall, President of Central Arkansas Soccer Club, gives the club's annual report. The Club offers three levels of programming and has seen substantial growth the last two years, increasing by over 20% since 2021. Jeff showed appreciation for the Parks Department for the quality of the fields at Midland Park and also Everett Buick GMC for allowing them the ability to offer $10,000 in financial aid for participants this past year. Spacing is their biggest challenge currently as they have outgrown the four fields at Midland Park.

Director's Report

3. **Parks May Summary**

Cox presents the May Summary of actions and accomplishments for the Parks Department and highlights a few items from that list. Cox specifically highlights the baseball tournament that was held Memorial Day weekend. In the days leading up to that event, Bishop Park faced a significant amount of rainfall that led to the baseball complex being flooded in the early morning of Saturday, May 25. Starting at Noon that same day, tournament games began play under exceptional field conditions. Bryant Parks has had a reputation in the past for not holding up under wet conditions due to the flooding of the Park, but this year Bishop Park has been able to play on multiple occasions when other neighboring parks have had to cancel due to weather.

Cox, as well as multiple members of the Committee and Jeff Hall with CAS, credits Grounds & Maintenance Superintendent Matt Martin and his crew for the incredible work they have done to make Bishop Park among the best natural surface parks in the state.

Public Comments

Old Business

4. **Basketball Sub-Committee Update**

Cody Crist updated the Committee that the sub-committee had an initial meeting on Monday, June 3 with all members present and would be meeting again the first Tuesday in July.

5. **Cover for Mills Park Pool**

Cox says that a quote to install a cover for Mills Park pool has been received but they are still waiting on other quotes. It is decided to not make a motion this month and to bring it back with other quotes in July.

New Business

6. **Sponsorship/Advertising**

McKeown leads a discussion over Parks current sponsorship/advertising opportunities and potential growth opportunities. There is an interest in finding more revenue generating opportunities in the Parks and discussions will be continuing.

7. **Master Transportation Plan**

Colton Leonard presents the Bryant Master Transportation Plan, named the Walk, Bike, Drive Plan, with a focus on the long-term bike/pedestrian plan for the city. The plan was adopted in 2017 and at the time the city had 2.7 miles of trails and 1.8 miles of bike lanes. Currently the city has 7.4 miles of trails, 3 miles of bike lanes and another 8.2 miles under engineering and design. Trails were a high priority on the Parks Master Plan surveys and currently there are conversations happening with the Planning Commission on potential changes to the way these trails are funded.

Committee Comments

Crist asks for a status update on the ARDot grant for the sidewalk lighting at Bishop Park. Cox informs that the application has been submitted but it will be the end of the year before we know if we have received the grant.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Curtis, seconded by Crist. Motion carried.

Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
July 2024

The following actions took place during the month of June:

- Started Summer Swim Lessons with the Bryant Youth Association. This year we have 290 children with the following percent being considered "Water Competent" from the first week to the end of June:
    - 1st Graders: 2% to 16%
    - 2nd Graders: 35% to 45%
    - 3rd Graders: 50% to 63%
    - 4th Graders: 45% to 66%
    - 5th Graders: 84% to 86%
- Started Junior Lifeguarding skills with thirteen 5th Graders from BYA Summer Program.
- 230 Participants enrolled in Group or Private Swim Lessons in June.
- Began work on upgrading A/V capabilities in the Center upstairs meeting rooms.
- Mills Park Storywalk was completed and, in partnership with Saline County Library, the first book was installed. Books will be changed out approximately every 6 weeks.
- Central Arkansas Mens Baseball League began its season on Bishop "B" Complex fields on Monday nights.
- USA Softball hosted their 12U All-American Tryouts at Bishop Park.
- Central Arkansas Soccer began their Summer 3v3 season along with skills and drills camps at Midland Park.
- Salt County Lacrosse held youth lacrosse camps at Alcoa 40 Park.
- Began work on the large common area at Alcoa 40 Park in coordination with Salt County Lacrosse for the future site of youth lacrosse fields.
- New Benches added to Dog Park at Alcoa 40 Park.
- Bishop Park hosted the following large events:
    - **June 1st** - Woofstock Festival by Leadership Saline. The festival raised over $20,000 for the Saline County Humane Society and also saw a dozen animals adopted on site and administered 71 microchips free of charge.

- **June 1-2** - Nick Smith Sr. Exposure Basketball Tournament with 2,200 visitors coming from Arkansas and Texas.
- **June 7-9** - 2D Sports State Baseball Tournament with 5,000 visitors coming from Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri and Georgia.
- **June 8** - USA State Softball Tournament with 1,000 visitors coming from Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee.
- **June 8** - Saline County Barracudas Swim Meet.
- **June 15-16** - P2A Baseball Tournament with 1,200 visitors from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Tennessee.
- **June 15-16** - USA State Softball Tournament with 3,200 visitors from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Missouri.
- **June 22** - Hoop Play Basketball Tournament.
- **June 22-23** - USSSA Baseball Tournament.
- **June 29** - Slammin Hoops Basketball Tournament with 1,600 visitors from Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Kansas, Texas and North Carolina.
- **June 29** - FASA Softball Tournament with 2,400 visitors from Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Florida, California and Missouri.
- **July 29** - Barracudas Swim Meet with 500 visitors from Arkansas and Tennessee.


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Bryant Parks and Recreation Department
2025 Program Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on _____, 2024 by and between the CITY OF BRYANT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, doing business at 6401 Boone Road, Bryant, Arkansas (hereinafter called "THE CITY"), and Salt County Lacrosse, doing business at 6025 Lodestone Dr. Alexander, AR 72002 (hereinafter called "SCLAX").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, THE CITY maintains property at Alcoa 40 Park in Bryant, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the use of said property for the purpose of the Salt County Lacrosse program has been considered the best use of this property for recreational purposes and to better service the citizens of Bryant, Arkansas.

WHEREAS, THE CITY provides and maintains certain recreational facilities for programs and parks in Bryant, and

WHEREAS, Salt County Lacrosse provides program administration and operations of the lacrosse program in Bryant,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual covenants and promises set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

THE CITY agrees to grant use of the Alcoa 40 Lacrosse Field between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2029 as outlined here to SCLAX for the operation of Salt County Lacrosse Teams.

Named property will be used by SCLAX for practices on the dates and times listed on the schedules provided to THE DEPARTMENT.

The general conditions of this program agreement will be:

1. SCLAX will operate programs in accordance with nondiscrimination requirements of *Title VI* of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.
2. It is further agreed that program personnel must adhere to all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that apply to a particular program.
3. Program personnel and participants agree to abide by all Federal, State, and Local laws in addition to the policies of THE CITY pertaining to parks and facilities.
4. It is understood that THE CITY will not be liable for any injuries incurred by participants who are participating in activities on or in THE DEPARTMENT Facility. SCLAX shall indemnify and hold the City of Bryant, its departments and all of its employees harmless against losses, claims, causes of action and liabilities on account of damage to property or injury to or death of persons arising out of negligent acts by SCLAX, its agents, employees, or program participants.
5. It is agreed that the named facility, area, or property may not be assigned, subleased, rented, reserved or loaned to any other group, business, individual, or entity by SCLAX without prior approval by THE CITY.

6. No permanent alterations, changes, or modifications to change the intended use may be made to facilities by SCLAX, without first receiving written approval from THE CITY. SCLAX must submit a detailed request in writing to THE CITY'S Park Department (hereinafter, "THE DEPARTMENT").
7. SCLAX assumes full responsibility and liability for damage caused by participants of their programs. Any damage caused will be fixed by SCLAX. If the repair is neglected for a long period of time THE CITY will make the necessary repairs and bill SCLAX.
8. SCLAX must inspect facilities prior to each use. If damage is discovered to equipment or a facility that poses an immediate hazard or danger, SCLAX must immediately notify THE DEPARTMENT. Damaged equipment or facilities that do not pose a danger or hazard should be discussed with THE DEPARTMENT. SCLAX must report any vandalism or theft to THE DEPARTMENT within 24 (twenty-four) hours or next business day. SCLAX is permitted to keep their equipment, supplies, etc. in the storage room at the restrooms and pavilion as space allows. THE DEPARTMENT will not be responsible for any costs associated with any damage or theft to equipment being housed at a Bryant park.
9. SCLAX will control all litter by picking up litter their program creates after each time the facility is used. The litter must be placed in the proper receptacle by SCLAX.
10. SCLAX and THE DEPARTMENT will submit contact person(s) for after business hours' emergencies.
11. At the request of THE DEPARTMENT, SCLAX will remove all their equipment at the completion of this agreement period.
12. SCLAX will insure that their employees or participants do not attempt to operate equipment belonging to THE CITY or THE DEPARTMENT.
13. SCLAX agrees to pay THE DEPARTMENT $1500 each year of this agreement to cover the cost of field maintenance, labor, utilities, and other materials as needed. This amount is due by January 31st of each year. This amount may be reassessed and may be increased if the total participation for SCLAX programs surpasses 100 participants during the duration of this agreement.
14. SCLAX will be responsible for lining and painting of the field(s).
15. The Parks Master Plan for Alcoa 40 Park includes multi-purpose fields adjacent to the Lacrosse Field. If those are built during the duration of this agreement, SCLAX will also be granted space on those fields under this agreement.
16. SCLAX and THE DEPARTMENT recognize the use of the facilities during the dates and times provided by SCLAX as part of their program and will give SCLAX first access to use of the facilities. However, SCLAX recognizes that the facilities are tax payer constructed facilities meant for the use of the citizens of Bryant, and as such will work with THE DEPARTMENT to provide a realistic schedule that maximizes SCLAX's use of the facilities while maximizing citizen access to the facilities.
17. THE DEPARTMENT agrees to the following specific conditions and assurances:
    A. Alcoa 40 Park Lacrosse field will be maintained on a regular schedule. Maintenance includes mowing and weedeating on and around the field(s). SCLAX agrees to assist with mowing of game field when able.
    B. THE DEPARTMENT will attempt to repair damage to facilities in a timely manner, according to repairs needed.
    C. Permanent improvements to facilities and fields will become property of THE CITY.

D. Non-permanent improvements will be retained by SCLAX.

THE CITY or SCLAX may amend this agreement by the mutual assent of both parties. If this agreement is amended, it will be written, signed by both parties stated and attached to this original agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in their behalf on SCLAX; and supersede any and/or all previous agreements, contracts, or leases.

City of Bryant,
A municipal Corporation,

_____, Mayor

Salt County Lacrosse Authorized Agent,

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