

**Bryant Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Chris Treat called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

In attendance: Andrea Hooten, Jay Lasey, Karla Eppinette, Joyce Boswell, Richard McKeown

Absent: Amanda Jolly, Tim Trusty, Lisa Meyer

Others: Chris Treat, Keith Cox, Spencer McCorkel, Cassie Henry-Saorrano, Derek Phillips, Rick Brown, Tiffany Lewis, Tricia Powers, Kirsty DeHan, Jared DeHan, Terri Davidson, Jon Davidson, Tanya Heavin, Pamela Scock, RJ Hawk

**2019 Chairperson**

Joyce Boswell nominated Amanda Jolly to serve as the 2019 Committee Chairperson, and was seconded by Jay Lasey. Motion passed with Andrea Hooten, Richard McKeown, Jay Lasey, Karla Eppinette, Joyce Boswell voting for and Trusty and Meyer voting against due to absence.

**Comments from the Public**

Tricia Powers, Animal Control Director, introduced the Dog Park Committee members. Powers discussed the future of the dog park and that it would be best for the Dog Park Committee to become a subcommittee within the Parks Committee. This would help in moving forward in building the dog park, since the parks department has taken the lead on the project.

Powers mentioned the official move of the Dog Park Committee will be presented on next month's agenda.

**Announcements**

Chris Treat introduced Richard McKeown, new committee member representing ward 2 in position 1.

**Approval of Minutes**

Hooten made a motion to approve the December 17, 2018 minutes, and was seconded by Eppinette. Motion passed with Andrea Hooten, Richard McKeown, Jay Lasey, Karla Eppinette, Joyce Boswell voting for, and Trusty and Meyer voting against due to absence.

**Associations or Club Reports**

Tiffany Lewis, with the Central Arkansas Soccer Club, discussed the issues with no lights at Midland due to a possible lightning strike.

McCorkel stated that a transformer at Midland is being replaced and this will allow the department to see what exactly is wrong with the lights at Midland.

Lewis stated that the club has been practicing at Alcoa Park and Lewis has expressed the awful sewer smell that is out at Alcoa. Lewis has also expressed that the fields at Midland Park are looking great.

Rick Brown with the Bryant Athletic Association stated that baseball as in the middle of registration and January 26<sup>th</sup> is the tryout date.

## **Director's Report**

Chris Treat updated the committee over a new fitness program The Center is offering, F.A.S.T. Fitness. Tyler Rollins, Assistant Center Superintendent, is the instructor. The class is a fully adapted strength training class that focuses on strength of mind, body and spirit for people with various physical disabilities.

Treat updated the committee regarding the Bryant Athletic Association use agreement.

Council tabled the BAA use agreement as well as the Central Arkansas Soccer Club use agreement. Treat discussed with the committee the reasoning behind the tabling of these agreements.

Treat stated that Council held a special workshop, last week, to not only discuss and understand the BAA use agreement, specifically how the BAA pertains to Ashley Park, but to also discuss a rental agreement with Maximum Impact. Council is searching for a compromise to be made with the BAA, and Maximum Impact, as the BAA use agreement gives them specific days at Ashley Park and Maximum Impact wants a 2019 rental agreement for Ashley Park.

The Committee discussed the use agreement as well as the state of Ashley Park.

Treat also stated that Josh Wheeler with Fleming, is reworking the bids for the TV's in The Center.

## **Finance Report**

The Committee reviewed the finance report.

## **Alcohol Permits**

None.

## **Old Business**

Chris Treat discussed the Mills Park sign.

Treat mentioned that the committee should consider upholding the previous committee's design for the sign.

The committee had a discussion regarding the Mills Park sign.

Boswell expressed to the committee the importance of uphold the previous committee's design decision.

Jay Lasey mentioned the signage in the parks in more about branding uniformity.

Hooten made a motion to bring in field experts and to develop a branding and marketing sub committee with Hooten as the Chair of the sub committee, and was seconded by Lasey. Motion passed with Andrea Hooten, Richard McKeown, Jay Lasey, Karla Eppinette, Joyce Boswell voting for and Trusty and Meyer voting against due to absence.

## **New Business**

The committee reviewed The Center's 2019 facility closures.

Hooten made a motion to accept The Center's 2019 facility closures and was seconded by Eppinette. Motion passed with Andrea Hooten, Richard McKeown, Jay Lasey, Karla Eppinette, Joyce Boswell voting for and Trusty and Meyer voting against due to absence.

## **Miscellaneous**

Jay Lasey mentioned that he was reading the UofA Study and pointed out the study mentioned the department needed to improve in non-athletic programing offerings.

## **Adjourn**

Boswell made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Hooten. Motion passed with Andrea Hooten, Richard McKeown, Jay Lasey, Karla Eppinette, Joyce Boswell voting for and Trusty and Meyer voting against due to absence.