

Bryant Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting MINUTES
February 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Lisa Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

In attendance: Amanda Jolly, Lisa Meyer, Joyce Boswell, Jay Lasey, Karla Eppinette, Andrea Hooten

Absent: Tim Trusty, RJ Hawk

Others: Christ Treat, Cassie Henry-Saorrone, Allen Scott, Keith Cox, Spencer McCorkel, Leewood Thomas, Tricia Power, Rick Brown, Derek Phillips. Mayor Jill Dabbs, Tiffany Lewis

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON 2018

Lisa Meyer nominated Amanda Jolly as the 2018 Chairperson for the Committee, and was seconded by Boswell. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Eppinette voting for, and Trusty and Hawk voting against due to absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Treat introduced the new Parks Committee members, Jay Lasey, Andrea Hooten, Karla Eppinette, and RJ Hawk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meyer made a motion to approve the December 11, 2017 minutes, and was seconded by Boswell. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Eppinette voting for, and Trusty and Hawk voting against due to absence.

ASSOCIATIONS OR CLUB REPORTS

Tiffany Lewis, the Vice President for the Central Arkansas Soccer Club, spoke on behalf of the Board regarding concerns they have for Midland Park. The talk about repurposing the playground equipment from Mills Park, has the Board concerned as they do not want the equipment at Midland Park, as it will create another element to have to worry about. Lewis mentioned there are other things at Midland Park that need to be addressed such as parking, and ensuring gates can lock properly.

Derek Philips, with the Boys and Girls Club, extended an invitation to the Parks Committee to have next month's meeting at the Boys and Girls Club.

Treat suggested this be more of a reception type thing, prior to the Parks Committee meeting, and allow people from the community to come.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Treat gave committee members a handout on the Mills Park playground schedule of demolition and construction. If weather delays construction with the play area, then it is very possible that the bathrooms and play area will finish at the same time.

Treat also stated that the grounds and maintenance building and offices should start in April and be done in June.

Treat also mentioned that the proposed parking lot at Bishop Park is currently being surveyed, by Vernon Williams, to see what could be done about the drainage.

Treat also reported that The Center renovation is looking at happening from July-November.

Treat also reported that the beginning of the year membership sale went well. There was also a promotion for Bryant School District employees to sign up and receive 30% off.

Finance Report

Meyer inquired why Mills was planned down. Cox reported that in 2016, that line was bumped up and the department did not make the 2017-budgeted amount. The 2018 budget for Mills is based on 2017 actuals.

ALCOHOL PERMIT

Meyer made a motion to approve the permit for alcohol for a Bridal Party, on 05/19/18 at The Center, and was seconded by Boswell. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Epinettee voting for, and Trusty and Hawk voting against due to absence.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Leewood Thomas showed the committee a video of the playground equipment at Mills Park, and where it can be repurposed to at Debswood Park. Eppinette stated that she would be interested in seeing some of that equipment repurposed to Springhill as well. The Committee tabled the discussion until there was a definite answer as to what equipment at Mills would actually be able to be repurposed.

The committee reviewed the 2018 facility closures for The Center. Hooten made a motion to approve The Center's 2018 facility closures for March 19-23, April 1, May 28, July 4, September 4, November 22, December 24-25, December 31, and January 1, 2019, and was seconded by Meyer. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Epinettee voting for, and Trusty and Hawk voting against due to absence.

Cox discussed how the current 2018 budget does not include capital expenses. Cox explained how the aquatics facility is in need of new lane ropes, due to one breaking during a high school swim meet, as well as two dolphins, which clean the bottom of the pools and currently do not work. Cox also discussed the need for new touchpads for the aquatics facility. The touchpads are used during meets and the current ones cut in and out.

The basketball courts were also discussed. Court 1 was done during the Christmas break in 2017. The other two courts have an opportunity to get refurbished during spring break, which will save the department \$4,000, since the company that will be coming in to do the job has offered a discount if the department did it during their off season. Cox also discussed the need for court covers as the covers will help in keeping the courts from getting scratched and stained during any events that take place on the courts.

Meyer made a motion to send all the aquatics expenses, \$12030.00, as well as the basketball courts and covers, \$59,500, to Council, and was seconded by Boswell. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Epinettee voting for, and Trusty and Hawk voting against due to absence.

McCorkel discussed the need to clean the air ducts during the 2018 year. Since The Center will be going through a remodel during the summer months, McCorkel would like the Air Ducts to be thoroughly

cleaned once the remodel is finished. The cost to clean the uppers and lowers will cost around \$11,300.

Meyer made a motion to send the air duct cleaning to Council for funding, and was seconded by Hooten. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Epinettee voting for, and Trusty and Hawk voting against due to absence.

McCorkel also discussed the need for new backstop netting for the c-complex. The department is still in the process of trying to receive multiple quotes, but McCorkel believes the cost will run around \$17,000.

Meyer made a motion to send the backstop netting for the c-complex to Council and was seconded by Boswell. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Epinettee voting for, and Trusty and Hawk voting against due to absence

MISCELLANEOUS

Thomas gave a presentation to the committee regarding repurposing the disc golf baskets to Mills Park. Thomas had a lay out of what the course at Mills Park could potentially look like. It would be a beginner friendly course and would be low cost since the Parks department has 9 baskets that are currently not being used.

Tricia Powers, Department Head for Animal Control, came in and introduced the new committee members for the Dog Park.

McCorkel gave an update to the committee regarding a new recreation management program that the department is looking at moving forward with. The department currently uses a program called ActiveNet, and is looking to switch to CivicRec, which will go hand in hand with the City's website, since it is ran by the same company. McCorkel mentioned that Cabot is making the same switch, so he plans to reach out to them to set up a meeting. McCorkel mentioned that it would cost \$4,200 to sever from Activenet, however the department has the opportunity to have a lower processing fee by switching.

ADJOURN

Meyer made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Boswell. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Epinettee voting for, and Trusty and Hawk voting against due to absence.