



Bryant Parks Committee

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room

Date: May 14, 2024 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- 1. March 12 Parks Committee Meeting**
 - [Minutes-ParksCommittee-March2024.pdf](#)
- 2. April 23 Parks Committee Special Meeting**
 - [Minutes-ParksCommitteeSpecial-April2024.pdf](#)

Associations / Club Reports

Director's Report

- 3. Parks April Summary**
 - [Parks Directors Report - May \(1\).pdf](#)
- 4. Youth Basketball Report - Presented by Ebonee Scott**

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

Parks and Recreation

5. Creation of Basketball Sustainability Special Sub-Committee

Request the formation of a special sub-committee with 3 members of Parks Committee that will work with the Parks Director and Center Superintendent to explore opportunities for the sustainability of the youth basketball league including, but not limited to, gym space.

6. Equipment to be sold on GovDeals

A request to sell the attached equipment that is no longer being used on GovDeals.

- [Equipment to Sell - Sheet1.pdf](#)

7. Pickleball Courts

Discussion regarding the current operations of pickleball courts and potential changes including, but not limited to, reservations and additional lining.

8. Lacrosse Field Dedication

The City of Bryant would like to dedicate the field at Alcoa 40 Park to be named the Campbell Lacrosse Field, home of Salt County Lacrosse. Salt County Lacrosse, along with Campbell Automotive has contributed over \$25,000 and over 200 volunteer hours since 2023 on the field and this would make Bryant the home of the first dedicated Lacrosse field in the state of Arkansas.

9. ArDOT TAP Grant

The City of Bryant would like to apply for the ArDOT TAP Grant to assist with funding the lighting of sidewalks at Bishop Park. The lack of lighting in Bishop Park is currently a major safety concern and adding lighting to these sidewalks would assist substantially.

Committee Comments

Adjournments

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
March 12, 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 - Cody Crist, Amanda Jolly, Drew Martin, Richard McKeown and Jason Whittington

Committee Members Absent - Renee Curtis, Lynn Farmer

Others Present - Parks Director and Mayor-Elect Chris Treat, Parks Assistant Director Keith Cox, Systems Administrator Brandon Fontenot, Parks Aquatics Superintendent Kristin Robinson and Council Member Jack Moseley

McKeown congratulates Chris Treat for being elected as the next Mayor of Bryant and recognizes all candidates for the courage that it takes to run for public office.

Approval of Minutes - February 13 Parks Committee Meeting

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

Associations/Club Reports

Director's Report

Treat shows his appreciation to the Parks Committee for everything that he and the Parks Department has accomplished during his time as Parks Director, he credits everyone for allowing him the "credibility" to run and ultimately being elected Mayor. He talks briefly about his vision for the city and his excitement for the future of the Department with the staff that is currently in place under the impending Master Plan.

Treat and Cox ask for a small group to help look over the Master Plan rough draft to assist with any necessary edits before the Committee/Council workshop. Multiple committee members offer to look it over and assist with edits. The workshop will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled Parks Committee meeting on April 9.

Public Comments

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New Business

Cox introduces Aquatics Superintendent Kristin Robinson to discuss the need to resurface Mills Pool. Robinson explains how the surface breaks down over time and the safety concerns associated with that. A request was made to contract BlueWater Pools to make these repairs. Crist also requested the Department to investigate a cover for Mills Pool to protect the investment.

Motion to request Council to approve funding to resurface and invest in a cover for Mills Park Pool by Crist, seconded by Jolly. Motion passed.

Committee Comments

Crist speaks on the Youth Basketball League after another highly successful season. He gives thanks to Center Superintendent Ebonee Scott for directing the league, as well as, administrators and teachers for Bryant School District for opening their gyms in order to keep the league sustainable.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jolly, seconded by Whittington. Motion carried.

Bryant Parks Committee Special Meeting

April 23, 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 - Jennifer Benning, Renee Curtis, Amanda Jolly, Drew Martin, Richard McKeown and Jason Whittington

Committee Members Absent - Cody Crist, Lynn Farmer

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Systems Administrator Brandon Fontenot, Bryant Mayor Chris Treat and Council Member Jack Moseley

Old Business - Parks Master Plan Recommendation for Council Adoption

McKeown gives a quick recap of Master Plan history and reason for the meeting. Cox describes the first priorities of the Master Plan. Discussion ensues regarding potential funding sources for the Master Plan.

Motion to recommend Master Plan adoption to City Council by Curtis, seconded by Jolly. Motion passed. Martin abstained due to a potential conflict of interest.

New Business

Adjournment

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

Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
May 2024

The following took place during the month of April:

- Parks Master Plan was completed, endorsed by the Parks Committee and adopted by City Council.
- Bishop Park hosted Salem Elementary Fishing Derby on April 6.
- Prepared, monitored and managed cleanup for all parks during the Solar Eclipse on April 8.
- Bishop Park hosted a 2D Sports baseball tournament on April 13-14.
- Bishop Park hosted a USA softball tournament on April 27. Many neighboring sites were unable to play that day due to heavy rainfall the night before; we not only played but started on time.
- Mills Pool Replaster project completed and Mills Pool will be opening on schedule Memorial Day weekend.
- We have sold 150 preseason passes to Mills Pool, nearly doubling last year's number at this time.
- New lane ropes installed at Bishop Park lap pool.
- Certified 4 new Lifeguard Instructors, 2 of which work in our facility.
- We only have 4 spots remaining available at the Bishop Park Community garden and most plots are already growing.
- We had 37 pavilion rentals at Mills Park, Ashley Park and Bishop Park pavilions, generating over \$1100 in revenue.
- Installed posts on Mills trail for a storywalk in partnership with Saline County Library.
- Made improvements to the rain garden at Mills playground.

Equipment Description	Reason for sending to Auction
06 Chevy Silverado	Possibly Blown Head Gasket. Replaced with truck from Public Works last year.
60" Zero Turn Mower	Needs major mechanical fix, costly. Replaced with 72" Diesel Kubota a couple years ago.
Toro Groundmaster Mower	No longer able to keep up with workload. Replaced with 100" Toro to cut fields.
John Deer Gator	Currently not running. Didn't run well when it did. Replaced with Kubota Side x Side a couple years ago.
6 Wheel Diesel Cart	PD gave it to us over 10 years ago. Doesn't run.
Ford Tractor	Replaced with New Holland in 2018.
Genie Lift	Too large for Parks needs. Former police chief brought it back from an auction years ago and has never been used.
Bobcat Skidsteer	Older foot operated skidsteer. Has had constant mechanical issues deeming it practically unusable.
Welder/Generator	Quit generating power. Replaced with smaller, portable wire welder and portable generator.
3-point Aerifier	Old and worn out. Replaced by aeravator attachment on Ventrac.
6' x 14' utility trailer	Has some mechanical damage and there are no places to tie down equipment. Replaced in 2022 with longer utility trailer.
Wood Chipper	Doesn't get used.
Tiller	Gear box is no longer functional and it is worn out.