



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2019 – 5:00 pm  
Downtown Activity Center – 215 SW A Street**

## **Agenda**

### **Old Business**

1. Approval of Minutes from February Meeting

### **New Business**

1. Public Art Approval – Memorial Park Basketball Courts
2. Project Updates Timelines–Quilt of Parks Master Plan and Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan
3. Bentonville Half Marathon Update

### **Other Business**

#### *Attachments:*

#### *Upcoming Events*

*February 2019 PRAB Minutes*

*2019 Capital Improvement Worksheet – March 2019*

*Memorial Park Court Designs*

*Memorial Park Court Design Application*

APPROVED



## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Monday, February 4, 2019

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:01 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:54 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Downtown Activities Center – 215 SW A Street

**Attending Board Members:** Chris Sooter      Justin Hundley      Mike Power  
Cortney Carlson      Dan Grover      Michelle Malashock  
Steven George      Craig Gilbert      Whitney Sutherland

**Attending Staff Members:** David Wright      Crant Osborne      Lee Farmer  
Tracy Acosta

**Other:** Mayor Stephanie Orman

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### Old Business

#### *Approval of January 7, 2019 Minutes*

Motion to Approve by:      Mike Power  
Seconded the Motion:      Steven George

### New Business

#### *Discussion with Mayor Orman*

David Wright introduced Mayor Stephanie Orman. The committee was given the opportunity to ask the Mayor questions and/or share their concerns. The committee wanted to know what Mayor Orman thought specifically of the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor Orman shared with the committee she supports us as a department, as well as wants to do what is best for the community. The Mayor relies on David for the vision of the department. David added information regarding the Bike and Pedestrian Masterplan as well as the Looped Trail system grant being finalized around May 1, 2019. These two projects will allow us as a department to start making progress toward west Bentonville. *We are moving people, not cars; for a better quality of life*, stated David Wright. The lighting of the current trail system was also discussed. The trails are open from sunrise to sunset. The department needs to discuss how this project should be handled.

The Mayor shared with the board members, she has had many requests for ball fields to be added to the southwest part of town. The Mayor was asked about future opportunities and the design plans of the Downtown Square. David shared information of the Quilt of Parks project and how this will help with this distribution of people and traffic for events.

The resident and non-resident fees of memberships through Parks and Recreation were discussed. The Mayor supports the decision of these fees at this time with the right to evaluate at the end of the year. Legal Council has advised the department not to allow discounts for coaches and multiple children. The complaints of the adjustments to fees have dropped considerably to date. The department will be able to give registration numbers in mid-June to determine if the fee adjustments effected our enrollments. Mike Power thanked David and his team for all the hard work that went into the fee adjustments and transition.

We have taken ownership of the McCollum property in the last 45 days. We are currently working with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department as how to handle the right of way area.

The parking lot construction at Bella Vista Lake has to take place despite what decision is made on the property. Grant money is being used to repair the parking lot and bridge.

#### *Annual Report Presentation*

The 2018 Annual Report final draft was presented to the board members tonight. This is the boards report to the citizens which includes financials, capital projects, events and program information. This information is posted and advertised throughout the year on social media as well as our website. During the current year, David and Lee will review staffing and contract labor to keep us true to our mission of the department. The board approved this report with the right to suggest changes within 24 hours.

Motion to Approve by:      Mike Power  
Seconded the Motion:      Chris Sooter