



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

Location

Lake Bentonville, 2100 SW I Street, Bentonville, AR

Agenda

Old Business

1. Approval of September 2020 Minutes

New Business

1. Lake Bentonville Site Visit

Other Business

Attachments:

BPR Monthly Report

September 2020 PRAB Minutes

2020 Capital Improvement Worksheet – October 2020



Bentonville Parks and Recreation Monthly Report – October 2020

Administration – David Wright

- **COVID-19**
 - Working daily with City Administration, Bentonville Police and Fire Departments, local health officials and other community leaders to monitor situation surrounding Covid-19
- **Quilt of Parks**
 - We were awarded the Grants for design of the A Street Promenade and The Commons. Both items received 100% funding for each project. Grants total more than \$1.5MM. This allows project designs to begin in November 2020
- **Orchards Park**
 - Awarded a \$500,000 grant award for a Dog Park / Playground at Orchards Park
- **2021 Budget**
 - Submitted the 2021 Proposed Budget to the Finance Department.

Parks Maintenance – Crant Osborne

- **Bentonville Community Center**
 - Maintenance staff has successfully built several barriers to allow for more fitness center capacity
 - We are opening our gym floor for more programming
- **Train station**
 - Maintenance removed old lamp post and replaced the wooden benches
 - Facility maintenance stained signs through our park system
- **Soccer**
 - Lights were installed on fields
 - Old fence ball guards removed sidewalk replaced
 - Restroom maintenance completed
- **Merchants**
 - Facility maintenance repairing railing, hinges, fencing, doors, and windows
- **Memorial Tennis**
 - Maintenance on windscreens
- **Lawrence Plaza**
 - Painting and electrical repairs
- **Square**
 - Preparing for Christmas light installation and masonry work on knee walls
- **Mowing**
 - Mowing, installing Christmas light display on downtown square.
 - Lighting staff are in 65' lifts beginning in September
 - Completion date planned for November 15th
- **Trail Maintenance**
 - Trail Maintenance is presently working in Phase 1 and coincidentally preparing for a Trek Mountain Bike Company photo shoot taking place in the same area October 6th and 7th
 - Ongoing trail maintenance
 - Low water crossing at Slaughter Pen has been repaired

Parks Maintenance (continued) – Crant Osborne

- **Turf Maintenance**
 - Turf Specialist has been involved at the DAC to identify water flow direction and wire location of existing irrigation system, capping lines and cutting wires so contractors won't damage system which will facilitate future reconnection.
- **Sports Fields**
 - The sports field team did an outstanding job of preparing the fields for fall soccer and this happens to be the resounding feedback from participants and coaches as well.
 - Additionally, besides routine mowing and line/distance circle painting at Memorial and Citizens soccer, the team continues to take all of the necessary steps to have Phillips and Memorial baseball/softball fields in tournament condition for the events taking place in September and October.
 - This team will also assist with the Christmas light display install.
- **Sanitation**
 - This crew continues to hustle even though a few restrooms remain closed.
 - Ball tournaments, fall soccer, Farmers Market, increased sanitizing of facilities and play structures, not to mention the explosion of citizens and guests taking advantage of our parks and trails and the respective ground litter and receptacle trash, continue to challenge this crew to provide the best experience possible.
 - The parks team offered a prospective Parks Maintenance Worker II (with an emphasis on sanitation/custodial) candidate an open position. The position was recently vacated and we are excited to welcome this well qualified young man to our team once he satisfactorily passes the new hire requirements.
- **Urban Forster**
 - Geoff has been working on tree protection and relocation efforts for Old Tiger renovations. Tree protection efforts at the DAC, Pine Bark beetle monitoring and treatment at Memorial Park, visual screen tree projects at BCC, sourcing and oversight for large sycamore removal near N. Walton at Stonehenge, and a large tree moving project at the Square...among other duties. Most of these projects will continue through October. Geoff will also assist with the Christmas light display installation.
- **Horticulture**
 - Emily and Dana continue to focus on landscape maintenance throughout the parks including weed removal, mulching, irrigation, pruning, fertilizing, general cleanup, backfill to established grade and replanting the area at the Square fountain vacated by the statue, landscape planning-ordering fall annuals and tulips.
 - Through October, the horticulturists will be concentrating on removing summer annuals/landscape bed preparation, installing fall annuals and tulips, pruning and assisting with the Christmas light install.
- **Other**
 - Working with GC at Nabholtz to coordinate connecting existing water supply to new meter and installing sleeves in and around utility trenching for future irrigation needs (DAC).
 - Repairing damage to irrigation communication cable and electrical supply wire at Dave Peel caused by contractor gas line installation as well as general irrigation repairs.
 - Insecticide application to areas of concern at Phillips Park and fall fertilizer application to all sports fields.
 - In the weeks ahead the specialist will be applying pre-emergent herbicide to all sports fields, continue monitoring irrigation water needs in the field including adjustments and repairs, insecticide application at the Square and assisting with the Christmas light display install.

Park Planning – Wade Tomlinson

- **Old Tiger Park**
 - The project is in the final stages of construction plan preparation.
- **8th Street Park**
 - The website is in the final stages of development and will be premiered to the public soon.
- **28th Street Park**
 - The design continues to be refined, cost are being reviewed by Flintco. As a normal course of business for land development, the next steps are to have the plans reviewed by other City departments for compliance to city standards.
- **Durham Park**
 - The purchase of the playground is in the final stages. It is anticipated the playground will be installed by the end of the year.
- **Quilt of Park**
 - The contract for the services of a land surveyor is on the October 13 city council agenda.
- **N. Walton Blvd Trail**
 - A 200 linear feet cedar safety fence has been installed between the trail and the creek where steep banks pose trail user safety hazards.
- **Other**
 - Follow up on last month's comments:
 - Lane striping is included in the bid price for the pedestrian track and will be installed.
 - It was noted that the sidewalks on Tiger Blvd. north of the track are incomplete. The transportation department stated that before ordinances required sidewalks, developers did not install them leaving a gap. The city has a list of gaps across the city. This gap has been added to the list and will be corrected when funding is available.

Recreation Programming and Events – Josh Stacey

- **COVID-19 Update**
 - During September we were minimally impacted by COVID-19 in our programs and facilities. A player tested positive in our softball program and a coach tested positive in our soccer program (neither positive tests were due to their participation in our programs). In both cases, the ADH performed contact tracing and some of the players were quarantined for 14 days.
- **Bentonville Community Center**
 - The Community Center saw 8,900 users during September, an average of just under 300 users per day. The majority of users are swimmers and fitness participants.
- **Square 2 Square Bike Ride**
 - The bike ride currently has 1,136 registered with registration closing on October 10. Participants will be able to take advantage of this program from September 19th through November 1st.
- **Softball and Baseball**
 - We hosted the MVP Softball and Baseball Tournament on September 10-13 w/ 53 total teams. The Pink Our Softball and Baseball Tournament is scheduled for October 1-4 w/ 66 total teams. The counts include both the recreation and competition tournament series teams.



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:39 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom

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

Attending Staff Members: Josh Stacey Crant Osborne Wade Tomlinson Tracy Acosta

Other: Danielle Semsrott

Old Business

Approval of August 3, 2020 Minutes

Motion to Approve by: Justin Hundley
Seconded the Motion: Scott Sooter
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

New Business

Public Art Approval – Lake Bentonville

Danielle Semsrott with the Bentonville Public Art Advisory Committee attended the meeting today to present a Public Art Proposal. The artist Jonathan Perrodin of Springdale, AR proposed six individual sculptures of stacked geometric forms in varying heights ranging from 3 ft. to 8 ft. tall. Each piece measuring approximately 6 inches in diameter. The steel sculptures will be allowed to naturally rust during the natural process of oxidation. The artist wanted to remember the landscape that was almost forgotten. In Jonathan's proposal he noted the Osage Prairie was once as wide as Centerton to Rogers, but today can only be found in small areas, some private property and nearly forgotten pockets of the prairie. The sculpture would be a tribute to the past and a celebration of the coming life. The board members voted and approved the art piece being placed at the newly renovated Lake Bentonville.

Motion to Approve by: Mike Power
Seconded the Motion: Steven George
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Fall Sports Presentation

Josh Stacey presented a slideshow of the recreation fall season as we enter Phase Two of the COVID-19 Pandemic opening process.

Bentonville Community Center

The Community Center basketball courts will open with limited usage. We are not opening the outdoor courts as we are not able to control the crowds at this time. The Community Center will allow rentals of the community rooms on Saturday only. We have not restarted automatically charging customers for their membership fees at this time. Our customers are not being charged a monthly rate, unless they have personally advised our staff to begin this charge again. Only customers who have permitted these payments to begin again, are allowed in the facility. The walking track and Pre-K Play will resume as well, with some limitations.

Square 2 Square Bike Ride

The bike ride currently has 850 registered. Participants will be able to take advantage of this program from September 19th through November 1st.

Soccer (Youth)

The soccer program begins tonight, September 14th. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our concerns of keeping all participants and families safe, this year is different than any other season. The numbers of participants is lower due to our own safety requirements and limitations. We currently have 1,200 players registered. The teams were formed based on schools and have an alternative schedule format this season.

Softball and Baseball

As with other programs, due to COVID-19, we are limiting teams and schedules for both softball and baseball this season. We are hosting a recreation tournament series this season which has allowed 300 players to participate.

Old Tiger Presentation

Wade Tomlinson reviewed our Old Tiger capital project. The renovations will include lighting around the track however, the track will not be lined for lanes. (Several board members asked for us to reconsider lining the track. They shared it would be a huge miss if the track is not lined.) Included in the amenities will be a 12 ft. by 12 ft. metal pavilion, restroom facility, maintenance room, water fountains, as well as landscaping including 15 trees. It was also suggested to add signs so the community would know the plans of the project and a time line. Also mentioned was the lack of a sidewalk on the north side of the property. Wade will find out why there is not a sidewalk and report back to members.

Other Business

- 8th Street Park website will go live September 22nd.
- Craig Gilbert inquired about the plans of the Lighting of the Square this year.
- Justin Hundley wanted to know the plans for the square due to the statue being moved. Crant was unsure of the plans, but shared we are handling the landscaping.

2020 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Worksheet		
Project	Budget	Status
FY - 2017 Rollover Projects		
Razorback Greenway ReRoute - Design and ROW	\$440,000	30% Drawings submitted - Under review by Planning / Engineering / AHTD
McCulloum Street Sidepath Trail	\$600,000	Phase I Construction Underway - 0% Complete
FY - 2018 Rollover Projects		
Old Tiger - Restroom Installation	\$55,000	Rollover to 2020 Project - Coupled with larger project
Lake Bella Vista - Restroom Facility	\$60,000	
Lake Bella Vista - Parking Lot / Trail Connection	\$1,062,000	Project in design - Ecological Design Group
Bella Vista Lake Plan		Parks Board Approval - Council Approval
Lake Bentonville Improvements		Construction Underway - 90% Complete - Expect completion in July 2020
RRG Eco - Counter Display Board	\$35,000	Project Underway - Equipment Ordered - 0% Complete
RRG - RRFB, Signs and Striping on 21st Street	\$34,500	Project Complete
RRG - Moberly Trail Connection w/ HAWK Crossing	\$126,500	Project Complete
FY - 2019 Rollover Projects		
Downtown Parks - Quilt of Parks Master Plan	\$453,000	Project Complete
Bentonville Bike / Pedestrian Plan	\$194,000	Project Underway - 90% - In Final Draft Phase

Memorial Park - Ballfield Astro turf Project	\$850,000	Project Complete
Project	Budget	Status
FY 2020 Projects		
Slaughter Pen - Emergency Access Redesign	35,000	Project ready for bid
8th Street Gateway Park Master Plan	\$455,000	Project Underway - 60% Complete
SW 28th Street Park Design / Construction Manager	\$300,000	Project Ready to bid by December 2020
Old Tiger Stadium Park Renovations	\$533,000	Design Complete - Ready to Bid
Austin Baggett Curb / Street Improvements	\$50,000	Project ready for bid
Durham Park Play Structure	\$50,000	Contracts Signed - Project begins in October
Bella Vista Lake Bridge		Project Design Underway - 50% Complete
Bella Vista Lake Play Structure	\$150,000	Project temporarily on hold
Memorial Pak Soccer Field - F9 - Renovation	\$45,000	Project temporarily on hold
Phillips Park Field 1 Scoreboard	\$13,000	Project Complete
Phillips Park Restroom Improvements	\$41,437	Project Complete
BCC Dive Board Replacement	\$5,000	
Memorial Park Tennis Court Resurface	\$20,000	Project Complete
Park Springs Pavilion Repair	\$13,000	Project Complete

Parking Lot Maintenance - NE A, Memorial, Bark Park	\$15,000	Project temporarily on hold
Capital Equipment		
Dolphin Pool Cleaner	\$8,500	Project Complete
Aerator - Attachment for Mowers	\$6,500	Project Complete
Confined Space Equipment	\$7,500	Project Complete
72" Zero Turn Mower	\$12,500	Project Complete
Commercial Pressure Wash / Trailer	\$11,500	Project Complete
Turf Maintenance - Vericutter	\$11,500	Project Complete
Turf Maintenance - Chemical Sprayer	\$56,000	Project Complete
Turf Maintenance - Turf Tank Sprayer	\$50,000	Project Complete
Facilities - Enclosed Trailer	\$6,000	Project Complete
Facilities - Tool Set Up for Trailer	\$10,000	Project Complete
UTV Replacement	\$12,000	Project Complete
Vehicles - 5020-17 Replacet - 1 Ton Flatbed	\$37,000	Ordered - Waiting on Expected Delievery
Vehicles - 5020-25 Replace - 1 Ton Crew w/ Flat Bed	\$42,000	Project Complete
Vehicles - 5030-20 Replace - 1/2 Ton Pickup - 4x4	\$25,000	Ordered - Waiting on Expected Delievery
Vehicles - 5030-01 Replace - 1/2 Ton Pickup - Lift Extension	\$145,000	Project Complete

Grant Funded / Partnership Projects		
All American Trail Extension to BVL		Project Complete
Arkansas / Missouri Trail Extension		Project Submitted to Planning (LSD)
NW A Street / Slaughter Pen Parking Lot		South of Medical Center
Slaughter Pen Improvements		Project Underway - Project Complete
Grand Loop Phase I Design		Design Underway