



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, July 6, 2020

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom

Attending Board Members:

Chris Sooter	Mike Power	
Cortney Carlson	Eileen Patrick	Craig Gilbert
Dan Grover	Justin Hundley	Michelle Malashock

Attending Staff Members:

David Wright	Josh Stacey	Crant Osborne
Wade Tomlinson	Tracy Acosta	Layne Moore

Other: Allison Jumper Elizabeth Miller

Old Business

Approval of June 1, 2020 Minutes

Motion to Approve by:	Michelle Malashock
Seconded the Motion:	Cortney Carlson
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None

Trail Name Approval – Hammer Down

Motion to Approve by:	Chris Sooter
Seconded the Motion:	Dan Grover
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None

New Business

28th Street Park

David Wright reviewed the design of 28th Street Park which is 50% complete to date. The Walton Family grant allows us to work on connecting SW Bright Road extension to 28th Street. We continue to work closely with the Transportation Department as this is an important link for connectivity. This will connect schools and improves the cycling infrastructure to the schools.

David also met with the game of Cricket advocates last week. There will be an area for cricket tournaments and spectators. This will allow for extended time tournaments and will allow for food trucks. The plan is to move the parking lot to the southeast of the property which will not be in the flood plain area. The park will include a dog park area as well. We are not looking to use a traditional playground area, David said. The playground area will be something fun! We would also like to incorporate an epic splash pad. We want to design a structure that is for all ages of children to enjoy. Eileen Patrick mentioned having swings for the smaller children as well as changing stations in the restrooms. This part is estimated to be \$4.5M park that will be a destination place.

Proposed Orchards Park Playground and Dog Park

Wade Tomlinson with the department shared a concept slideshow of Orchards Park-Playground and Dog Park. The presentation showed large and small dog features such as digging and climbing areas, dog watering stations, fencing, pavement areas, and shade trees. He also showed options for playground areas for children. The playground areas would be age specific. Depending on the age and needs, would determine the types of play equipment. There was also a common area that would allow for family seating, non-traditional music areas and swing/motion equipment. Trees for shade will be part of this area as well. This project is still a plan in progress and much discussion will need to take place before moving forward.

Public Art Approval – *Flight*

Elisabeth Miller, with Oz Art, attended the meeting to present the possibility of art work being placed on City of Bentonville property near the newly developing area of Bentonville Lake/Osage Park. Oz Art currently has several large pieces of art throughout the city. This specific piece of art is named *Flight* and has been created by Bob Doster. Bob Doster is an award-winning, nationally acclaimed sculptor who has been creating and teaching for more than fifty years. *Flight* is a series Bob Doster has been working on since graduate school, inspired by his experience learning to fly gliders as a young man. *Flight* would be one of the six to eight outdoor structures placed in Osage Park but is the only one place on City of Bentonville property. The structure stands 18 feet tall and consists of three airplanes stacked on top of each other. Oz Art will take care of all aspects of the art piece, they are asking for permission to place the piece of art on our property. If the board approves this request, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will have to approve as well, due to the location of the Bentonville Airport located nearby. If all goes as planned and approvals are received it will be installed before the end of the year.

Motion to Approve by:	Mike Power
Seconded the Motion:	Cortney Carlson
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None

Run Bentonville – Programming During COVID-19

Layne Hyatt and Josh Stacey presented the latest Run Bentonville 2020 Virtual Events.

Run Bentonville Monthly Membership Plan

Monthly Membership Plan - \$15 – Receive medal with inserts for each goal met or completed
Mileage Club – Runners set goals and provide proof of mileage goals to receive medal insert
Challenges to Runners each Month – Old Tiger Challenge, Crystal Bridges Challenges
Special loot will be provided with this membership

Virtual Events - One month to complete each race, loot for each, and entry fee required for each

Worst Event – September 2020 – “We don’t care if you actually run but bonus points if you do!”

Backwards 13.1 – October 2020 - Run Bentonville Half Marathon course backwards

Halloween + Dog Event – October 2020 - Run with dog

Freedom Frosty 5k – December 2020 – Partnership with Camp Alliance

The board members were very impressed with this idea and complemented Layne and Josh for the creativity and great ideas. The members brought up ideas of offering family plans, annual purchases, challenge plan packages, Bentonville residence price difference, and possible trail challenges.

Note

The board members also wanted it to be known the Evening at Orchards event on July 4th was AMAZING. They all were very pleased with the entire event and acknowledged the preparation that went into planning of this event due to the restrictions required by our Governor due to COVID-19.