



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2017 – 5pm
Downtown Activity Center – 215 SW A Street**

Agenda

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes from May Meeting
2. 2018 Holiday Hours for BCC – Discussion of closing on Easter Sunday

New Business

1. Public Art Approval – Memorial Park Skate Park – Natural Skate Bentonville
2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Discussion
3. Citizens Park Tennis Court Project
4. Sub-Committee Meetings – Dates / Locations

Other Business

Attachments:

*PAAC Proposal – Natural Skate Bentonville
May 2016 PRAB Minutes
Capital Improvement Worksheet – May 2017*

APPROVED

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The Bentonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met May 15, 2017 at the Downtown Activity Center.

Present were members Holly Hook, Craig Gilbert, Mike Power, Jon Terlouw, Amy Davis, Michelle Malashock and Tom Butrynski. Lee Farmer, Angel Stuler, David Wright, Bryan Beeson, and Crant Osborne were present for the staff. Ken Leonard was a visitor from Friends of Little Sugar Creek.

Meeting began at 5:04PM

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes from April meeting
 - Motion to approve by Hook
 - Power seconded the motion
 - Approved 6-0

New Business

1. Recreation Staff Reorganization

Introduction of Bryan Beeson, Parks Maintenance Foreman. Wright introduced Bryan Beeson to the PRAB and also updated PRAB on department roles. Jenn Valentine, who is a Recreation Supervisor who oversees fitness and aquatics, is leaving the department due to moving out of state. Josh Stacey, who is a Recreation Supervisor at the DAC who oversees soccer and Bike Bentonville, is shifting to the Bentonville Community Center and taking Jenn's role. Other department changes include: Layne Moore has been promoted from a Recreation Specialist to a Recreation Supervisor. Moore who already oversees Run Bentonville and Marketing, will also oversee Bike Bentonville in addition to the other programs. Chris Cuchia, move from the Bentonville Community Center to the Downtown Activity Center and will oversee the soccer program, kickball, special events, and some of the smaller activities. Cuchia now reports to Danny Bartlett, a Recreation Supervisor at the DAC whom oversees all outdoor activities, as well as the DAC front desk staff. Ryan Ward, is a part-time staff member who graduates college this Saturday and accepted the job as a Recreation Specialist at the BCC to oversee Camp Bentonville. Ward begins his new role next Monday. Wright praised Ward on his work ethic during the half-marathon. Wright said he had the pleasure of working with Ward on the overnight crew, and said Ward showed initiative and went above and beyond.

2. **Public Art Approval** –Orchards Park-Monarch and Dandelions. An art piece for Orchards Park was approved by the Public Art Committee, and is now needs PRAB's approval before it moves on to City Council. The art piece is sturdy, and though not designed for kids to climb on it, the artist did submit a picture of kids climbing on an art piece of the same design. The piece is sturdy and will withhold the weight, but we will discourage it. Gilbert asked if we install signs discouraging climbing. Wright said

we will have a sign with the art piece that explains the art, and the last line will state “no climbing”. The piece also has a special coating to help prevent rust. Terlow asked who was paying for the art piece. Wright said the A&P is paying for it - \$15k. Hook asked if the art was permanent, and Wright replied yes. Power gave the motion to approve the new art piece at Orchards, and Terlow seconded the motion. It was approved 7-0.

3. **2018 Holiday Hours for BCC – Discussion for Closing on Easter Sunday-** Farmer explained to PRAB the possibility of closing the BCC on Easter Sunday due to low attendance numbers. Farmer said the average attendance for Sundays is 600, but on Easter Sunday, only about 300 patrons used the facility. Malashock asked if we market that we’re open for Easter Sunday, considering most people probably think we are closed. Farmer said we do market though social media. PRAB discussed maybe adjusting the hours and not closing, and decided to vote to table the discussion until a later date. Terlow motioned to table the discussion, and Butrynski seconded the motion. It was approved to table the discussion 7-0.

4. Slaughter Pen Restroom Facility

- Wright told PRAB that a prefab restroom was installed at Slaughter Pen, and showed PRAB pictures of it. Prefab restrooms are not tied into the City’s sewer system and the cost was 55k. CXT is one of the largest companies that manufacture and install the restrooms – which is who we used. They’ve installed a lot of these restrooms in National Parks. Power asked if the restroom is successful, where would the next restroom be placed. Wright said Old Tiger will be the next location if successful. He also said if the restroom was constructed, and not prefab, the cost would be \$150k.

Other Business

- Terlow mentioned the the Downtown Square fountain is off. Osborne said the effects pump is out, though we’re filtering water and cleaning it daily, it will be about 3 weeks before the new pump arrives and is installed.

Parks Master Plan Update

- May 31 – Lunch Meeting Re: Final Draft of Plan – we will send a meeting invite
- June 1 – Public Meeting Re: Final Draft of Plan
- June 12 – Final Presentation to PRAB – Adoption of Plan
- June 13 – Final Presentation to City Council – Adoption of Plan

Ken Leonard, from Friends of Sugar Creek, asked Wright a few questions regarding the Master Plan. Leonard asked how many public meetings have taken place thus far, and Wright told him 15 public meetings have taken place. Leonard asked about the status of the Bella Vista Dam and he felt there was strong support in removing the dam. Wright told Leonard, that as of now, Bella Vista Lake and the dam are up in the air.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM