

**Bryant Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Amanda Jolly called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Andrea Hooten, Jay Lasey, Amanda Jolly, Lisa Meyer, Richard McKeown

Absent: Tim Trusty, Karla Eppinette, Joyce Boswell,

Others: Chris Treat, LeeWood Thomas, Erik Longnecker

**Comments from the Public**

LeeWood Thomas commented on the progress on the dog park at Alcoa Park.

Thomas is working on a design for a disc golf course at Alcoa, and is hoping to present his design to the committee in the August meeting.

Thomas also asked about the old playground equipment that is currently being stored at Alcoa Park.

Thomas also mentioned that August 3<sup>rd</sup> is National Disc Golf Day. Thomas plans to take a disc golf basket down to Debswood Park and let people pitch the discs into the basket.

Hooten asked about the old playground equipment.

Treat mentioned that the old playground equipment is in really bad shape and he feels concerned about using it.

Treat mentioned there are plans to use new equipment at parks and is working with Marty Glover, a playground designer, and is working pieces of it into next year's budget.

**Announcements**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Meyer made a motion to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes, and was seconded by McKeown. Motion passed with Hooten, Lasey, Jolly, Meyer, and McKeown voting for, and Trusty, Eppinette and Boswell voting against due to absence.

**Associations or Club Reports**

Erik Longknecker with Central Arkansas Soccer Club mentioned the department was doing maintenance on the fields at Midland Park, so the teams will continue to use Bishop Park for practice through July.

Treat mentioned that the club has been staying off the fields to allow maintenance to be done on the fields and the irrigation system.

**Director's Report**

Chris Treat mentioned the department is moving forward with the dog park at Alcoa Park and that everything that the committee agreed on should be installed by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Treat mentioned that Concord High School asked if they could have the old poles and lights. Treat said they came to take the lights down and would be back for the poles, as this was no cost to he department to remove.

Treat stated that mid-August is when Ashley Park is scheduled for installation of the new lights. The fencing will be installed after that. Currently, the department is under budget with these projects.

Treat mentioned the department is currently applying for a grant to do phase 2 of the playground at Mills Park. Three more pieces of play equipment still need to be installed. To finish out the playground.

### **Finance Report**

The Committee reviewed the finance report.

Meyer asked questions regarding a few GL accounts.

GL accounts 0410-4500, Mills Pool admission and concessions, 0430-5102, repairs and maintenance building, \$6300 for AC switch, and 0430-5104, repairs and maintenance grounds, \$82,000 flood repairs, the FEMA money will offset some of this cost,

### **Alcohol Permits**

None.

### **Old Business**

Hotten updated the committee on the status of the sign subcommittee. Hooten mentioned the committee will be meeting with Jay Miller, a consultant who has worked with the Arkansas State Parks signage.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Miscellaneous**

Lasey, mentioned they had an event at Mills Park Pool.

### **Adjourn**

Meyer made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Hooten. Motion passed with Hooten, Lasey, Jolly, Meyer, and McKeown voting for, and Trusty, Eppinette and Boswell voting against due to absence.