

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting

March 11, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Bishop Park Administration Building
6401 Boone Rd. Bryant, Arkansas

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Amanda Jolly at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Amanda Jolly, Renee Curtis, Jennifer Benning, Lynn Farmer, Drew Martin and Tony Williams.

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, IT Support Technician Philip Plouch, City Councilman Jon Martin, City Councilman Jack Mosely and Andre White with Bryant Youth Association.

Approval of Minutes

1. February 11 Parks Committee Meeting

D. Martin asks that it be clearly defined between Drew Martin and Matt Martin in future Minutes. Cox said that he would double check that going forward.

Motion to approve by D. Martin, seconded by Curtis. Motion carried.

Associations/Club Reports

2. Bryant Youth Association - Presented by Andre White, Program Director

White gives an annual report on the BYA. In 2024, the BYA had 337 members for the Spring, 436 members in Summer and 318 members in the Fall. He also reported that over 12,000 meals and over 54,000 snacks were served throughout the year. White then described the numerous programs the Association is doing with the kids that attend and thanked sponsors and donors. He also thanked the Parks Department and Kristin Robinson for the swim lessons that are provided to the BYA members throughout the Summer. White also credits the BYA staff for the commitment they have to the mission and vision of the organization.

Director's Report

3. Parks Department Monthly Summary

Cox presents the summary of actions and activities since the last Committee meeting, highlighting the conclusion of the Youth Basketball League. He also gave an update on the status of the project to replace the natatorium dehumidification system.

4. Tour of Parks

At the request of committee member Drew Martin, Cox tells the Committee that he will be scheduling a tour of the Bryant Parks system and will be in communication with all members finding the best time to schedule that tour.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

5. CPRG Grant

Cox informs the Committee that since the current parking lot lights at Bishop Park are not owned by the Parks Department, we were unable to apply for the CPRG grant to upgrade those lights to LED. However, the Department has been working with First Electric to upgrade the lights even without the grant. Since we were unable to apply for the lights, we did apply for funding to purchase land adjacent to Mills Park. If the grant is received and land purchased, it will be placed into a conservation area with the exception of an easement for a water line and future trail.

New Business

There was no New Business

Committee Comments

D. Martin asks that we begin starting meetings with a pledge of allegiance and prayer. Cox says that he will discuss with legal and bring it to the committee as an agenda item for following meetings.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by D. Martin, seconded by Farmer. Motion carried.