

## **Bryant Parks Committee Meeting**

July 8, 2025 - 6:00 PM  
Bryant Historical Museum  
200 SW 3rd St. Bryant, Arkansas

### **UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order** - Amanda Jolly at 6:00 PM

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

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, City Councilman Jon Martin and Lisa Meyer, DeAnn Thomas and Kathy Lewallen, Donna and Danny Anderson, Patsy and Warren Kuhn with the Bryant Historical Society .

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **1. June 10 Parks Committee Meeting**

Motion to approve by Curtis, seconded by Benning. Motion carried.

### **Associations/Club Reports**

#### **2. Bryant Historical Society Annual Report**

Kathy Lewallen introduces the board for the Bryant Historical Society which was founded in 2008. For the first 15 years of existence they met wherever they could find a place, before the opening of the Bryant Historical Museum. She also informs the committee of their other historical sites in Bryant, including the Tull-Banks House next to Hill Farm Elementary. She thanked the volunteers and the donations they have received for the museum. The museum is open the first and third Sunday of every month but they are also open by appointment.

Warren Kuhn informed the Committee that Museum Day will be September 13 where from all ten museums in Saline County will be open from 1:00 - 4:00. It will be free of charge and there will be drawings for door prizes for those that visit the museums.

### **Director's Report**

#### **3. Parks Department Monthly Summary**

Cox presents the summary of actions and activities since the last Committee meeting and highlights the archery lessons that were witnessed by the committee meeting last month. He does give an update on the status of the splash pad which is currently dealing with a leak but is

operational. He thanked the grounds crew for the work they did on the Cal Ripken State Tournament; for the first time all divisions of the tournament were held in one location in Bryant, hosted by the Parks Department. Finally, Cox highlights the BASS team that will be attending Junior Olympics in July and says that there will be a BASS team report at the August meeting.

### **Public Comments**

*There were no Public Comments*

### **Old Business**

*There was no Old Business*

### **New Business**

#### **4. Land Donation for Ted Boswell Memorial Park**

Cox informs the committee of a plot of land at the corner of Reynolds Rd and Mills Park Rd that Joyce Boswell would like to donate to the City of Bryant for the purpose of the Ted Boswell Memorial Park. Cox says that the long term plan is for some type of memorial to honor Ted Boswell along with areas for passive recreation.

D. Martin asked about any specific plans for memorial developments or a timeline for when it would be developed, to which Cox said it is very early in the vision process. Williams asked about the ability to connect this location to the trail system.

Motion to recommend to City Council to accept the land donation by Curtis, seconded by Moore. Motion passes.

### **Committee Comments**

Curtis thanks the Historical Society for opening the museum up for the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

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