

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
August 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room
6401 Boone Rd. Bryant, AR 72022

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Amanda Jolly at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Amanda Jolly,, Tony Williams, Lynn Farmer, Chera Moore and Drew Martin.

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Parks Aquatics Superintendent Kristin Robinson, Parks Aquatics Coordinator Compassion Moomey and City Councilman Jack Mosely

Approval of Minutes

1. July 8 Parks Committee Meeting

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

Finance Reports

2. 2nd Quarter Finance Report

Cox addresses that the Committee has an amended report in front of them from the report posted on the agenda due to an error in the Sale of Equipment line and that with the correction the report is actually more balanced. He then goes over the full report and says that both revenues and expenses are tracking very well for the year.

Director's Report

3. Bryant Aquatic Swim School Annual Report

Cox introduces Aquatics Superintendent Kristin Robinson who gives a report on the Summer at Mills Park Pool, the Bryant Youth Association Swim Lessons, Group Swimming Lessons, Private and Semi-Private Lessons and Swim Babies. She highlights that the number of BYA participants that were able to pass the water competency test rose from 38% to 60% throughout the Summer and that over 80% of "graduating" 5th graders were water competent. This Summer, there were 596 kids that went through a swim lesson program with the City of Bryant; taught by 35 certified swim instructors. She also highlights the Lifeguard In-Service program and the training that the lifeguards go through to be "rescue ready".

Robinson then turns it over to Moomey, who along with being the Aquatics Coordinator is also the head coach for the BASS AAU Swim Team. The BASS team competed in 11 swim meets this year and placed in the top 3 of each meet in which they competed. Throughout the season, BASS swimmers earned 64 bronze medals, 134 silver medals and 222 gold medals. BASS took 18 swimmers to AAU Junior Olympics in Houston in July, where they competed as part of Team Arkansas. Team Arkansas finished as AAU National Champion Runner-Up and BASS swimmer Jagger Mercing finished as the gold medalist in the 100 freestyle and set an AAU national record. Try-outs will be later this month for next season's team.

4. Parks Monthly Summary

Cox presents the monthly summary from the agenda, specifically addressing the back entrance to the Center which has been converted into a one-way street for safety and security purposes. Currently signage has been added at the exit to stop people from entering and arrows have been painted on the asphalt pointing the direction for traffic to flow. He also informs the Committee that fencing and an access gate will also be installed to increase security and that all of these changes have been endorsed by the BYA and Senior Adult Center.

Cox also gives an update on the Pool Dehumidification System replacement. The old Pool Pak has been removed and the new system is scheduled to be installed, along with the new fans for the aquatic center, before the September Committee meeting.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

There was no New Business

Committee Comments

Farmer asks for an update on the Mills Pool Cover, which was approved last year but never installed due to an issue with the manufacturer. Cox says that order was canceled and a different vendor has been hired to install the cover once Mills Pool closes this year and there was no price increase. Robinson also updates on the other aquatics maintenance improvements over the past year.

Adjournment

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