

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
October 14, 2025 - 6:30 PM
Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Court Room
210 SW 3rd Street

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Amanda Jolly at 6:30 PM

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

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, IT Support Technician Philip Plouch, Bryant Softball Association President Kara White, John Honeywell and Hunter Hobby with Volkert and City Council Member Jon Martin.

Approval of Minutes

1. September 9 Parks Committee Meeting

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

Presentations and Announcements

2. Bryant Comprehensive Street Improvement Plan

John Honeywell and Hunter Hobby of Volker requested support from the Parks Committee in promoting and providing input on a public survey currently available to gather feedback on transportation issues within the City of Bryant. The survey aims to collect citizen input to help prioritize infrastructure projects and guide funding decisions.

Committee members discussed with Vokert the project timeline, existing street conditions in Bryant and how future park developments may impact traffic patterns. When asked about current street related needs within current parks, Cox noted that the most pressing concerns are inadequate lighting and the need for a functional emergency exit on the south side of Bishop Park.

Associations / Club Reports

3. Bryant Softball Association Annual Report

Kara White provided a brief history of the Bryant Softball Association and an overview of its current structure. During the spring season, BSA hosted 18 league teams and accommodated 15 tournament teams that utilized its facilities for practice. The fall season also saw 18 league

teams, along with 13 teams participating in the middle school league. Both seasons experienced a notable increase in overall participation this year.

Discussion followed regarding how the league is currently advertised in the school district and the possibility of future expansion of the program.

Director's Report

4. Parks Department Monthly Summary

Cox presented the monthly summary of Parks and Recreation activities and previewed upcoming events at Mills Park, including the *It's A Wonderful Bryant* lighting festival and pickleball tournament. He provided updates on aquatics maintenance, noting progress on the pool cover installation and the Seresco dehumidification unit.

Cox informed the Committee that the Department did not receive the ARDOT TAP grant for lighting improvements at Bishop Park. However, they are still awaiting a decision on the AEDC Arkansas Community Assistance Grant, which would support lighting projects at both Bishop Park and Alcoa Park. He also announced that FEMA reimbursements have been received for damages related to the April flood.

Discussion followed regarding the Fall tournament season and the pivot to Sunday only tournaments.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

There was no New Business

Committee Comments

There were no Committee Comments

Adjournment

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