



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 1, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: 5:07 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:19 p.m.

Meeting Location: Bentonville Community Center – 1101 SW Citizens Circle

Attending Board Members: Chris Sooter Mike Power Cortney Carlson
Justin Hudley Steven George Craig Gilbert
Dan Grover Whitney Sutherland

Attending Staff Members: David Wright Lee Farmer Crant Osborne Tracy Acosta

Other: Aubrey Patterson, Newspaper Representative and Photographer

Old Business

Approval of March 4, 2019 Minutes

Motion to Approve by: Courtney Carlson
Seconded the Motion: Mike Power

New Business

Citizens Park Walking Tour

The committee members met at the newly constructed Tennis Complex near the Bentonville Community Center. The members were very impressed with the construction of the tennis courts and surrounding area. There was discussion about possible vending machines for tennis balls and small supplies for tennis or pickle ball.

Tennis – Crant Osborne

Tennis complex adds eight new courts
22 total tennis courts in Bentonville
Pickle ball lines will be marked on new courts
Lights controlled by patrons in one hour increments - lights will not affect surrounding residents
Restrooms / Storage Area
Picnic Tables
Player Benches
Bleachers for Spectators
The operation of these tennis courts is not connected to the Bentonville Community Center.
Kids Center located in the Community Center is not for tennis players to use when playing tennis
Signage for court use will be attached to building
We offer the largest junior tennis program in the state of Arkansas
Bentonville Parks and Recreation contracts Ozark Tennis Academy to oversee the tennis programs

Aquatic – Josh Stacey

Sound panels ordered - \$90K project
Pool Party Room – Five time slots are available 3 time slots on Saturday – 1 on Friday and 1 on Sunday
NWA Aquatics – Sharks have approximately 300 swimmers
We provided about 700 swim lessons each month
130 students participate in group swim lessons each month
500-600 private swim lessons are taught each month
Barracudas Swim Program consists of approximately 80 students in a recreation type program
Masters Swim-recreational adult swim team-consisting of approximately 50 swimmers utilizes the facility
We have adjusted hours of the pool to accommodate lap swimming
Special Aquatic Programming – Aqua Egg Hunt – Members only event – 100 members attending
Glow Swim – Members only event – selling out each event
Host State High School swim meets for 4th year
Host State Dive meets
We certify life guards in this facility as well as re-certifications
Biggest challenge is space at this point
Deck space is a big challenge as well – this is a *user friendly* facility not the best *spectator* facility
Great need for lap / lane swimming
We are in a good place with staffing right now

Inclusive Play Ground – David Wright

Design work is almost complete
Multiple slides – slides are wider for two people to use at same time
Multiple ramps for access
Chairs are “chill out zones” for autistic children
Committee members would like to see more swings—price per square foot grows about \$40K to add more swing
All ages and skills levels will be able to use this playground
Ages 2-5 skill level area as well as ages 5-12 skill level area
Zip line is the #1 request for this playground
Ground surface will accommodate wheelchairs
Inclusive playground is twice the size of Dave Peel Park – Re-surfacing Dave Peel Park is approximately \$94K
Playground will include fencing made of – faux wrought iron
Benches will be placed throughout the playground
Signage will be posted for use of the play area
Expecting June/July 2019 ground breaking

Soccer – Lee Farmer

Approximately 300 U5 boys practicing in program
Little Kicksters (3 yr. olds) start next week – Program is contracted out
We manage the largest soccer program in the state
We have not seen a significant drop in participation due to resident/non-resident fees
Have not seen a drop in membership due to resident/non-resident
Turf management of fields is minimal due to the age of the children using the fields

Other Business

Bella Vista Lake

David Wright will prepare a memo to Mayor Orman regarding Motion authorizing City Attorney to pursue Quiet Title and Declaratory Judgment Action for the Bella Vista Lake Property. Updates will be given as they become available.