

APPROVED



## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Monday, May 6, 2019

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:01 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:51 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Downtown Activity Center – 215 SW A Street

**Attending Board Members:** Chris Sooter      Mike Power      Dan Grover  
Justin Hundley      Michelle Malashock      Craig Gilbert

**Attending Staff Members:** David Wright      Lee Farmer      Crant Osborne      Danny Bartlett

**Other:** Christine Johnson, Lucas Pointer

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### Old Business

#### *Approval of April 1, 2019 Minutes*

Motion to Approve by:      Mike Power  
Seconded the Motion:      Chris Sooter

### New Business

#### *Rotary Project for Orchards Park*

Lucas Pointer, with the Bentonville Rotary Club, presented the Bentonville Rotary Field of Honor to the committee. This Bentonville Rotary project will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 as a tribute to the heroism of the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our nation. Lucas explained that he is seeking permission to have the Field of Honor at Orchards Park. The Field would consist of approximately two-hundred 3'x5' American Flags placed in the ground at Orchards Park. The Bentonville Rotary would be completely responsible for setting up and tearing down the event. In addition, the Bentonville Rotary would staff the event with their member.

Motion to Approve by:      Michelle Malashock  
Seconded the Motion:      Mike Power

#### **Soccer Survey**

Lee Farmer and Danny Bartlett presented to the committee an option for soccer participants in the Under 8 year old and below age groups to choose to play at either Memorial Park or Citizens Park. Currently, the Under 5 and Under 6 year old age groups play at Citizens Park and the Under 7 and Under 8 year old age groups play at Memorial Park. Lee explained that this option, to choose which park to play at, was participant driven and survey results showed that 82% of participants would prefer to choose which park they play at. Danny and Lee explained that providing this option during registration makes getting to games/practices a lot more convenient on the parents who may have multiple children at different parks, who will now be able to choose one park. In addition, this will assist parents who work in central Bentonville and have to navigate traffic to get to south Bentonville for their scheduled game/practice. They would now be able to choose the appropriate park reducing the drive time getting to their activity. Danny and Lee also provide new soccer field layouts and anticipated participation split for the two parks with this proposed change.

## **Other Business**

### ***First Friday Flick- Reschedule***

David informed the committee that the First Friday Flick, that was rained out is now rescheduled to Friday, May 17.

### ***Austin-Baggett Park- Parking Issues***

David informed the committee about issues with vehicles parking in the grass at Austin-Baggett Park. He explained that he is working with Bentonville Police to help inform these vehicles that parking in the grass is prohibited. He also conveyed that he is seeking quotes to add curbing around the park to restrict vehicles from pulling on the grass.