



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, October 16, 2017 – 5pm  
Downtown Activity Center – 215 SW A Street**

**Agenda**

**Old Business**

1. Approval of Minutes from September Meeting

**New Business**

1. Capital Improvement Update
  - a. Citizens Park Trail
  - b. Citizens Park Pavilion / Amphitheater
2. Public Art Installation – Sassy the Sasquatch at Park Springs Park
3. Bella Vista Lake Master Plan
4. Design Excellence Grant Application

**Other Business**

*Attachments:*

*September 2017 PRAB Minutes  
Capital Improvement Worksheet – October 2017*



## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**APPROVED**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, September 18, 2017  
**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:02 p.m.  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:14 p.m.  
**Meeting Held:** Melvin Ford Aquatic Center  
**Attendees:** Jon Terlouw, Holly Hook, Craig Gilbert, Mike Power, Courtney Shaefer, Whitney Sutherland, David Wright, Crant Osborne, Lee Farmer, Josh Stacey, Katie Morrison, Kelsey McIntyre, Tracy Acosta

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### **Old Business**

**Approval of Meeting Notes from July – Tabled at August Meeting**

**Motion to Approve by:** Craig Gilbert

**Seconded the motion:** Mike Power

**Approval of minutes from September 18, 2017 Meeting**

**Motion to Approve by:** Holly Hook

**Seconded the motion:** Whitney Southerland

### **New Business**

**Public Art Installation – Bike Towers (2)**

Two additional locations for public art

Two Cities Trail and Northwest Arkansas Community College Street Area

**Motion to Approve by:** Courtney Shaefer

**Seconded the motion:** Mike Power

**Melvin Ford Aquatic Center Walk Thru / Aquatics Presentation**

Josh Stacey introduced Katie Morrison and Kelsey McIntyre as most recent full time Aquatic staff. Josh discussed the past season swimming activities as well as recent construction upgrades. Listed below are highlights that were discussed.

- Masters Adult Swim Program – 34 enrolled
- Shark's Swim Meet – 2,000 in attendance
- Tri-Fest for MS – 1,200 in attendance
- Hours of operation need to be adjusted during these events
- Expenses for Melvin Ford Aquatic Center are \$200,000 (staff and chemicals)
- Approximately 35,000 customers that came to the Aquatic Center this past season
- Hire a consulting firm to help identify problems.
- The equipment in the facility is close to 20 years old
- The cost of a project this size would easily be a seven figure number
- We need to address programs for the 2018 season as well as the hiring of this facility
- Water quality was a big concern this past season
- Need better communication to customers when closing facility
- We need generate more business at the Aquatic center in evenings
- Josh mentioned food truck in the evenings with more structured activities
- Customers have mentioned the possibility of putting a bubble over the pool
- Jon stated it is very humid and fans are needed to help circulate the air
- The mushroom structure in the kiddie pool is faded and will be repaired next year
- Whitney suggested adding an awning for the toddler pool area
- Lap swimming hours and open child care hours are not matching up

**BCC Natatorium – Hours of Operations**

Josh Stacey requested approval to change hours of the Bentonville Community Pool during the regular school calendar year. If changes are approved, other programs can be offered.

**Leisure Pool Hours**

Monday	3pm – 7pm 10am-12pm Pre K Play Time	8am – 10am River Walking Resistance
Tuesday	3pm – 7pm	8am – 10am River Walking Resistance
Wednesday	3pm – 5pm 10am-12pm Pre K Play Time	8am – 10am River Walking Resistance
Thursday	3pm – 7pm	8am – 10am River Walking Resistance
Friday	3pm – 6:30pm 10am-12pm Pre K Play Time	8am – 10am River Walking Resistance
Saturday	12pm – 6:30pm	8am – 10am River Walking Resistance (Open Swim, Diving Boards & Blue Slide)
Sunday	12pm – 5:30pm	(Open Swim, Diving Boards & Blue Slide)

**Competition Pool Hours**

Monday	5:30am – 8am	11:30am – 1pm	5pm – 7pm
Tuesday	5:30am – 8am	11:30am – 1pm	5pm – 7pm
Wednesday	5:30am – 8am	11:30am – 1pm	5pm – 7pm
Thursday	5:30am – 8am	11:30am – 1pm	5pm – 7pm
Friday	5:30am – 8am	11:30am – 1pm	
Saturday	7:00am – 10am	12pm – 6:30pm	(Open Swim, Diving Boards & Blue Slide)
Sunday		12pm – 5:30pm	(Open Swim, Diving Boards & Blue Slide)

*Monday – Friday Fitness & Swim programs during non-designated hours*

**Motion to Approve by: Courtney Shaefer**

**Secoded the motion: Craig Gilbert**

**Other Business**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting applications will need to be turned in for future board members in October.

Whitney mentioned at the meeting that there is not a handicap ramp from the parking lot that leads to the trail by the soccer fields at Memorial Park.

Mike stated as an ending comment to the meeting, we need to know our customer, know who is using our facility and to just do what we do, well!

A walk through of the Melvin Ford Aquatic Center was done following the meeting.