



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, May 15, 2017 – 5pm  
Downtown Activity Center – 215 SW A Street**

**Agenda**

**Old Business**

1. Approval of Minutes from April Meeting

**New Business**

1. Recreation Staff Reorganization
  - a. Introduction of Bryan Beeson, Parks Maintenance Foreman
2. Public Art Approval – Orchards Park – Monarch and Dandelions
3. 2018 Holiday Hours for BCC – Discussion of Closing on Easter Sunday
4. Site Visit – Slaughter Pen Restroom Facility

**Other Business**

*Attachments:*

*BPR Organization Chart  
PAAC Proposal – Butterfly and Dandelion  
April 2016 PRAB Minutes  
Capital Improvement Worksheet – May 2017*

# APPROVED

## Bentonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting May 15, 2017

The Bentonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met April 17, 2017 at the Downtown Activity Center.

Present were members Holly Hook, Courtney Schaffer, Craig Gilbert, Mike Power, Jon Terlouw, Chris Sooter, Shara Fisher and Tom Butrynski. Lee Farmer, Angel Stuler, David Wright, Jenn Valentine, Josh Stacey, Layne Moore and Crant Osborne were present for the staff.

### **Meeting began at 5:04PM**

#### **Old Business**

1. Approval of Minutes from March meeting
  - Motion to approve by Hook
  - Butrynski seconded the motion
  - Approved 5-0

#### **New Business**

1. Capital Improvement Update
  - Melvin Ford Aquatic Center – The completion date for the Melvin Ford Aquatic Center is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wright told PRAB that on Wednesday, his team will meet with Pick-It Construction to discuss the exterior color. Wright also stated, we've used Pick-It Construction for multiple projects in the past and we've never experienced problems. That said, once the green roof is installed and if the color still does not look correct, we will repaint the exterior.
  - Citizens Park Trail – Design Specs have been approved by Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. Wright said we hope to be out to bid in 4-5 weeks and under construction by the end of the summer/early fall.
  - Razorback Greenway Realignment – We are in the process of speaking with the last few property owners regarding the Razorback Greenway realignment that will allow us to proceed with a tunnel under Hwy 102.
2. Recreation Program Update
  - Bentonville Half Marathon – The recreation team gave a short presentation on the different programs. Moore began with the Bentonville Half Marathon. The race took place on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and it was our most successful race to date. With over 3,000 runners (2400 in the half-marathon) and a new expo location at The Record, Moore said we've received lots of positive feedback. The new expo location was well received with it being downtown and though it was a smaller space than the TAC, The Record gave the runners a more intimate setting. Food trucks were positioned outside as well.

- Easter at Orchards Park – Stacey gave the Easter at Orchards Park report. He said the event went smoothly and improves more and more every year. 40,000 total Easter eggs were given out at the event. The event also featured 7 inflatables, 3 food vendors, and 6 game stations. In addition, a new program was added to the event, and that was a special egg hunt for kids with special needs. Feedback was positive for this, and it was a great opportunity to reach out to the families and offer something more for them.
- Bentonville Community Center – Farmer updated PRAB on the BCC. The BCC has 5600 individual memberships. Terlow asked Farmer if there is a cut-off on memberships, and Farmer said we are not there yet. There are certain times that the BCC is busy, but it hasn't had a large impact on current members. Farmer updated PRAB on the new aquatics recreation staff position and employee, Kelsey McIntyre as well. Due to swim lessons doing so well and already surpassing our yearly goal in only April, there was a need for additional staff to handle the swim lesson volume.
- Melvin Ford Aquatic Center - Melvin Ford Aquatic Center opens Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Wright also reminded PRAB, these updates only include 4 of the 140 programs Bentonville Parks and Recreation offers.

### 3. Parks Master Plan Update

- May 31 – Lunch Meeting Re: Final Draft of Plan – we will send a meeting invite
- June 1 – Public Meeting Re: Final Draft of Plan
- June 12 – Final Presentation to PRAB – Adoption of Plan
- June 13 – Final Presentation to City Council – Adoption of Plan

### **Other Business**

PRAB asked staff for an update on the Bella Vista Dam project. Wright explained that he was aware that the Friends of Little Sugar Creek filed a lawsuit against the Core of Engineers. In addition, the permit issued in December recently expired. When the permit expired, the lawsuit was dropped. Gilbert asked why can't we remove the dam? Wright told Gilbert, the City of Bentonville has a contract with the previous landowner (Trailblazers) to repair the dam if any damage occurs. At this point, they Trailblazers and Cooper have not indicated a willingness to deviate from the original agreement.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM**