



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, August 20, 2018 – 5pm  
Downtown Activity Center – 215 SW A Street**

**Agenda**

**Old Business**

1. Approval of Minutes from June Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes from July Committee Meetings
3. Approval of Trail Naming – Applegate Trail

**New Business**

1. Coughlin Property Master Plan Presentation / Review
2. 2019 Budget Presentation
3. Election of Chairperson

**Other Business**

*Attachments:*

*Upcoming Events*

*June 2018 PRAB Minutes*

*July 2018 Committee Meeting(s) Notes*

*Capital Improvement Worksheet – August 2018*

*Coughlin Property Master Plan Documents*



## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Monday, June 18, 2018  
Meeting Called to Order: 5:03 p.m.  
Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Bentonville Community Center  
Attendees:

**Committee Members**

Chris Sooter  
Courtney Schaefer  
Cortney Carlson  
Craig Gilbert  
Michelle Malashock  
Mike Power  
Shara McMurtrey  
Stephen George  
Tom Butrynski  
Whitney Sutherland

**Staff Members**

David Wright  
Kyle Payne  
Lee Farmer  
Tracy Acosta  
Travis Matlock

**Other**

Allison Jumper  
Matt Van Eps  
Sandi Formica  
Members of the public  
City Council Members

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### **Old Business**

*Approval of May 21, 2018 Minutes*

**Motion to Approve by:** Tom Butrynski  
**Seconded the Motion:** Mike Power

*Approval of May 31, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes*

**Motion to Approve by:** Chris Sooter  
**Seconded the Motion:** Courtney Schaefer

### **New Business**

**Approval of Trail Naming – Applegate Trail**

David shared with committee that a new trail would be opening in October and requested the approval to name the trail Applegate. The committee tabled this for 30 days

**Motion to Approve by:** Mike Power  
**Seconded the Motion:** Craig Gilbert

**Bella Vista Lake Presentation**

David Wright began the meeting reviewing the beginning process to current. In April 2017, he formed a Bella Vista Lake Task Force consisting of Bill Burchart, Tim Robinson, Jodie Burns, Erin Rushing, Joe Haynie, Adam Schaefer, Ken Leonard, Greg Van Horn, Ron Miller, Travis Matlock and David Wright. During this meeting, the committee all agreed that there was more discussion that needed to be done on this project. Attached you will find the detailed presentation of the process. The Task Force continued to meet and came to a conclusion between the group members to have a free flowing stream with side channel lake. The next step was to meet with the Walmart Family Foundation to assist in creating three masterplans. The Walmart Family Foundation agreed to fund creating the three masterplans at an expense of \$98,960.00. David also shared that for the past ten years we have been told by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) we were only allowed to rebuild the dam with no changes. During a meeting with the agency earlier this year, David Wright and Travis Matlock were advised by the FEMA representative we can use the funds available as a project improvement not just to remove the dam. During a task force meeting on May 30, 2018, the Task Force Committee members voted (7 yea – 2 nay) for a side channel lake.

David Wright introduced the consultants from EDG Watershed Conservation Resource Center and Watershed Conservation Resource Center. Allison Jumper with EDG, presented information gathered from our public meetings in relation to water recreation, active recreation, passive recreation and education, restoration ecology, infrastructure. The findings of this is listed in the presentation attached. Allison also showed diagrams of the three options that will be voted on as part of the reconstruction of Bella Vista Lake.

Option One – Lake only would be approximately, \$9.7M  
Option Two – Stream Only would be approximately \$9.6M  
Option Three – Steam and Lake would be approximately \$9.2M

Sandi Formica and Matt Van Eps with Watershed Conservation Resource Center were also introduced and shared information about their business and scope of restoration. This presentation is also attached.

As part of this meeting the Bella Vista Lake Task Force members attended as part of the public attending this meeting. David asked members of the task force to speak for approximately three minutes to the PRAB members and share their thoughts as members of the task force. Highlights by each member are listed below.

Bill Burkhart	Kudos to David Wright for taking this task on. Personal opinion – the lake is very important Would like lake and stream
Adam Schaefer	Friends of Little Sugar Creek member, Side channel lake not useful, flooding real issue, against lake only
Ron Miller	Former member of Friends of Little Sugar Creek, thanks to David Wright, wants Razorback blueway to compliment greenway, destination in nature, voted for stream and lake
Tim Robinson	Elected official - does not want to rebuild dam – asked PRAB members to have the courage to make a decision tonight
Greg Van Horn	Displayed a foam board with diagram – voted for option three – side channel lake – dam at northern end with controlled spillway – keep natural flow – build bridge take dam out
Jody Burns	For side channel lake – similar dams being removed throughout country – wants natural process

After the task force spoke, David Wright gave the public that attended this meeting, the opportunity to speak at the microphone. The guidelines included – public was allowed 45 minutes total to speak each having three minutes to speak. The public signed up to speak before entering the room and this list would be used. Kyle Payne with Bentonville Parks and Recreation timed each speaker. There were 23 citizens that spoke to the PRAB members and voiced their opinions and shared much passion with pros and cons to all options.

The board members discussed, as a board, the opinions that were shared tonight. The conclusion of this discussion is as follows. Mike Power made a motion to recommend an option. Craig Gilbert moved to select and accept - Free Flowing Stream with Side Channel Lake - (4 yea – 6 nay) Cortney Carlson seconded the motion.

Steven George made a motion to recommend the steam only option - (7 yea – 0 nay)  
Michelle Malashock seconded the motion.