



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, November 2, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 5:08 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:54 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom

Attending Board Members: Mike Power Cortney Carlson Chris Sooter Chris Sooter
Dan Grover Justin Hundley Eileen Patrick Michelle Malashock

Attending Staff Members: David Wright Josh Stacey Crant Osborne
Wade Tomlinson Tracy Acosta

Old Business

Approval of November 2020 Minutes

Motion to Approve by: Dan Grover
Seconded the Motion: Cortney
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

New Business

David Wright advised members Lake Bentonville opened October 23, 2020.

David also shared the on-line 8th Street Gateway Park sight is open on-line. This is the first online site that has been available to our community that allows site viewing and input regarding the upcoming project. To date, the site has been viewed over 2,500 times. There seems to be a lot more input by citizens, viewing projects such as this on-line verses in person public meetings.

David has received applications for the three open PRAB positions that will be available in December. He will begin interviewing soon.

David also announced Danny Bartlett, Recreation Supervisor, resigned from his position with the department. He will truly be missed as he gave a lot to our team. Danny took a position with Walmart.

Public Art Proposal – Guide My Hands – Amended Location and Design

The design group has been unsuccessful in placing the Guide My Hands art in Bentonville. They are requesting installation in a public park. The new proposed location is Train Station Park. If approved it would be installed for one year at that time it would be removed. There is some concern for flooding at this park, but it will not harm the art if in fact there is flooding. There is also concern by the board members of the actual material of the art piece withstanding the elements. The members agreed to approve, however noted, if the elements begin to deteriorate the art, it will be removed.

Motion to Approve by:	Mike Power
Seconded the Motion:	Eileen Patrick
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None

Public Art Proposal – Giant Turtle

The Box Turtle art piece has been donated to the City of Bentonville by the Runway Group. This a sturdy piece of art and are looking for a permanent location. There was discussion of vandalism to artwork in the City. David Wright shared with the group, to date there has not been any vandalism to the art pieces in the park. He also said, art pieces as the Giant Turtle, are destinations in our parks. The board members are excited about this art this installation and would like to create a “buzz” about it with communication and posting on social media.

Motion to Approve by:	Cortney Carlson
Seconded the Motion:	Chris Sooter
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None

2021 Program Fees

Josh Stacey shared the 2021 proposed Fee Schedule. He noted there were a few fees that have not been adjusted in ten years. We want to continue to make these and all of our fees family affordable. He shared the fee schedule in an excel spreadsheet for the members to review. Josh also noted, there were many events that are at no cost to the community which include, An Evening at Orchards, Yoga in the Park, Lighting of the Square, and a Morning with Santa. He asked the members for their approval of the new fee schedule. Mike Power requested the board members be updated in August 2021 of the revenue due to the new fee schedule.

Motion to Approve by:	Justin Hundley
Seconded the Motion:	Cortney Carlson
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None