



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, June 1, 2020

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

Meeting Adjourned: 5:48 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom

Attending Board Members:

Chris Sooter	Mike Power	Whitney Sutherland
Cortney Carlson	Eileen Patrick	Craig Gilbert
Dan Grover	Steven George	Michelle Malashock

Attending Staff Members:

David Wright	Josh Stacey	Crant Osborne
Wade Tomlinson	Tracy Acosta	

Other: Allison Jumper

Old Business

Approval of May 4, 2020 Minutes

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

New Business

BPR Update – COVID-19

Presenting: Josh Stacey

May 15 th	Sports Fields Reopen – Team practices are permitted on a first come – first serve basis
May 18 th	Community Center Reopens – Fitness Center and Lap Swim open with some restrictions
May 20 th	Dave Peel Park/ Lawrence Plaza Restrooms Reopen at limited times
May 22 nd	Memorial/Citizens Park Tennis Complexes Reopen–Tennis at 50% capacity–Restroom included
May 23 rd	BCC Leisure Pool Reopens
May 26 th	Swimming and Tennis Lessons Resume
May 27 th	Memorial Park Skate Park Reopens
May 28 th	Bark Park Reopens
June 1 st	Melvin Ford Aquatic Center Opens for Lap Swim – Registration Required
June 1 st	Youth Softball League Resumes
June 3 rd	Youth Baseball Resumes – Ages 8 – 15
June 8 th	Youth Triathlon Team Begins
June 10 th	Tennis Courts Open at 100% Capacity
June 12 th	Tennis Tournament
June 12 th	Softball and Baseball Tournaments – Limited to 50 Spectators per Field
June 12 th	MFAC Opens for Open Swim– Friday/Saturday/Sunday only–12:00 noon–3:00 p.m.
June 15 th	Bentonville Community Center Expands Opening – Kids Center Opens and Day Passes Accepted
July 4 th	Evening at Orchards – 4 th of July Celebration
July 6 th	Camp Bentonville Begins
July 6 th	Group Tennis Lessons Begin

Presenting: Crant Osborne

He went into detail of how our maintenance staff is deep cleaning as well as regular restroom cleaning due to COVID-19. He also shared information about the new Ford lift truck that was approved and ordered and now has been delivered. The maintenance team is very appreciative of this purchase. It will allow the crew to reach heights of 15-40 feet. This will assist in replacing parking lot lights, installing banners throughout town and Christmas Light display to name a few. Phillips Park restroom restoration will be complete in the next week.

Presenting: Wade Tomlinson

Wishing Springs is currently being rebuilt. We are still in the planning part of the 8th Street project. There are power lines that go through this property that we are evaluating if they should be moved and what the expense of this would be. The 28th Street Park is also in the design phase. This will connect the city by trails.

Presenting: David Wright

David shared information about the statue located on the Downtown Square. The Daughters of the Confederacy will relocate this statue in or around August 2020. He also shared due to the COVID-19 outbreak our department was taking a \$1million hit. We have had 30% of our members reactive their membership at this time. This is a significant hit to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Lake Bentonville / Osage Park Update

Presenting: Allison Jumper

Allison updated everyone on Lake Bentonville. Due to rainfall and COVID-19 the project has been greatly impacted by these two factors. The boardwalk, fishing docks, restrooms, and parking have all been completed. The playground and pavilion will be completed in the next couple of weeks. The construction is projected to be completed by end of July 2020. The vegetation is starting to grow, however it will take a couple of years to have the 55 acres completed with all landscaping. The Archery Range is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year. This will be located on the south side of the park. It is currently no open to the public.

Parks Policy regarding Funerals / Memorials in Parks

Presenting: David Wright

David asked for guidance from the board members regarding the policy on funerals in the parks. He would like to confirm the difference between a funeral and a memorial to clarify and state specifics in the policy. The board members approved the draft of the policy.

Motion to Approve by:	Mike Power
Seconded the Motion:	Steven George
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None

Trail Name Approval – Hammer Down

Presenting: Wade Tomlinson

The NWA Trailblazers proposed the naming of a trail. Wade requested the board to approve the name of the trail which is located in the valley behind the water treatment plant on the North Bentonville Trail. The proposed name is Hammer Down. This item has been tabled until the next meeting for approval.

Motion to Table by:	Chris Sooter
Seconded the Motion:	Mike Power
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None