



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025
5:00 p.m.
City of Bentonville
Administrative Services Building
1000 SW 14th Street**

Agenda

Old Business

1. Approval of August 2025 Meeting Minutes

New Business

1. Lake Bentonville Request for Special Event Closure – UP. Summit
2. Summer Camp Report
3. Phillips Park Grand Opening

Other Business

Attachments

PRAB Minutes – August 2025
2025 Capital Improvement Worksheet – September 2025



Bentonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes August 4, 2025

Meeting Date: August 4, 2025

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:02 p.m.

Meeting Location: City of Bentonville, Administrative Services Building

Attending Board Members: Austin Bryan, Brady Blake, Chris Sooter, Eileen Patrick, Jon Terlouw, Kristen Kuhlow, Ryan Hollingsworth, Tacuma Williams, Ty Hoffline

Attending Staff Members: David Wright, Ed Kallas, Josh Stacey, Wade Tomlinson, Tracy Acosta

Guests: Alex Brown and Associate with Ecological Design Group

Old Business

June 2025

Motion to Approve: Austin Bryan

Second the Motion: Ryan Hollingsworth

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: None

July 2025

Motion to Approve: Jon Turlow

Second the Motion: Ty Hoffline

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: None

New Business

Memorial Park Master Plan – Final Draft

Alex Brown with EDG presented the final draft of the Memorial Park Master Plan.

The members' discussion points and approvals are highlighted below.

Safety concerns raised about cars cutting through at higher speeds, especially with children in the park

Some noted the road is used for school traffic and special events (e.g., races)

Discussion about whether to maintain a continuous through-road or convert to two cul-de-sacs

Consideration of fire/emergency vehicle access via permeable pavers or grass paver lanes

Balance between visitor navigation for baseball tournaments and local safety

Plan to eliminate cut-through traffic and implement cul-de-sacs, with fire department access solutions

Motion to Approve: Austin Bryan

Second the Motion: Ty Hoffline

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: None

Memorial Park Master Plan Highlights

Fitness loop realigned to be safer and more protected
Driveway changes to separate maintenance access from public entries
Parking adjustments: simplifying layouts, adding cul-de-sacs, new drop-off zones, and tree plantings for shade
Playground designed as a “destination” feature with accessibility improvements
Volleyball courts expanded from 2 to 6
Pavilion/event space planned with kitchen and meeting rooms to support festivals
Signage plan proposed with layered wayfinding (major, secondary, local signs)
Plan is phased to allow incremental build-out
Improved pedestrian connections, including a bridge across the creek and reworked pavilion/restroom areas

Approved Memorial Park Master Plan

Motion to Approve: Austin Bryan
Second the Motion: Ty Hoffline
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Public Art Approval – Community Center – 10 Years

Lori Weeks, Artist; Natural State Gallery, created an original oil painting of the Bentonville Community Center. This painting was created specifically for the 10-year anniversary as a donation to the Bentonville Community Center. It was shown and approved.

Motion to Approve: Jon Turlouw
Second the Motion: Austin Bryan
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Public Art Approval – Old Tree

Pamela Rosenhranz, Artist; Miguel Abreu Galley, will create a 25-foot-tall steel tree sculpture for the A Street Promenade. This was designed to be a durable piece of art and visually significant to the A Street Promenade. It will be on permanent loan, with maintenance handled by OZ Art.

Motion to Approve: Austin Bryan
Second the Motion: Kristin Kuhlow
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Health Impacts of Tick Disease – Kristin Kuhlow

Kristin Kuhlow, PRAB Board Member, shared information on Alpha-gal Syndrome awareness. She noted growing local concerns about the prevalence of this tick-borne allergy and recommended avoiding tall grasses and dense plantings near trails and play areas. She suggested making landscaping adjustments where needed and emphasized raising public awareness to support community safety.

Other Business

David Wright advised members that plans are underway to relocate dumpsters, supported by a trash collection strategy that will utilize small vehicle access through alleys in the A Street Promenade area. Coordination with restaurants is ongoing to ensure efficient handling of waste. Phase 3 of the A Street Promenade improvement is nearing completion, with landscaping now in its final stages. In addition, staff are actively monitoring pedestrian and vehicle safety in the newly installed stop sign area.

Reports concerning trail incidents prompted discussion on improving awareness of police and fire departments, bike patrols, educating the public on contacting authorities, and coordinating with the communications team on safety awareness.

2025 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Worksheet		
FY 2017 Rollover Projects		
Project	Budget	Status
McCollum Street Sidepath Trail - Phase II	\$ 600,000	Design Revisions in place - Bidding Fall 2025
Razorback Greenway (P Street) Reroute	\$ 700,000	Construction Starting In September 2025
FY 2021 Projects		
Project	Budget	Status
Arkansas Missouri Trail - Extension to 102 / 62	\$ 650,000	Project Under Design - 90% Complete
Bella Vista Lake - Bridge Design Project	\$ 117,500	Project Changed to Stream Restoration
Memorial Park - Bridge Design & Stream Restoration	\$ 150,000	Grant Submitted Bank Stabilization - issue incoroperated into Master Plan
QOP - Commons Design Project	\$ 393,725	Project Complete
QOP - Dave Peel Design Project		Project Complete
FY 2022 Projects		
Project	Budget	Status
Bentonville Green Design	\$ 350,000	Project Underway - Schematic 50% Complete

Gilmore Park - Playground Surfacing Replacement	\$ 65,000	Complete
McKissic Creek Trail	\$ 1,200,000	Project Underway - 50% Complete - Under redesign
Park Springs Park - Restroom Replacement	\$ 80,000	Project in re-design
FY 2023 Projects		
Project	Budget	
A Street Promenade Construction	\$ 16,000,000	Project Underway - Final phase to open by October 2025
Connect Bentonville - T1P - Neighborhoods	\$ 33,000	
Connect Bentonville - T2P - Crosswalks	\$ 12,000	
Parks Maintenance Facility - Design and Testing	\$ 350,000	Complete
Phillips Park Construction	\$ 18,000,000	Project Grand opening Sept 12 2025
Walton Blvd Trail Safety Improvements	\$ 60,000	Plans Being Created / Reviewed
FY 2024 Capital Projects		
Project	Budget	Status
8th Street Gateway Park Construction	\$ 37,000,000	Project Underway- 50% Complete
Adult Recreation Center	\$ 21,000,000	Project Underway - 65% Complete

Downtown Square - Fountain Lighting	\$ 50,000	In Design - 75% Complete
Memorial- Tennis Courts Resurface (1-4)	\$ 64,000	Project Complete
MFAC - Sand Filter / Chem Graphic and Applicator	\$ 175,000	Project Complete
MP - Playground Replacement	\$ 365,000	Repurposing to Memorial Park Master Plan
MP - Security Cameras	\$ 60,000	Project Complete
Phillips Park FF&E	\$ 145,000	Complete
Sidewalks Project(s)	\$ 1,200,000	Project in design -95% Complete / Currently Pricing
Streambank Erosion Study	\$ 12,000	Project 5% complete
SW Bentonville Trail - Morningstar to Vendor Dr - Design		Project in design - 70% Complete
SW Bright Road Trail		Construction Underway - 90% Complete
T1 Bikeway Projects	\$ 400,000	Grant Submitted Bank Stabilization - Analysis and Design underway for bridge
2024 Capital Equipment		
Equipment	Budget	Status
Trash Collection Vehicle-Promenade	\$ 240,000	Complete
FY 2025 Capital Projects		

Project	Budget	Status
Adult Recreation Center - FF&E	\$ 1,500,000	Project Underway - 2% Complete of Actual Budget spent. Furniture and fitness equipment nearing completion.
BCC - Fitness Equipment	\$ 60,000	Project Complete
BCC - Lap Lanes	\$ 8,000	Project Complete
BCC - Pool Vacuum	\$ 8,000	Project Complete
Bikeway T1 Projects	\$ 215,000	Awaiting Designs for Trail Crossings
Cricket Pitch Improvements	\$ 150,000	Project Complete
Lawrence Plaza Splash Pad Resurface	\$ 120,000	Project scheduled for September
Memorial Park - Annual Tennis Resurface (5-8)	\$ 65,000	Project Complete
Memorial Park Master Plan & Feasibility Study	\$ 36,000	Project Complete
Parks Maintenance Facility - Construction	\$ 6,500,000	Project Underway - 25% Complete
Parks Maintenance Facility - FF&E	\$ 145,000	Project Underway-10% Complete
Phillips Park - Fiber Line	\$ 39,500	Project Complete
Phillips Park - Stripe and Seal	\$ 75,000	Project Complete
Phillips Park FF&E	\$ 100,000	Project Underway - 90% Complete

Morningstar Master Plan - Potential Park Property	\$ 40,000	Project Complete
Phillips & Promenade Security Cameras	\$ 20,000	Completion Expected Fall 2025
Trail - Elm Tree 102 to 72	\$ 3,000,000	Design 95% Complete. Bidding October 2025
Trail - Greenway 102 to BHS	\$ 250,000	Project Underway - 0% Complete
2025 Capital Equipment		
Equipment	Budget	Status
Blower-Stand-On Debris Blower	\$ 35,000	Completed
E-Bikes-Trails	\$ 9,000	Completed
Field Equipment - Sport Champ	\$ 100,000	Completed
Mower - Zero Turn Mowers (4) - \$20K each	\$ 80,000	Completed
Scrubber (2)	\$ 7,000	Completed
Trailer - Flatbed Trailer	\$ 18,000	Completed
Trailer-Deck over Trailer	\$ 15,000	Completed
Truck - 3500 (Facilities)	\$ 70,000	Arrived - Awaiting bed outfitting (Delivery Mid September)
Truck-(Facilities) \$56,000	\$ 56,000	Complete

Truck-(Grounds)	\$ 47,000	Completed
Truck-2500 (Sanitation)	\$ 60,000	Completed
Truck-3500 w/ Dump Bed	\$ 90,000	Completed
UTV Bobcat	\$ 30,000	Completed
UTV Mule	\$ 25,000	Completed
Vacuum - Debris Vacuum	\$ 30,000	Awaiting Delivery - Mid-September
Welder-Portable Welder	\$ 8,500	Completed