



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, June 1, 2026  
5:00 p.m.  
Parks Operations Complex  
401 NE Moberly Drive**

## **Agenda**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

1. Tour Parks Operations Complex

### **Other Business**

### **Attachments**

PRAB Minutes – May 2026  
2026 Capital Improvement Worksheet – June 2026



# **Bentonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2026**

**Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:03 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:47 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Adult Recreation Center

**Members Attending:** Allyson de la Houssaye, Austin Bryan, Brady Blake, Brooke Spenser, Chris Sooter, Jon Terlouw, Ty Hoffine

**Board Members Not Attending:** Kristin Kuhlow, Ryan Hollingsworth, Tacuma Williams

**Staff Members Attending:** Creek Wenger, David Wright, Greg Hughes, Josh Stacey, Tracy Acosta, Wade Tomlinson

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## **Old Business**

### **Approval of April 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve: Brooke Spenser

Second: Austin Bryan

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: All

Noted: Tacuma Williams attended last meeting

## **New Business**

### **Public Art Approval – Adult Recreation Center Art Pieces**

Josh Stacey shared several public art pieces from Oz Art that are currently under consideration for placement in the Adult Recreation Center. The art pieces are created by Arkansas artists and reflect natural and community-inspired themes. Josh noted that incorporating locally sourced artwork supports regional artists while strengthening community connections to public spaces. A motion was made to approve the public art pieces as presented.

Motion to Approve: Brooke Spenser

Second: Ty Hoffine

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: All

### **ARC – Soft Opening Review + Grand Opening Plans**

We hosted a soft opening for the Adult Recreation Center on April 30, 2026. This was limited to premier members to evaluate operations, manage capacity, and identify issues ahead of full public opening. The soft opening was successful and provided valuable insight into access control, parking flow, and overall member experience, with adjustments being made as needed.

It was noted that the lower level of the parking deck will be reserved for ARC members during primary weekday and Saturday morning operating hours, with membership required for access. Updates to the layout are also underway to improve efficiency and ADA accessibility.

Staff emphasized that the phased opening approach is intended to ensure a smooth transition into full operations and a high-quality user experience. Staff are evaluating the potential for adjustments to hours of operation. Any proposed changes will be based on further data analysis and operational review.

## **Parks and Recreation Organizational Structure**

David Wright provided an overview and updated the board on the Parks and Recreation Department organizational structure, driven by ongoing growth, increased capital projects, and expanded operational needs.

David noted that the department is currently managing multiple large-scale capital improvement projects while continuing to support daily operations, which has created capacity issues and bandwidth challenges. In response, the department has pursued a strategic reorganization and grant request to support several key positions aimed at strengthening long-term operations.

Additional positions include Marketing and Communications Manager and Marketing Specialist-Graphic Design. This will improve internal communication, marketing efficiency, and revenue generation through sponsorship opportunities. It will allow us to produce in-house processes and not depend on external vendors for graphic design and the need for more responsive, in-house capabilities.

We proposed a new position, a Planning and Construction Manager which our current staff member, Wade Tomlinson, will step into. This will provide increased oversight of capital projects, including more consistent on-site construction monitoring and quality control. A Bike and Pedestrian Planner and Project Manager positions were also created.

A Business Manager position has already been filled and will support financial tracking, grant reporting, and administrative functions associated with the department's expanding operations.

Several of these positions may be initially funded through external support, with the intent of transitioning them into the department's operating budget over time. The overall goal of the restructuring effort is to better align staffing with the city's growth, improve efficiency, and support the increasing scale and complexity of Parks and Recreation services.

## **Parks and Recreation – 10 Year Master Plan Project**

David Wright provided an update on the upcoming 10-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan process. The project will include a comprehensive review of existing community plans, a community needs assessment, and extensive public and stakeholder input at the beginning of the process.

David also noted that the planning effort will evaluate current assets, identify gaps in service, and develop long-term priorities to guide future park development and improvements. The process is expected to include broad community engagement and data collection to ensure the plan reflects community needs and growth.

Board members discussed the importance of reviewing progress on previous plans as part of the process and ensuring alignment with ongoing projects and future development. The master plan will serve as a key tool for guiding decision-making and prioritizing investments over the next ten years.

## **Other Business**

### **June PRAB Meeting – Monday, June 1, 2026**

David Wright confirmed a full recap of the recent half marathon event, including finalized attendance and financials, is still in progress and will be shared once complete.

Brief updates were shared on the newly renovated Parks Operations Complex including anticipated timelines for a certificate of occupancy and upcoming opportunities for board and City Council walkthroughs. The facility naming was confirmed as the Parks Operations Complex. The next PRAB meeting will be a tour of the Parks Operations Complex.

## 2026 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Worksheet

### FY 2017 Projects

| Project                                   | Budget     | Status                               |
|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| McCullum Street Sidepath Trail - Phase II | \$ 600,000 | Bids Open - May 27                   |
| Razorback Greenway (P Street) Reroute     | \$ 700,000 | Construction Underway - 90% Complete |

### FY 2022 Projects

| Project                  | Budget       | Status                                    |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| Bentonville Green Design | \$ 350,000   | Project Underway - Schematic 50% Complete |
| McKissic Creek Trail     | \$ 1,200,000 | Project Finalizing Permitting             |

### FY 2023 Projects

| Project                               | Budget    | Status                                    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Walton Blvd Trail Safety Improvements | \$ 60,000 | Plans Completed / Awaiting Implementation |

### FY 2024 Projects

| Project  | Budget        | Status   |
|--|---------------|--|
| 8th Street Gateway Park Construction                     | \$ 37,000,000 | Project Underway- 65% Complete   |
| Adult Recreation Center                                  | \$ 22,500,000 | Project Complete   |
| Streambank Erosion Study                                 | \$ 12,000     | Project Underway - 75% complete  |
| SW Bentonville Trail - Morningstar to Vendor Dr - Design |               | Project in design - 90% Complete   |
| T1 Bikeway Projects                                      | \$ 400,000    | Grant Submitted Bank Stabilization - Analysis and Design underway for bridge |

### FY 2025 Projects

| Project | Budget | Status |
|---------|--------|--------|
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|--|---------------|--|
| Adult Recreation Center - FF&E                             | \$ 1,500,000  | Project Underway - 99% Complete  |
| Bikeway T1 Projects  | \$ 215,000    | Awaiting Designs for Trail Crossings                                     |
| Lawrence Plaza Splash Pad Resurface                        | \$ 120,000    | Project Complete   |
| Parks Maintenance Facility - Construction                  | \$ 6,500,000  | Project Underway -90% Complete   |
| Parks Maintenance Facility - FF&E                          | \$ 145,000    | Complete   |
| Phillips & Promenade Security Cameras                      | \$ 20,000     | Phillps Cameras Installed<br>Awiating Dave Peel Completion for Remaining |
| Trail - Elm Tree 102 to 72                                 | \$ 3,000,000  | Design 95% Complete. Bidding Q2 2026                                     |
| <b>FY 2026 Projects</b>                                    |               |  |
| <b>Project</b>   | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Status</b>  |
| Parks Maintenance FF&E (2026)                              | \$ 120,000    | Project Underway-80% Complete  |
| Little Sugar Creek - Dam Removal + Stream Restoration      | \$ 4,500,000  | Project Underway-10% Complete  |
| Bike / Ped T1 Projects                                     | \$ 400,000    | <i>(211K - Elm Tree to Coler Design)</i>                                 |
| Bike Ped Wayfinding Signage                                | \$ 250,000    | Q4 2026  |
| Trail - JDS / Memorial Crosswalks                          |               | Bidding Underway   |
| Trail - Elm Tree to Coler Design                           |               | Design Contract at Council in June                                       |
| Trail - Greenway Intersection Improvements at 5th          | \$ 500,000    | Design Underway - 25% Complete   |
| Trail - Wishing Spring Trail Relocation                    | \$ 3,538,831  | Project Underway - 60% Complete  |
| Trail Wishing Spring Erosion Repair / Rebuild              | \$ 450,000    | Project Design and Permitting Underway - 90% Complete                    |
| Trail - Arkansas Missouri Trail Extension (Moberly to MLK) | \$ 750,000    | Project Under Design - 90% Complete                                      |
| Trail - North Trail Concrete Replacement                   | \$ 165,000    | Project Underway - 50% Complete  |
| Memorial Park - Pickleball Court Design                    | \$ 300,000    | Design Firm Selected - Contract Negotiations Started                     |

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| Parks - 10 Year Master Plan                       | \$ 300,000 | Design Firms Being Reviewed - RFQ Summer 2026    |
| Security Camera Install (BVL, Gateway, Dave Peel) | \$ 56,000  | Q3 2026  |
| Orchards Park - Landscape Boulder Improv          | \$ 25,000  | Project Complete                                 |
| Citizens Park - Replace Brick Crosswalks          | \$ 60,000  | Project underway- Completion by June             |
| Memorial - Tennis Resurface (9-12)                | \$ 65,000  |  |
| Memorial - Soccer Restroom Maintenance / Epoxy    | \$ 14,000  |  |
| Memorial - Concession Building 2nd Floor Flooring | \$ 20,000  | In planning                                      |
| Memorial - Fencing - 1/9 + 5/6                    | \$ 20,000  | Project Complete                                 |
| Memorial - Soccer - Regrade + Sod Improvements    | \$ 150,000 | In planning                                      |
| Memorial - Softball Field Lights (6+8)            | \$ 552,000 | Project Under Contract - Scheduled for July 2026 |
| MFAC - Pool Deck Upgrade Dive Blocks              | \$ 57,000  | In planning                                      |
| MFAC - Dive Well Cover Replacement                | \$ 12,500  | Project Complete                                 |
| MFAC - Lane Line Reels                            | \$ 10,000  | Project Complete                                 |
| BCC - Locker Room / Cabana Flooring Maint (Epoxy) | \$ 25,000  |  |
| BCC - Washer + Dryer                              | \$ 6,000   | Project Complete                                 |
| BCC - Comp Pool UV System                         | \$ 50,000  | Project Complete                                 |
| BCC - Fitness / Cardio Equipment                  | \$ 110,000 | Project Complete                                 |
| Creekside - Pickleball Windscreens                | \$ 18,000  | Project Complete                                 |
| Creekside - Drainage Repair                       | \$ 40,000  | In planning                                      |
| Bogle - Pavilion Roof Replacement                 | \$ 17,500  |  |
| Austin Baggett - Fallsafe Material / Turf         | \$ 32,000  | Quoting  |

**2026 Capital Equipment**

| <b>Equipment</b>                               | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Status</b>                      |
|--|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Excavator - EV150 Vacuum Evacuator             | \$ 48,000     | Ordered-Delivery estimated June    |
| Excavator - Small Mini EX                      | \$ 60,000     | Ordered- Delivery estimated May    |
| Mini Ex Attachment - Brush Cutter              | \$ 10,000     |                                    |
| Gateway - Mower - Zero Turn 60"                | \$ 17,000     | Ordered- Estimated delivery August |
| Gateway - UTV Mule (2)                         | \$ 50,000     | One of two arrived                 |
| Gateway - Trailer Flat Bed                     | \$ 7,000      | Completed. Equipment In-Hand       |
| Gateway - Dump Trailer                         | \$ 16,000     | Completed. Equipment In-Hand       |
| Sweeper - Snowex Walk Behind                   | \$ 7,250      | Quoting                            |
| Phillips - Robot Turf Mower                    | \$ 36,000     | Complete                           |
| Phillips - Robot Turf Mower Detail             | \$ 8,000      | Complete                           |
| Pull-Behind Large Overseeder                   | \$ 24,000     | Ordered - Estimated delivery May   |
| Pull Behind Turf Roller                        | \$ 13,000     | Completed                          |
| ABI InField Groomer                            | \$ 38,000     | Ordered Delivery June              |
| Turf Tank - Robot Painter                      | \$ 65,000     | Complete                           |
| Terrain Cutter Mower                           | \$ 125,000    | Completed. Equipment In-Hand       |
| Snow Blower Attachment                         | \$ 16,000     | Completed. Equipment In-Hand       |
| Vehicle - Ram 1500 Crew Cab New Sanitation     | \$ 49,500     | Complete                           |
| Vehicle -F250 Truck New Gateway                | \$ 55,500     | Complete                           |
| Vehicle -F350 Crew Cab Truck New Position Hort | \$ 69,000     | Complete                           |

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| Vehicle -F350 Reg Cab Dually Truck Forestry New Position | \$ 77,000 | Complete                            |
| Vehicle -F350 Reg Cab Dually Truck Facil. Position       | \$ 85,000 | Ordered- Delivery estimated for May |



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