



**Bentonville Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Adult Recreation Center
215 SW A Street**

Agenda

Old Business

1. Approval of July 2026 Meeting Minutes

New Business

1. 2027 Budget – Capital Requests
2. Trail Projects in Design
 - a. Elm Tree – 14th Street to 3rd Street
 - b. 3rd Street – Elm Tree to Coler Preserve
 - c. 18th Street – C Street to Osage Park
 - d. Bright Road – Gateway Park to Creek
 - e. SW Bentonville Loop – Morningstar to Vendor
 - f. SW Bentonville Loop – Vendor to Greenhouse

Other Business

1. September meeting will be an onsite tour at Gateway Park

Attachments

PRAB Minutes – July 2026
2026 Capital Improvement Worksheet – August 2026



Bentonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes July 2026

Meeting Date: July 6, 2026

Meeting Called to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15p.m.

Meeting Location: Adult Recreation Center

Members Attending: Allyson de la Houssaye, Austin Bryan, Brooke Spenser, Kristin Kuhlow, Jon Terlouw, Ryan Hollingsworth, Ty Hoffine

Board Members Not Attending: Brady Blaker, Chris Sooter, Tacuma Williams

Staff Members Attending: Creek Wenger, David Wright, Greg Hughes, Isabella Isaksen, Jennifer Cork, Josh Stacey, Shauna Damon, Tracy Acosta, Wade Tomlinson

Old Business

Approval of May 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Austin Bryan

Second: Ty Hoffine

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: All

New Business

Department Staff Introductions

David Wright opened the meeting introducing several new and returning members of the Parks & Recreation Department.

- Isabella Isaksen, new position, Marketing and Communications Manager
- Shawn Damon, returned from maternity leave
- Jennifer Cork, new position, Business Manager
- Nathan Izzard, new position, Project Manager

David also noted that a new Graphic Artist position has been filled and that person will begin shortly, while a Park Planner position remains open.

Public Art Approval – Dr. Compton Statue

The Board reviewed a proposed public art installation for Dave Peel Park.

- A life-size bronze statue honoring Dr. Neil Compton
- The sculpture is designed as an interactive piece where visitors can sit beside the statue for photographs
- The artwork will be installed under a ten-year agreement with provisions allowing removal if necessary
- The sculpture is designed to safely accommodate public interaction
- The sculpture is on loan from Oz Art who will also maintain the art piece

Motion to Approve: Jon Terlouw

Second: Brooke Spenser

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: All

Run Bentonville Half Marathon Eval + Financial Recap

Shauna Damon and Greg Hughes presented a comprehensive recap of the 16th Annual Run Bentonville Half Marathon held on April 4, 2026. Below are highlights and discussions from the meeting.

- Over 5,400 registered runners participated
- Participants represented 41 states and five countries including Mexico, Canada, Chile and United Kingdom
- More than 180 volunteers assisted throughout the event
- Estimated economic impact exceeded \$1.5 million
- Gross event revenue totaled approximately \$478,000
- Net event revenue was approximately \$180,000

The Board commended staff and volunteers for another successful event.

Board members discussed the following items for future races:

- Volunteer coordination and communication
- Start corral organization
- Finish-line congestion
- Opportunities for additional entertainment and live streaming
- Improved participant flow following race completion
- Enhanced directional signage during packet pickup and expo activities

Square to Square Eval + Financial Recap

Shauna and Greg also reviewed the financial performance and operations of the 2026 Square-to-Square cycling event. Highlights of the discussion are listed below.

- 11th year of connectivity on the Razorback Greenway
- 1,800 registered riders representing states as far Maine, Florida and Minnesota
- Estimated economic impact of the spring ride exceeded \$35,000
- Event participation
- Financial results
- Volunteer management
- Opportunities for future improvements
- Marketing and operational efficiencies

The Board expressed continued support for the event.

2027 Recreation Program Fee Schedule

Greg Hughes recommended increasing Run Bentonville Half Marathon registration fees for 2027. Proposed fees:

- Half Marathon – \$100
- 5K – \$45

The increase reflects rising operational costs while remaining competitive with comparable regional races.

Motion to Approve: Austin Bryan

Second: Jon Terlouw

Voted in Favor: All

Voted Opposed: All

Other Business

Other ongoing park operations and facility project topics

- Graffiti and vandalism continue to remain minimal and are addressed promptly
- Staff discussed challenges faced by other municipalities compared to Bentonville's park system
- Melvin Ford Aquatic Center would benefit from improved ventilation through additional fans.
- Maintaining three dedicated lap swim lanes at Melvin Ford Aquatic Center identified as a priority

Staff reported that community excitement remains high as these projects approach completion.

2026 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Worksheet

FY 2017 Projects

Project	Budget	Status
McCollum Street Sidepath Trail - Phase II	\$ 600,000	Council Bid Award - July. Construction begins September
Razorback Greenway - BHS to Walmart Connection	\$ 700,000	Construction Underway - 99% 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- 80% 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 - 99% Complete
T1 Bikeway Projects	\$ 400,000	Grant Submitted Bank Stabilization - Analysis and Design underway for bridge

FY 2025 Projects

Project	Budget	Status
Adult Recreation Center - FF&E	\$ 1,500,000	Project Underway - 95% 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 Complete
Parks Maintenance Facility - FF&E	\$ 145,000	Project Complete
Phillips & Promenade Security Cameras	\$ 20,000	Phillips Cameras Installed Awaiting Dave Peel Completion for Remaining
Trail - Elm Tree 102 to 72	\$ 3,000,000	Design 95% Complete. Bidding Q3 2026
FY 2026 Projects		
Project	Budget	Status
Parks Maintenance FF&E (2026)	\$ 120,000	Project Underway-95% Complete
Little Sugar Creek - Dam Removal + Stream Restoration	\$ 4,500,000	Project Underway-20% Complete
Bike / Ped T1 Projects	\$ 400,000	(211K - Elm Tree to Coler Design)
Bike Ped Wayfinding Signage	\$ 250,000	Q4 2026
Trail - JDS / Memorial Crosswalks		Project Underway - 90% Complete
Trail - Elm Tree to Coler Design		Project Underway -15% Complete
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 Currently Bidding
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 Project Underway - 0% Complete
Parks - 10 Year Master Plan	\$ 300,000	RFQ Published - Deadline Sept 17
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
Memorial - Tennis Resurface (9-12)	\$ 65,000	Project Complete
Memorial - Soccer Restroom Maintenance / Epoxy	\$ 14,000	Project Complete
Memorial - Concession Building 2nd Floor Flooring	\$ 20,000	Project Complete
Memorial - Fencing - 1/9 + 5/6	\$ 20,000	Project Complete
Memorial - Soccer - Regrade + Sod Improvements	\$ 150,000	Moving to 2027
Memorial - Softball Field Lights (6+8)	\$ 552,000	Project Underway - 90% Complete
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	Scheduled for August
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	Project Complete
Bogle - Pavilion Roof Replacement	\$ 17,500	
Austin Baggett - Fallsafe Material / Turf	\$ 32,000	Project Complete
2026 Capital Equipment		
Equipment	Budget	Status
Excavator - EV150 Vacumn Evacuator	\$ 48,000	Ordered-Delivery estimated August
Excavator - Small Mini EX	\$ 60,000	Complete
Mini Ex Attachment - Brush Cutter	\$ 10,000	
Gateway - Mower - Zero Turn 60"	\$ 17,000	Ordered- Estimated delivery August
Gateway - UTV Mule (2)	\$ 50,000	Complete
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	Complete
Phillips - Robot Turf Mower	\$ 36,000	Complete
Phillips - Robot Turf Mower Detail	\$ 8,000	Complete
Pull-Behind Large Overseeder	\$ 24,000	Complete
Pull Behind Turf Roller	\$ 13,000	Completed
ABI InField Groomer	\$ 38,000	Complete
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
Vehicle -F350 Reg Cab Dually Truck Forestry New Position	\$ 77,000	Complete
Vehicle -F350 Reg Cab Dually Truck Facil. Position	\$ 85,000	Complete