

**Bentonville Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
February 22, 2016**

The Bentonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met January 28, 2016 at Brightfield Middle School.

Present were members Holly Hook, Chris Sooter, Tregg Brown, Jon Terlow, Thomas Butrynski, Mike Power and Shara Fisher. Lee Farmer, David Wright, Crant Osborne, Josh Stacey, Danny Bartlett, Layne Moore and Angel Stuler were present for the staff. Mayor McCaslin was also present.

Meeting began at 5:02PM

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes from October meeting.
 - Tabled until February Meeting

New Business

1. Bella Vista Damage/ Trail Updates
 - Osborne updated PRAB regarding the Bella Vista damage as well as Trail damage/ construction updates. Bella Vista Dam suffered significant damage in the flooding with chunks of asphalt washed out forcing the dam to be closed until repairs can be made. Due to the damage, we're at least a minimum of 30 days before opening. Brown asked about signs stating work in progress or something along those lines for the trails damaged at the lake, so the public knows we are working on it. Osborne said the east and west side of the trail has been cleaned out and the south side has been undercut and a contractor is coming out tomorrow. This may possibly require a bid deal in order to repair. The tunnels are back open, trail swept and debris off of the trails but there is still a lot of debris on the side of trails – this is a very slow process to clean up. The Urban Trail wooden bridge is out, but should be reinstalled over the next few weeks. It has to be built from scratch, and the goal is to have installed by the end of next week, but may take a few weeks. Hook asked about the trail by Krispy Kreme. Wright said he is reluctant to say it's on schedule, the bridge is set and there's not a lot left to do but it depends on Mother Nature. Osborne said he hopes it will be finished over the next couple of months.
 - Brown asked about the frost proof water fountain by the dog park. Osborne said it should be installed tomorrow (Tuesday).
2. Bentonville Community Center
 - Farmer said he would have a full report on the Ice Rink at the February PRAB meeting.
 - Farmer said as of now, the numbers are great with the time of year, with a total of 4800 members and 2600 patrons used the facility each week. Schaefer mentioned that Jenn Valentine, the fitness specialist, is doing great – adding and meeting the

demand and the whole Community Center is being used and it's very efficient. Brown asked if there was any negative/positive feedback that has been heard by the public. Farmer said its very fitness driven right now, and the kids center problems are getting resolved. There are still a couple of issues we're still working on such as the gym floor.

- Farmer mentioned a new program called Yappy Hour will be introduced and will run in May and June. It's a family friendly event at the dog park with live music, ice cream, ice tea and dog treats.

3. Brightwood Middle School – Playground Project

- Wright explained to PRAB that the kids at Brightwood are studying kinetic energy and asked how does kinetic energy relate to play Furthermore, the students have been broken up into teams and worked on projects where each team designed a playground that they would like to see replace Wildwood. The students on these teams are in 5th grade and are excited to show PRAB and the Parks and Recreation staff the project. We're not obligated to use the design (winner), but we may incorporate parts from it or parts from each team. The "design parts" if picked will be submitted to a playgrounds designer and incorporated in the design. The winners have been placed on the stage, but Wright said it's worth looking at all of the presentations since they all have a unique design. Wright asked PRAB to take notes of the presentations and all of the notes will be given to a Game Time rep. Hopefully in about 60 days, we will have a model.
- PRAB spent the remainder of the evening listening to presentations given by the kids at Brightwood Middle School.

Meeting adjourned at DAC at 6:30 PM