

Parks and Recreation Board  
 April 21, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Bartlett Park, SW Parkway & Duncan

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Clark, Chris	(19-12)	02/11/24
	Lanham, Annette	(20-1)	02/03/25
	Luedtke, Patti	(17-1)	08/31/25
	Mooney, Scott	(6-2)	06/28/26
	Nelson, Pam	(28-3)	02/03/24
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(25-6)	02/03/24
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT :</b>	Heim, Michael	(21-10)	02/03/24
	Montegna, Eric	(7-2)	06/28/26
	Nelson, Scott	(16-3)	07/27/25
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Jeff Atkins, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communication Coordinator		

**Call to Order.**

Chairman Chris Clark called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

**ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes**

March 2022 minutes approved

**ITEM #3 – Updates:**

a. River Bluff Trails Update

**Grand Opening - May 28, 9am-1:30pm**

- Merchandise – mugs, water bottles, key chains, socks, hats, shirts
- KC Zip line
- Food Vendors
- Beer vendor?
- Nature Walks
- Bike Rides
- Fun Contests
- Mountain Bike Coach will work with people and the obstacles

The pedestrian bridge has been officially named - Bob Simpson Bridge. Bob was instrumental in getting funding throughout the years for the riverfront development.

Shuttle service – have some obstacles, not getting any interest or bids for the service. We have started looking into vans and trailers. Social media sites are live now.

- b. Civic Arena Update – The seating was approved by council. Hopefully we will have the new seating by the end of the year. An ordinance to purchase the scoreboard should be on the next council meeting May 2. We did receive \$375,000 from Bode Trustee, which covered all but \$79,000 of the scoreboard. This freed up funds to upgrade the seating with aluminum landings. Schneider will be doing the lighting and floor ports. Moving forward with the sidewalks, should be before the end of the year.

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Annette Lanham – will we be painting.

Jeff Atkins – painting and HVAC are not on the tax.

Pam Nelson – has the water issue coming down the stairs into the arena been solved.

Jeff Atkins – The break is somewhere under the stairs. Right now, we are relying on sump pumps when it rains.

c. Park Tax update

- Ballfield lighting was approved by council – 3 fields at South Park/Drake, 2 fields at Marion & Golf (Eagles), and 1 field at Noyes. Work will be done this summer. Trying to work around baseball/softball scheduled games.
- Corby Pond - Docks have been put out for bid. Anonymous donor has purchased the fountains. The rock wall is complete, the normal level for the pond will be 2 ½ blocks from the top.

**ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events**

- a. Grand Opening – River Bluff Trails – May 28, 2022.

**ITEM #4 –Open Discussion**

- a. Bike/Skateboard Park – site visit Bartlett & if time permits Mitchell Park – would like to have a flat area around the size of Bartlett’s playground. Bartlett Park the only location that is not already being utilized is the north part. We would probably have neighbor opposition and parking issues.  
Scott Mooney – it does seem like Bartlett has parking issues now and a large amount of usage.  
Chris Clark – For any grants we can get it would double the budget. Bartlett does fall in grant possible. Mitchell Park, we believe also falls into the grant categories.  
Mary Supple-Bish – what ages would the park be geared? How would they get to the park?  
Scott Mooney – the park would be for all ages.  
Pam Nelson – Noyes as a possible location.  
Jeff Atkins – yes, a possible location, but it is in a flood plain.  
Annette Lanham – is the park going to be primarily skateboard?  
Jeff Atkins – it would be for both. Maybe have separate areas.

**ITEM #5 –Public Comment**

None

**ITEM #6 – Site Visit**

Members will look at the Bartlett site and then drive to Mitchell Park after adjournment.

**ITEM #7 – Park Board Photos**

No photo taken – several members could not make the meeting.

**ITEM #8 – Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 19, 2022, 4:00pm** - location to be announced.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant