



City of Bonner Springs

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Monday, July 17, 2023

200 East Third Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 5:30 PM

CITIZEN CONCERNS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorial Bench Program

Action Discussion

Recommendation

Documents:

2. Tree Plantings

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REPORTS

1. Recreation Manager Update

Action

Recommendation

Documents:

Memorandum

Date: July 17, 2023
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Justine Spease

Subject: Memorial Bench Program

Recommendation:

Action: Discussion

Background: One of the recommendations that came out of the Community for All Ages - Silver Level study - was the need for additional benches/resting areas to be available throughout the community to increase accessibility.

Discussion: Staff is proposing implementing a memorial bench program that would lay out where the existing benches are, where there is a need for future installations to increase accessibility, and track memorial bench sites. Staff would also like to propose that memorial benches have a set time limit as memorial donations are often a one-time thing and maintenance on benches over time often exceeds the amount that was collected for the donation.

Financial Impact:

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Background:

In July 2021, the Kansas Forest Services received a \$120,000 grant from the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) and the USDA Forest Service that will support the planting of trees in communities impacted by the emerald ash borer. The cities of Bonner Springs and Overland Park and are severely impacted with significant canopy loss due to EAB and are partners in the grant project to restore urban canopy. Over the course of 3 years, Bonner Springs is to plant 200 trees with this grant in public areas of the community.

Many of the memorial trees can be found at <https://www.bonnerrsprings.org/1206/Tree-City-USA>

Discussion: Staff Chris Brake and Jeff Harris will present a map of the cemetery to discuss proposed tree planting locations.

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Recommendation:

Action:

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Discussion:

- Ribbon cutting for the Fitness Court at Center Park will be on Thursday, August 10th, at 5:30PM.
- 4 teams registered for the Summer Adult Softball league.
- The pool will be closing 1hr early (6PM) on Thursdays for the remainder of the summer to allow time for lifeguard in-service training.
- Registration for Fall Ball, Soccer, and Youth Volleyball are open.
- Plans for Senior Trips for 2024 will begin in August with Lenexa.
- Doggie Poolooza is Friday, August 18th, from 5PM-8PM.

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