

**ADVISORY PARK BOARD**

*Committee Meeting – Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 5:15 p.m.*  
Branson RecPlex – 1501 Branson Hills Parkway – Branson, MO

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**AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of April 16, 2019 Minutes
- 3) Presentation of Financial Report
- 4) Update on Stockstill Park
- 5) Update on Pickleball
- 6) New Partnership with Missouri Department of Conversation
- 7) Update on Eiserman Park Disc Golf
- 8) Partnership on Mural at Murphy Park
- 9) Presentation of new Park Maintenance Staff Structure
- 10) Recreation Update
- 11) Member's Report
- 12) Adjourn

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*Where Values are the Difference*

**JUNE: SAFETY**

**Maintaining an environment free from harm**

Park Board Minutes  
April 16, 2019

Members Present: Candy Sullinger, Gabe Miller, Scott McCaulley, Bob Simmons, Julie Wolfe, Andrew Brown, and Danielle Dingman

Members Absent: Wes Stoner, Garrett Vanderpool and Jamie Whiteis

Staff Present: Cindy Shook, Jason Reinsch, Marsha Fulton and Adam Houseman

The meeting was called to order.

Cindy introduced the newest employee to the Parks Department, Park's Business Supervisor Adam Houseman. Adam then gave the board a brief personal background and his job history. The board all welcomed Adam to the department.

Julie made a motion to approve the Park Board minutes dated March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Andrew Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Business:

1. The first item on the agenda was the presentation of the financial report for February, 2019. Jason started by noting that the campground saw 80% occupancy for weekends in March, which combined with the fee increase, had resulted in a very good first two months of the year. Gabe asked if there had been implementation and utilization of new applications with the new software update. Jason responded yes, that just that day, the campground manager had utilized the software to look more critically into our rally business. Gabe then inquired if there had been any push back in regards to the new deposit of the first night fee. Cindy stated that there really hadn't been much to date and that overall people seemed very pleased to be able to make a reservation online.

2. The next item on the agenda was an update on the Eiserman Park improvements. Cindy stated that she is excited about a lot of things that are in the works for the park but unfortunately, she was not successful in her attempt to secure a grant to install a walking path at Eiserman Park. She indicated that she is currently working with professional disc golf player Jeff Renner and his disc golf club to create an exciting new layout at Eiserman Park. The new signage is currently being designed, which will require some of the current baskets to be moved, and she hopes to be ready in June. In addition, Jason then shared with the board an exciting new partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation to offer their Discover Nature Fishing Program. As part of the revitalization of Eiserman Park, the Parks Department will soon begin offering catch and release fishing in the ponds at the park. Any children ages 15 and under will be allowed to fish the ponds during designated hours. Equipment will also be available for use during business hours. As part of our partnership with MDC, the department will also be offering a pilot course on fishing to the Summer Day Camp, culminating with a fishing day at Eiserman Park. Parks staff will provide lessons and instruction using equipment, curriculum and teaching aides provided by MDC. Jason added that it would be geared to 15 and under, as those ages do not require fishing license. Scott noted that it was really a natural tie in, almost a no brainer. Jason noted that MDC employee Ben Parnell was very excited not only about the program but also about the location, being right in the middle of town but also so close to the lakes. Gabe added

that they may want to reach out to the Branson High School Fishing team and inquire about their willingness to assist with the teaching of the kids. Andrew suggested possibly offering a fly tying class at the Community Center to allow the older generation to teach the younger generation. Bob added that recently when he had been at the community center he had not had one negative comment about the golf course being gone. He stated that he had a few “that’s interesting” but nothing actually negative.

3. The next item on the agenda was an update on a pickleball initiative. Cindy shared with the board that pickleball has really been gaining in popularity and momentum in the community. Cindy went on to explain that Autumn Price, who had formally been a tennis instructor for the department, had recently led an initiative to provide more opportunities for open play at Stockstill Park Tennis Courts four times a week. Additionally, Autumn and the other pickleball players were working with the department to host a fund raising tournament as a way to provide dedicated pickleball courts, possibly at Parnell Park. Cindy stated that she appreciated that the group was working in partnership with the Park’s Department and that Autumn had been a great asset to work with.

4. The next item on the agenda was an update on Liberty Plaza events. Jason briefly discussed the various possibilities on slate for Liberty Plaza, including an event on June 1 that the Branson Arts Council is hosting that will include live music, arts and crafts and barbeque. Other items include the Christian Church utilizing the facility, a fall concert featuring the Petersons and a movie partnership with the Downtown Branson Betterment Association. Bob added that the parking lot had been designed for the use of tents and wondered if that was being used. Jason agreed that the ability to use tents was still there, but up to this point, tents had not been utilized based on the types of events that had taken place thus far.

5. The next item on the agenda was the recreation update. With no comments or questions on the recreation update the board moved onto the next item on the agenda.

6. The next item on the agenda was an update on capital projects. Cindy shared with the board that both the sanding and refinishing of the gym floor and the sandblasting and painting of the pool were now complete. Cindy explained that she is also hoping to sand and refinish the wood aerobic room floor located upstairs at the CoxHealth Fitness Center. Jason added that the gym floor had been an eleven day process, with five days dedicated to sanding. Cindy then took the board members on a brief walk through of the gymnasium and the swimming pool.

#### Member’s Report

1. Scott McCaulley shared that Perry Phillips, former Park Board member, was recently elected to the Reeds Spring School Board.

2. Cindy reminded the board that there would be an open appointment coming up on the Park Board as Wes Stoner had decided not to reapply. Cindy encouraged the board to reach out to anyone they thought would be a good addition to the board.

Scott made a motion to adjourn. Gabe seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30pm

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## Parks & Recreation Program Cost Analysis 41.7% OF 5 MONTH as of May 31, 2019 FY 2019, PERIOD 5

Program	Program Revenues	Program Revenues	Program Expenditures	Program Expenditures	Operating Rev (Exp)	Operating Rev (Exp)
	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
Administration	-	-	159,479	152,222	(159,479)	(152,222)
Capital	-	-	-	66,772	-	(66,772)
Community Center	14,142	11,909	31,925	27,691	(17,783)	(15,783)
Recreation Complex					-	-
RecPlex	158,200	147,243	221,608	237,393	(63,409)	(90,150)
Concessions	33,451	46,233	24,850	40,365	8,601	5,868
Tournaments	2,685	2,490	-	-	2,685	2,490
Dog Park	3,493	2,927	1,178	2,665	2,315	262
Day Camp	30,035	13,175	9,723	9,329	20,312	3,846
Pool	20,925	24,212	28,538	24,975	(7,612)	(763)
Swim Team	5,315	7,915	3,890	5,977	1,425	1,938
Golf Course	-	9,291	372	17,911	(372)	(8,620)
Campgrounds	246,461	225,913	108,284	103,703	138,178	122,209
Special Events/Programs	10,155	8,276	4,923	5,796	5,232	2,480
Cheerleading	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Facilities/Other</b>	<b>524,862</b>	<b>499,583</b>	<b>594,769</b>	<b>694,800</b>	<b>(69,907)</b>	<b>(195,217)</b>
Adult Basketball	1,865	1,840	8,210	8,185	(6,345)	(6,345)
Adult Volleyball	750	1,375	4,247	4,953	(3,497)	(3,578)
Adult Softball	-	170	575	1,538	(575)	(1,368)
Tennis	510	220	713	769	(203)	(549)
Youth Baseball	35,500	36,030	14,471	16,340	21,029	19,690
Youth Basketball	190	1,010	23,963	23,175	(23,773)	(22,165)
Youth Soccer	21,200	24,298	14,468	13,942	6,732	10,356
Youth Volleyball	-	555	2,872	3,843	(2,872)	(3,288)
Adult Football/Soccer	-	-	-	938	-	(938)
<b>Total Ball Programs</b>	<b>60,015</b>	<b>65,498</b>	<b>69,517</b>	<b>73,683</b>	<b>(9,502)</b>	<b>(8,185)</b>
Parks	-	-	203,187	170,107	(203,187)	(170,107)
Liberty Plaza	-	-	5,298	-	(5,298)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>584,877</b>	<b>565,080</b>	<b>872,770</b>	<b>938,590</b>	<b>(287,894)</b>	<b>(373,510)</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>						
Cigarette Tax	26,104	26,543	-	-	26,104	26,543
Other Revenues	-	56,118	-	-	-	56,118
Transfer/Landscape	-	0	-	-	-	-
Transfer/General	371,017	337,500	-	-	371,017	337,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>981,998</b>	<b>985,241</b>	<b>872,770</b>	<b>938,590</b>	<b>109,227</b>	<b>46,651</b>

Administration Expense is  
**18%**  
of the Total Expense

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## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **Branson's Stockstill Park Reopens**

BRANSON, Mo – The City of Branson's Stockstill Park reopened to the public on Wednesday June 5, 2019 after being closed since May 1, 2019, due to damaged sustained by flash flood waters from nearby Roark Creek.

The park has been affected by flooding many times over the past years. Each time, City officials look for ways to lessen the parks risk of damage and continue to look for options for the parks future.

“Because that park is prone to flood damage, going forward we will continue to place more emphasis on natural elements of the park, like the creek access and open green spaces for people to enjoy. The walking path has been repaired and is ready to use as concrete has been poured in place of the asphalt that was damaged,” said Branson Parks & Recreation Director, Cindy Shook. “Stockstill Park is one of our most popular parks so we will continue to look for ways to make improvements for our residents and guests,” Shook said.

The City of Branson would like to thank the hard work of City staff and a group of community volunteers who helped to clean the debris, clear trees and chop wood to get the park ready to open.

To find out more about Branson's 16 parks, 5 trails and 7 walking paths, including their locations, visit our website here:  
<https://bransonparksandrecreation.com/647/Parks-Trails>

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# Eiserman Disc Golf Course

## Welcome to Eiserman Disc Golf Course

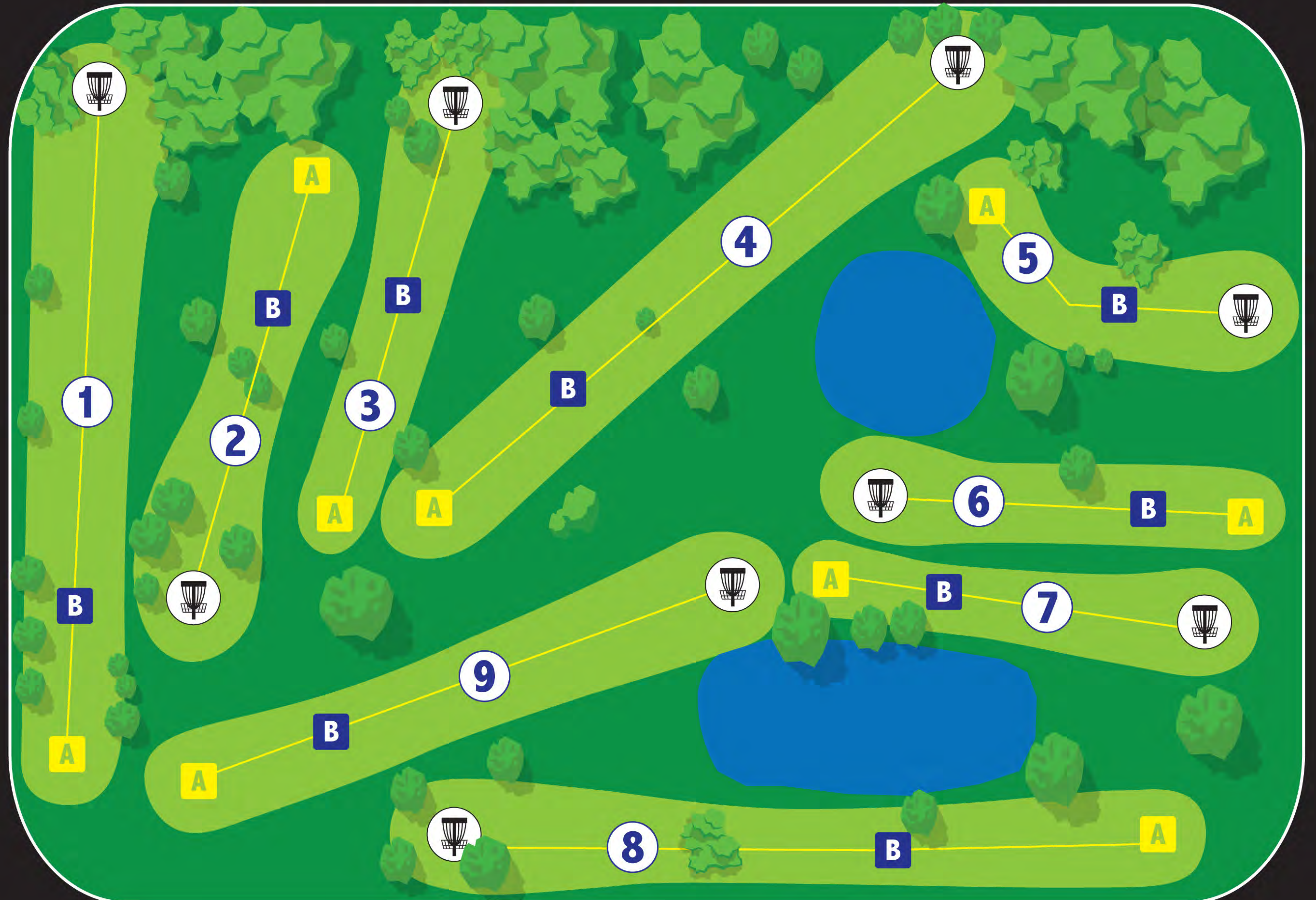
PLAY SMART- Never throw when players or other facilities users are within range.

RESPECT the COURSE-Observe all rules. No littering.

REPRESENT the SPORT- Be positive and responsible.

## Please follow these rules

1. Course open daily from dawn to dusk.
2. Play at your own risk.
3. Never throw when players are within range. Be aware of park users and people fishing at the ponds.
4. Use the one-meter rule for out of bounds (OB).
5. Water hazards, public roads, parking lots and perimeter fences are OB.
6. Holes 1, 2, 5 & 6 utilize mandatories. A disc must pass through the correct side of the mandatory before the hole is completed. Missed mandatories use drop area beside the tree where the mandatory arrow is.





## Branson Parks & Recreation Update (6/18/19)

The Branson Parks Department is working closely with the Branson Pickleball Club to expand pickleball opportunities in Branson. Recently, two additional pickleball courts were lined at the Stockstill Park tennis courts. With the addition of the two new courts, we now have a total of four courts for the community to enjoy. Open play times are currently being offered at Stockstill Park four times a week. The Branson Pickleball Club hosted a tournament June 6-7 at the RecPlex that saw 147 people enter. Proceeds of the tournament will go toward developing additional pickleball courts in Branson.



The Park Maintenance staff recently placed a new roof on the Stockstill Park restrooms. The old shingled roof, which was 25 years old, was replaced by a new metal roof. Park staff is now working on replacing the roof at the tennis building.



Things are in full swing at the Branson AquaPlex. The popular Tropical Tuesdays are scheduled to start June 18 and will offer fun games and prizes and a live DJ.

The Branson Parks & Recreation Department, along with State Park Marina and The Track, are proud to offer free admission days to the AquaPlex this summer. The free swim days are scheduled for Wednesday, June 26 and July 24, at the pool this summer. In lieu of admission, we ask that you consider donating a non-perishable food item per person.

Branson Parks Department is partnering with the Missouri Department of Conservation to offer their Discover Nature Fishing Program. As part of the revitalization of Eiserman Park, the Parks Department will soon begin offering catch and release fishing in the ponds at the park. Any children ages 15 and under will be allowed to fish the ponds during designated hours. Equipment will also be available for use during business hours. As part of our partnership with MDC we will also be offering a pilot course on fishing to our Summer Day Camp, culminating with a fishing day at Eiserman Park. Parks staff will provide lessons and instruction using equipment, curriculum and teaching aides provided by MDC.

A greenhouse at the Branson Community Center is supplying fresh produce for the senior lunch program. The Branson Senior Center Board installed the greenhouse and found volunteers to grow vegetables to help off-set the cost of the salad bar that is available for the senior meal program.

