

# **City of Bessemer Parks and Recreation Committee**

## **2019 Annual Report**

The City of Bessemer's Parks and Recreation Commission is comprised of five members who meet monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 2:15 in the DDA Room at City Hall at 411 S Sophie. A typical meeting consists of review of the previous meetings minutes, public hearings, any new or old business, any communications, and reports from staff regarding development or any programs the City is involved, and finally a call to the public, and member's comments.

Planning Commission members include: Ron Zaleski (chair), Cheryl Olsen (vice-chair), Terry Kryshak (council representative), Marlene Zaleski, and Kathy Billie.

The commission spent a significant part of the year working with volunteers on various projects.

Each member received training on the roles and responsibilities of Parks and Recreation Commission members including the open meetings act.

### **Meeting dates and summaries**

#### **January 3rd, 2019**

Discussed the Little Libraries, adopted the meeting schedule, and brainstormed their goals for the year.

#### **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Discussed little libraries, wayfinding, and whether to apply for the hospital foundation.

#### **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Discussed little libraries and helped Kelden Witt with replacing tools

#### **April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Discussed options for fundraising. Discussed dogs in park. Discussed trail in Jungles.

#### **Special Meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Met in the park to discuss the Pump Track. Tabled discussion. Authorized two sets of climbing routes to be installed.

#### **June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Discussed the little libraries, the MSHDA grant in Yale, Bocce Ball, signs labeling flowers and trees, and the Pump Track.

#### **Special Meeting July 21, 2019**

Met at Bluff Valley Park and discussed an ADA accessible area by the stream.

#### **July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Discussed Little Libraries, the MSHDA grant in Yale, Bocce Ball, Gaga Pit, signs labeling flowers and trees, and the Pump Track.

### **September 5th, 2019**

Discussed Little Libraries, the MSHDA grant in Yale, Bocce Ball, Gaga Pit, signs labeling flowers and trees, and the ice rink.

### **Special Meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Met at Bluff Valley Park to discuss converting the tennis courts into a skate park.

### **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

Worked with Mission Skate Shop on the Skate Park. Discussed the Ice Skating Rink, and brainstormed 2020.

## **Accomplishments in 2019**

- Planting and maintaining Flowers
- Pump Track
- Built Little Libraries
- Worked on starting the Skate Park
- Received Funding for the Yale Playground