

**City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes July 1, 2010**

**STATE OF TEXAS           §**

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**CITY OF BEDFORD       §**

**The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in regular session at the Old Bedford School Meeting Room on July 1, 2010, with the following members in attendance:**

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| 1. Alan Batjer     | (Present) | 6. Lisa McMillan         | (Absent)  |
| 2. Joy Henderson   | (Present) | 7. Rochelle Ross         | (Present) |
| 3. Jeannette Cook  | (Present) | 8. F. Dewey Tennant      | (Absent)  |
| 4. Douglas Allbach | (Present) | 9. Linda Flemming        | (Absent)  |
| 5. Cathy Schneider | (Present) | 10. Charles Higginbotham | (Present) |

Also present:

Leigh Morgan, Deputy Director Parks & Recreation  
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Managing Director of Community Services  
Dr. Roy Turner - Council Liaison  
John Fain, Principal of DFL Group, LLC

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Jeannette Cook at 6:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

John Fain with DFL Group, LLC introduced himself and explained why a new master plan is needed and gave examples of what will be included in the plan. We need the master plan to compete with other parks for grants. Input will be gathered from residents via public hearings and surveys. Concerns were brought up about the restroom/concession stand by the ball fields at the Boys Ranch and about getting the word out to Bedford residents to fill out the surveys. It was noted that the survey will be on the City web site and links will be published in the Bedford Connection and in the water bill. Suggestions made by attendees:

A community garden/greenhouse  
Amphitheater  
Integrate park trails with other cities  
Stocking pond with fish  
Farmers market/craft shows  
Fitness stations  
Ice Skating park  
Upgrade playgrounds with newer equipment  
Disc golf course would like 18 holes instead of the planned 9  
Dog park  
Batting cages  
Improved lighting in the parks  
More sand volleyball and basketball courts  
Multipurpose facilities - maybe no charge for non-profit groups with flexible space  
Portable bleachers that can be moved for various sport activities  
A regulation size baseball field

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Miniature golf course  
Expanded fitness center at Boys Ranch Activity Center  
Adult programs like Casino night  
Safety Town  
Museum  
Reflecting pond  
Windmills and use of solar energy

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:**
  - a) **May 6, 2010 and June 3, 2010 regular meeting**

The minutes of the May 6, 2010 regular meeting were not available for review. The minutes of the June 3, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed by the Board. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

2. **Discuss progress of the Parks Master Plan and results of Public Hearing.**

The board felt the public hearing went great. There were 10 people in attendance. Discussed the need to get the survey out to residents and reviewed the two surveys. The board also reviewed the inventory documented by John Fain. He will make the modifications, as suggested by the board, to the surveys and the inventory and email out to board members for review.

3. **Discuss how to increase awareness of the Park Donation Fund Campaign.**

To date there have been 1066 responses received. It was recommended that information and forms be available at the Library and BRAC. Also the possibility of visiting HOA meetings and distributing forms.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

4. **Advise volunteer opportunities for the 4th Fest Independence Day Celebration.**

All shifts were full with volunteers.

### **REPORTS**

5. **Discuss individual Park and Recreation Committee Reports.**

- a.) Bedford Trails - Charles Higginbotham – Graffiti along the trail
- b.) Boys Ranch - Jeannette Cook - Looks great, pole light still out, ballards in front of Splash out
- c.) Brookhollow - Alan Batjer – Fine
- d.) Carousel - Cathy Schneider – Looks great
- e.) Central Park - Rochelle Ross – Graffiti on the white fence
- f.) Meadowpark - Douglas Allbach – Child's play area needs weeds removed
- g.) Monterrey - Dewey Tennant – No report

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h.) Stormie Jones - Lisa McMillan/Linda Flemming – Bridge is still out. Water is standing behind the west soccer goal. Fence is bent down.

**6. Staff updates on recreation programs.**

Report on pools and recreation programs - numbers at Central Pool and Splash are down due to the rain. Staff is busy working on the 4th Fest.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**7. The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2010.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Cathy Schneider made a motion for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Douglas Allbach. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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Jeannette Cook, Chairperson  
City of Bedford, Parks & Recreation Board