

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes March 4, 2010

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The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in a regular session at the Old Bedford School Meeting Room on March 4, 2010, with the following members in attendance:

1. Alan Batjer	(Present)		9. Linda Flemming	(Present)
2. Joy Henderson	(Present)		10. Charles Higginbotham	(Present)
3. Jeannette Cook	(Present)			
4. Douglas Allbach	(Present)		Council Member	
5. Cathy Schneider	(Present)		Dr. Roy Turner	(Present)
6. Lisa McMillan	(Present)			
7. Rochelle Ross	(Present)	Cit	y Manager Designee	
8. F. Dewey Tennant	(Present)		Leigh Morgan	(Present)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Jeannette Cook at 6:33 P.M. Two Boy Scouts from a local troop requested to sit in on the meeting as spectators for a merit badge requirement. This request was approved.

NEW MEMBERS / OFFICER ELECTIONS

- Newly elected Parks and Recreation board member, Rochelle Ross was introduced. It was noted that Karen Knox and Marilyn Good have recently resigned from the board.
- Lisa McMillan nominated Jeannette Cook to an additional term as Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.
- Lisa McMillan nominated Cathy Schneider as Vice Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.
- Linda Flemming nominated Lisa McMillan as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 5, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to accept and approve the minutes as they stood. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

January joint meeting with City Council:

The minutes of the January 7, 2010 joint meeting were filed as a point of record. No changes were determined to be necessary except the addition of Parks and Recreation board members' names in attendance. All recommendations were approved including putting the disk golf back into the plan and moving the volleyball courts to Central Park. The first phase will include the drainage of the lake.

Updating Parks Master Plan:

The 2008 Priority List in the 1998 Master Plan was last updated in May 2008. City employees are working on current year updates. Plan needs updating every 10 years. The plan needs to be filed with Texas Parks and Wildlife to obtain grants and funding. The Parks and Recreation Board is

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requested to review goals and objectives and verify still relevant before the next meeting. Leigh Morgan will make sure a copy is mailed to all board members. Any recommendations will need to be brought to the next regular meeting. Jeannette Cook also requested our account balance for the next meeting.

Progress of proposed Dog Park:

Lisa McMillan's presentation at the January 2010 joint meeting was well received by city council members. She recommends the next step to be doing a town survey. After the survey is complete, the Parks and Recreation board should get city council support and look for corporate sponsorships. Dr. Turner recommends that we model the park after the City of Frisco Dog Park. This topic will be further discussed at the May meeting. Until then the subcommittee will continue working on Dog Park.

Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Celebration and tree donation to the City:

Linda Flemming discussed the Boy Scouts National Office's desire to donate trees to the City of Bedford. These trees will be donated by employees of the national office and ordered through the Arbor Foundation. This would be done as a way of celebrating the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary. The Bedford Beautification Committee has started planning where the trees should be planted. Five trees would be planted at Bedford Boys Ranch with a memorial stone and a dedication ceremony. The other trees would be planted along the Harwood Street boulevard. The city council will discuss at the working session on March 9, 2010. Lisa McMillan made the recommendation that the Parks and Recreation board support this initiative and recommended the city council to proceed. Joy Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bedford Cleanup Day:

The Parks and Recreation Board wishes to participate again this year in this event. Board members wishing to participate will meet 8:45 am on April 10th at the Spring Garden Elementary parking lot and will clean from there to Meadowpark. Jeanette Cook will pick up supplies.

INDIVIDUAL PARK REPORTS

- a.) Bedford Trails – Charles Higginbotham – Looks good but has question about construction behind Spring Garden. Is it permanent? Leigh to find out.
- b.) Boys Ranch – Joy Henderson – No major damage from recent storms. Resurfaced tennis courts look great.
- c.) Brook Hollow – Dr Turner/Alan Batjer – Looks good.
- d.) Carousel – Cathy Schneider – No report.
- e.) Central – Jeannette Cook – Lots of standing water from recent rains. Otherwise looks good.
- f.) Meadowpark – Douglas Allbach – Awning still down.
- g.) Monterrey – Dewey Tennant – Red tips still not trimmed.
- h.) Stormie Jones – Lisa McMillan/Linda Flemming – Volleyball net needs fixing. Drainage issues
- i.) Soto Grande – no report.

Current park assignments will stay intact. Rochelle will take Central Park.

STAFF UPDATES ON RECREATION PROGRAMS

The following report was provided by Leigh Morgan:

- Tree Lighting - Went well.
- Valentine's Dance - Went well. Movin' and Groovin' theme. 200 participants.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Will take place on 3/27/2010 at 10:20 am. Need volunteers.
- Spring Break Camp – Have started registering participants already.
- Summer Camps & Aquatics – Have started interviewing for employees.

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- Bedford Connection – New magazine. Well received by citizens.
- 4th Fest and Blues Fest – Will continue this year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Lisa McMillan made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Cathy Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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