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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 January 6, 2011, with the following members in attendance:

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| 1. Alan Batjer | (Present) | Council Liaison - | |
| 2. Joy Henderson | (Absent) | Jim Griffin | (Present) |
| 3. Jeannette Cook | (Absent) | | |
| 4. Douglas Allbach | (Present) | City Manager Designee - | |
| 5. Cathy Schneider | (Present) | Leigh Morgan | (Present) |
| 6. Lisa McMillan | (Present) | | |
| 7. Rochelle Ross | (Present) | Others Present - | |
| 8. F. Dewey Tennant | (Present) | | |
| 9. Linda Flemming | (Present) | John Fain, Consultant | |
| 10. Charles Higginbotham | (Present) | Matthew Cooper, City of Bedford | |
| 11. Bucky Geer | | | |

CALL TO ORDER

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

1. Discuss proposal of renaming a city park in honor of Harris Ryals, presented by Matthew Cooper.

Matthew Cooper, a City of Bedford employee, presented a proposal to rename a City park in honor of long-time Bedford employee Harris Ryals who passed away last year. Mr. Ryals served our country in the armed forces and then went on to work for the City of Bedford for 21 years, retiring in 1993. This proposal is supported by many current and former city employees, including Bill Brewer and Bill Walker, both former City of Bedford employees who were present and voiced their support of naming a park after Harris Ryals. After the presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dewey Tennant, seconded by Linda Fleming, to have this item included on next month's Parks Board meeting agenda for discussion and consideration. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW MEMBERS / OFFICER ELECTIONS

2. Introduction of newly appointed Parks and Recreation Member.

Newly appointed Parks Board member James "Bucky" Geer was introduced and welcomed by the Board.

3. Consider and act upon appointment of a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Chairperson Jeannette Cook opened the floor for nominations for officer positions.

A nomination of Jeannette Cook for Chair was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Charles Higginbotham. There being no other nominations, Jeannette Cook was unanimously elected Chairperson.

A nomination of Charles Higginbotham for Vice-Chair was made by Dewey Tennant, seconded by Lisa McMillan. There being no other nominations, Charles Higginbotham was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson.

A nomination of Lisa McMillan for Secretary was made by Dewey Tennant, seconded by Jeannette Cook. There being no other nominations, Lisa McMillan was unanimously elected Secretary.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:

- a) **October 13, 2010 regular meeting**
- b) **December 2, 2010 regular meeting**

The Board considered the minutes of the October 13, 2010 regular meeting, the November 11, 2010 joint meeting with City Council, and the December 2, 2010 regular meeting. It was noted that for the October 13 minutes, "Flemming" was misspelled; for the November 11 minutes, Linda Flemming should have been noted as "absent"; and for the December 2 minutes, the word "Master" was misspelled. The minutes were unanimously approved with the corrections noted above.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discuss and review progress of the Parks Master Plan.

Leigh Morgan distributed to all members the Updated Master Plan book. She reported that the City Council was pleased with the final product and has approved it. It was noted that Texas Parks and Wildlife has also sent word of its approval.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discuss the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant.

Mr. Fain reported that the Board would be working with Elaine Dill to finalize the actual grant project at the February Board meeting. The City Council will hold a public hearing and consider approval of the submittal of the grant application on February 8th. Mr. Fain discussed in detail the TP&W grant scoring process and the Board discussed funding request strategies. It was a consensus of the Board that, at a minimum, the grant will be for a \$1 million project at Bedford Boys Ranch which will allow for the maximum grant award of \$500,000 and will require a match of \$500,000 in cash, donations, or in-kind from the City.

7. Discuss individual Park assignments.

Board Members volunteered to report on the condition of individual parks each month as follows:

Bedford Trails – Charles Higginbotham
Bedford Boys Ranch – Bucky Greer
Brook Hollow – Alan Batjer
Carousel – Cathy Schneider

Central – Rochelle Ross
Meadow Park – Douglas Allbach
Stormie Jones – Linda Flemming
Bedford Trails West – Lisa McMillan

INDIVIDUAL PARK REPORTS

- a.) Bedford Trails – Okay.
- b.) Boys Ranch – Fields getting prepared for soccer.
- c.) Brook Hollow – Good.
- d.) Carousel – Good.
- e.) Central – Looks good.
- f.) Meadowpark – Good. Awning is up.
- g.) Monterrey – Looks fine.
- h.) Stormie Jones – Fields getting prepared for soccer.

8. Staff updates on recreation programs.

a) Update on 2011 programs

- The Christmas Tree Lighting program went very well.
- The Volunteer Banquet will be Friday night, February 11th, followed by the Valentine Dance (Father/Daughter Mother/Son Dance) on Saturday night, February 12th, both at the BRAC
- The new Library will be opening on February 6th, with a Grand Opening celebration planned for February 12th.
- Spring Break Day Camp registration will be coming up soon.
- Leigh has moved her office now to the BRAC to be closer to the recreation programs she oversees.

NEXT MEETING

9. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Lisa McMillan made a motion for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Charles Higginbotham. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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