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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 February 3, 2011, with the following members in attendance:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Jeannette Cook at 6:50 p.m.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

1. John Kubala to discuss proposed location of well and booster pump at Carousel Park.

John Kubala, City of Bedford Public Works Director, gave the Board an overview of a planned water well to be constructed at Carousel Park. He projects the work will take 6 to 9 months, and expects the construction to commence at the end of the summer. The well will supplement the City water supply and will be located next the existing water storage tank at the park. The Board expressed no issues with the planned water well at the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes: **a) December 2, 2010 regular meeting** **b) January 6, 2011 regular meeting**

It was noted that for the December 2 minutes, though listed on the agenda for approval, had been reviewed and approved at the January Board meeting. The Board considered the minutes of the January 6, 2011 regular meeting. There being no corrections, the minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Discuss proposed renaming of a park after Harris Ryals.

Renaming of Park after Harris Ryals:

Leigh Morgan reminded the Board that, at its last meeting, the Board had heard from several current and former City employees about an effort to rename a City park or facility after long-time Bedford Parks Department employee Harris Ryals. A motion was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Charles Higginbotham, to forward to City Council the Parks Board's support for the naming of a park for Harris Ryals, with a recommendation to separate what is know as "Bedford Trails West" from the Bedford Trails linear park and to name that park area for Harris Ryals. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant.

Leigh Morgan reported that City Council had received a briefing on the Parks Grant and supported the full lake dredging project, along with the other recreational items noted in Phase 1 of the Bedford Boys Ranch Master plan, at a total cost of \$3.5 million. Mr. Fain noted that the actual grant project budget will be for a \$1 million project, with a grant request for \$500,000 of that amount. The City would then match the grant award and provide an additional \$2.5 million to complete the full Phase I project. A map of the grant project area and planned recreational additions, along with a grant budget summary were distributed to the Board. Mr. Fain and the Board discussed the possible points that the application could receive in the current scoring process. The consultants will work with Staff in the next month to complete the application. The public hearing and approval of grant application submittal is scheduled for the February 22nd City Council meeting. The grant application is due for submittal on March 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discuss individual Park assignments:

- a.) Bedford Trails –Charles– Good; they are working on traffic signs.
- b.) Boys Ranch – Bucky – there are trash issues around lake; the fishing pier needs to be power washed; a light at soccer field is broken and a trash can is needed in the soccer area; a latch is missing on the tennis court gate and the nets are sagging (staff noted nets are on order)
- c.) Brook Hollow – No Report.
- d.) Carousel – No Report.
- e.) Central – Rochelle - Looks okay.
- f.) Meadowpark – Doug - Awning is up; pile of Christmas trees still there; trash at the soccer area.
- g.) Monterrey – Dewey Looks good and is clean.
- h.) Stormie Jones – Jeannette - Good shape; new bridge looks good.
- i.) Bedford Trails West – Lisa – Good.

6. Staff updates on recreation programs.

a) Update on 2011 programs

- 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 have a Grand Opening celebration on February 12th.
- Spring Break Day Camp will be coming up soon.

- The City will be installing a surveillance system at the BRAC and SPLASH parking lots to prevent break-ins. The camera feed will be monitored in the BRAC and will be recorded.

Jim Griffin reported that the City Council supports the well at Carousel Park, the Boys Ranch park renovation and many other things, but reminded everyone that it will take money and the support of citizens to get these item done.

NEXT MEETING

- 7. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Rochelle Ross made a motion for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Charles Higginbotham. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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