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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 April 7, 2011, with the following members in attendance:

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| 1. Alan Batjer | (Present) | Council Liaison - | |
| 2. Joy Henderson | (Present) | Jim Griffin | (Absent) |
| 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 | (Absent) | | |
| 8. F. Dewey Tennant | (Absent) | | |
| 9. Linda Flemming | (Absent) | | |
| 10. Charles Higginbotham | (Present) | | |
| 11. Bucky Geer | (Present) | | |

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:**
 - a) March 3, 2011 regular meeting**

There being no corrections, the minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2. Discuss business plan for the Dog Park.**

The Board discussed where the City was in terms of moving forward with a Dog Park. It was recommended that the Board begin preparing a business plan as to the expected capital costs, operational costs, and revenue sources for a dog park. It was noted that the preferred location at Meadowpark may be questionable, depending on where the school district chooses to locate any of its new facilities. The City only leases the land from the school district, and members questioned whether it may be a risk to make a large investment in improvements for a dog park on that site given that the school district could take it back at any time. As an update and reminder, Lisa McMillan will provide Board members with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation made to City Council in January regarding the Dog Park issue. Ms. McMillan and Charles Higginbotham will begin to visit area dog parks to get more information and examples.

- 3. Discuss business plan for soliciting donations from local business.**

The Board reviewed the information that Leigh Morgan emailed to Board members on the Library's sponsorship program. The Parks Board would need to come up with their own plan for soliciting sponsorships from corporations and businesses and a donation plan for citizens. Board members were asked to give some thought on plan options, and to bring their ideas for soliciting sponsorships to next month's meeting.

4. Update on naming of park in honor of Harris Ryals.

Staff has forwarded the Parks Board recommendation to City Council regarding renaming of the Bedford Trails West park to the Harris Ryals Park. The request should be on the Council's upcoming agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discuss budget for 2011-2012.

As of April 4th, there is \$5,316 in the Parks Donation fund. Leigh Morgan reported that, in terms of needs, some weight equipment may need to be replaced. Board members asked about the status of the proposed joint Park-Library donation program which is expected to bring in more participants. It was noted that Councilmember Griffin has not yet brought that proposition to City Council for action. After additional discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to let the current fund continue to build and not budget any expenses from the Parks Donation Fund at this time.

6. Discuss individual Park assignments:

- a.) *Bedford Trails* –Charles– Looks good.
- b.) *Bedford Trails West* – Lisa – Noted that Board members cleaned the park at the March 26 clean-up day; still need to get the twisted bench removed; should consider adding sand volleyball and small parking area at the park.
- c.) *Boys Ranch* – Bucky – Noted vandalism to picnic table and shelter; new restroom looks great; staff noted that the new lids for trash cans just came in and will be installed soon.
- d.) *Brook Hollow* – Alan – Has some weeds and broken branches from storm, but otherwise looks good; Jeannette noted concerns about loose boards on bridge and large city equipment parked on playground area
- e.) *Carousel* – No Report
- f.) *Central* – No Report
- g.) *Meadowpark* – Doug – Old signs have been replaced; looks good.
- h.) *Monterrey* – No Report
- i.) *Stormie Jones* – Looked good; Leigh noted that restrooms also being installed at Stormie Jones.

7. Staff updates on recreation programs.

The following report was provided by Leigh Morgan:

- Both new restroom facilities at the Boys Ranch and Stormie Jones parks are installed and they are finishing up the plumbing now.
- Currently interviewing lifeguards for summer and hiring for summer camp positions.
- The new UV filtration system is in and painting is being done at Splash.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is set for April 16th.

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Lisa McMillan, made a motion for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Joy Henderson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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