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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 May 11, 2011, with the following members in attendance:

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| 1. Alan Batjer | (Absent) | Council Liaison - | |
| 2. Joy Henderson | (Present) | 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) | | |
| 8. F. Dewey Tennant | (Present) | | |
| 9. Linda Flemming | (Present) | | |
| 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) April 7, 2011 regular meeting**

There being no corrections, the minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

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

The Board discussed where how they could raise funds for the Dog Park. It was suggested that there could be various opportunities for the citizens and business community to support the dog park, such as:

- Provide the opportunity for purchase/funding of a specific item (i.e. fountain, bench, fence, etc.)
- Sell memorial bricks (stamped with paw and name of person or pet)
- Solicit corporate donations at set levels (i.e. \$1,000 Chihuahua, \$5,000 Terrier, \$20,000 Great Dane)
- Put out plaques/signs at park that identify name of those that donate or fund items.

The Board estimated that it would take about \$80,000 initially to construct the park and install all equipment. There would then be a need for annual maintenance and operation at the park. To get a better cost estimate, architectural drawings of the park layout are needed and determination on any additional parking that may be required. Also, need to determine if the Meadowpark site is still the best location.

The Board decided that, in order to move forward, various sub-committees will be established to work on specific efforts, such as a sponsor/donor list, a facilities plan and contribution levels. Charles Higginbotham will lead the facilities plan task group, with Lisa McMillan, Rochelle Ross, and Linda Flemming helping him; Bucky Geer and Joy Flemming will work on a possible sponsor/donor list; and Jeannette will put together a contribution level format.

3. Update on Grant application.

Staff reported that no word on grant funding is expected until sometime in July at the earliest.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discuss individual Park assignments:

- a.) *Bedford Trails* –Charles– Clean for most part; creek by Andover is collecting trash because of branches
- b.) *Harris Ryals Park (formerly Bedford Trails West)* – Lisa – Noted that several Board members attended council meeting where the name was changed; looks good for now.
- c.) *Boys Ranch* – Bucky – Looks good; would like to get a small storage area to keep tools for a monthly clean up at park; Jeannette noted that the trash can lids look good and that the parking area was not level.
- d.) *Brook Hollow* – No Report
- e.) *Carousel* – No Report
- f.) *Central* – Rochelle- Piping around sand volleyball court coming disconnected; weeds under playground equipment; otherwise clean.
- g.) *Meadowpark* – Doug – Piles of HHW left on parking lot; otherwise looks good.
- h.) *Monterrey* – Dewey-Good, but the red tips are growing!
- i.) *Stormie Jones* – Linda- Looked good; some areas torn up for restrooms yet to be fixed.

5. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- a) **Update on programs**
- b) **Splash open house, Friday May 20, 2011**
- c) **Update on new bathrooms.**

The following report was provided by Leigh Morgan:

- a) Began camp registration last weekend; going a little slower than normal; probably because people are tight on money and there is no payment plan; some have asked about scholarships. Jeannette questioned whether we might set up a non-profit group (such as a “Friends of the Parks” to provide assistance for this type of endeavor.
- b) Splash work being completed; Season Pass night is May 20th at 5:30 pm; will be selling Kona ice out of concession stand this season.
- c) Both new restroom facilities at the Boys Ranch and Stormie Jones parks are installed and will open next week.

NEXT MEETING

- 6. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Joy Henderson, made a motion for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Charles Higginbotham. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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