

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes February 2, 2012

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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 2, 2012 with the following in attendance:

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| 1. Alan Batjer | Present | Council Liaison - Jim Griffin |
| 2. Bill Nichols | Present | |
| 3. Jeannette Cook | Present | City Manager Designee - |
| 4. Douglas Allbach | Present | Mirenda McQuagge-Walden |
| 5. Lisa McMillan | Present | |
| 6. James "Bucky" Greer | Present | Other Staff - |
| 7. Drenda Witt | Present | Eric Valdez, Recreation Coord. |
| 8. Linda Flemming | Present | Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent |
| 9. Charles Higginbotham | Present | |
| 10. Cathy Schneider | | |

Absent; Dewey Tennant

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:
 - a) January 5, 2012 regular meeting

Motion by Linda Flemming, second by Lisa McMillan, to approve the January 5, 2012 minutes.
Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discuss plans for Dog Park.

Jeannette Cook presented a dog park proposal and noted that discussions on this subject began in 2003. Don Henderson presented new cost estimates for the proposed park. Mirenda McQuagge-Walden noted that the dog park would require an amendment to the lease with the school district. She also indicated she would provide members with a copy of the city sponsorship policy. Extensive discussion took place regarding next steps, fund raising, and park layout. It was agreed that a project plan would be prepared to present to the City Council on April 24. Lisa McMillan will update the existing PowerPoint Presentation and develop a "park run" plan. Don Henderson will provide a park layout plan. All ideas regarding the plan are due to Mirenda McQuagge-Walden by Feb. 20.

3. Discuss Park Board budget items

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden provided a handout with budget details. She also reported that the Harris Ryals path can be redone with asphalt for \$4,000 or with concrete for \$15,000. Staff was asked to do a site plan of the park including parking and sand volleyball. Language in the bond documents related to trails was discussed.

Jim Griffin asked that the board provide recommendations to the City Council regarding use of bond funds. Motion made by Linda Flemming, seconded by Doug Allbach, to ask staff to review bond funds to extend trails. Mirenda McQuagge-Walden reported that there is no official name for the Cheek Sparger trail. She indicated staff would research cost of resurfacing this trail and replacing safety barriers. Motion made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Linda Flemming, to authorize staff to resurface the existing sign and put new name on the monument at Harris Ryals Park. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Report on Cultural Affairs Commission Roundtable meeting.

Jeannette Cook indicated she had attended a Cultural Affairs Commission meeting and provided an overview of the meeting.

REPORTS

5. Discuss Individual Park assignments:

a.) Bedford Trails Liner Park – (Charles) – reported that a significant amount of tree trimmings needed to be removed from the park.

b.) Boys Ranch Park – (Bill) – reported that the fire pit at the beginning of the trail was rusted and not useable; chain link fence along the lake was damaged; signs regarding fishing at the lake were not readable and need to be replaced; there is debris and dead fish in the south east corner of the lake; there is graffiti on the game field windbreak; the outside of the skate park is unattractive; and the park restrooms were very clean.

c.) Brook Hollow Park – (Alan) – No Report

d.) Carousel Park – (Drenda) – reported that there is graffiti on the floor of the pavilion and the light near the water fountain is not working.

e.) Central Park – (Bucky) – reported there are rusted barrels.

f.) Harris Ryals Park – (Lisa) – reported it looked good

g.) Meadowpark Athletic Complex – (Doug) – reported it looked good.

h.) Monterrey Park – (Dewey) - No Report

i.) Stormie Jones Park – (Linda) – reported that home owners have been advised to remove vines and that a fence that was removed during construction has not been replaced.

6. Staff updates on recreation programs.

a) Volunteer Banquet – February 10, 2012 BRAC 6:00 p.m.

b) Valentine's Dance – February 11, 2012 BRAC 6:30 p.m.

The Volunteer Banquet and Valentine Dance were discussed.

NEXT MEETING

7. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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