

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes May 2, 2013

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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 2, 2013 with the following in attendance:

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| 1. Douglas Allbach | Present | 7. Bill Nichols | Present |
| 2. Jeannette Cook | Present | 8. Andrea Sarnoff | Present |
| 3. Linda Flemming | Present | 9. Cathy Schneider | Present |
| 4. Charles Higginbotham | Present | 10. Dewey Tennant | Present |
| 5. Doyle Lee | Present | 11. Drenda Witt | Present |
| 6. Lisa McMillan | Present | | |

City Council/Staff Representatives Present:
 Miranda McQuagge-Walden - Managing Director of Community Services
 Eric Valdez – Recreation Manager

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) April 4, 2013 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Drenda Witt, seconded by Bill Nichols to approve the April minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2. Discussion on Dog Park progress and fundraising.**

Miranda McQuagge-Walden reported that no additional donations had been received since the last meeting. Staff is keeping track of all donations and sponsorships. Jeannette Cook noted that it appeared the layout of the dog park had changed from the original plan and that the large and small dog sections no longer abut one another, but are separated. Staff reported that Oncor wanted the area under the power lines to remain open, so it was necessary to separate the two sections. The extension of the Bedford Trail will run under the power lines and in between the two sections of the dog park.

Dewey Tennant and Cathy Schneider reported that they attended the Pet Fair and received positive feedback on the dog park. It was noted that June 1st is set for the Grand Opening of the dog park. Staff is still soliciting vendors for booths at the opening. A temporary sponsor sign will be erected for a while as sponsorships continue to be solicited. There was discussion about holding a “Buy a Brick” program for the park entrance after the park opens.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion and possible action on the request to remove a tree at the Boys Ranch Park.

Elvera Rose, the homeowner at 2320 Lakeview Drive, Bedford, discussed with the Board her concerns about a large tree in the Boys Ranch Park adjacent to her property. Ms. Rose claimed the tree was planted 6 to 10 years ago and has grown very large, hanging over her fence and causing leaves to get into her backyard pool. This has caused damage to her pool filter system, costing a lot of money annually in repair and maintenance. The Board viewed photos of the tree and its location and discussed the type and age of the tree, the general hazards of leaves from all neighborhood trees, and suitable options for helping curb the debris problem for Ms. Rose. It was felt that full removal of the tree would be drastic at this time, and that the tree looked like it could use a good trimming to remove much of the low hanging branches that were reaching into the Rose backyard. A motion was made by Linda Flemming, seconded by Bill Nichols, to have the parks department trim the tree first to see if this will alleviate the majority of the problem. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Update on the April 30 meeting regarding the Park Friends.

Jeannette Cook reported that about 18-20 people attended the informational meeting for the Friends of the Park group. She noted that there were several new faces in attendance, in addition to several Parks Board members. The consensus of the group at the meeting was to have a group that supported the efforts of both Parks and Recreation. It was suggested to contact the sports associations that utilize the park and recreation facilities for their support and attendance at another information meeting to be held at a later date.

REPORTS

5. Discuss individual Park assignments:

- a. **Bedford Trails** – Charles reported that it looked good.
- b. **Boys Ranch** – Bill noted that park generally looked good; noted that the black plastic lining is coming out from beneath the playground areas; Jeannette noted a power box that needs painting.
- c. **Brook Hollow** – Doyle reported that nothing had been done in regards to the items he noted at past months' meetings and that now all 9 tic-tac-toe cylinders are gone; staff noted that 3 lights had been fixed but a bollard base is still loose; the water fountains are back on and working.
- d. **Carousel** – Drenda reported that the park is still closed but that the security gate had been left open and people were using the park, even with construction equipment still in it.
- e. **Central** – Andrea noted that the fence by the pool is very stained and that there was lots of trash in the park, especially along the fence against the houses; Lisa noted a rail on the white fence along Central Drive has fallen down.
- f. **Harris Ryals** – Cathy reported that it looked good.
- g. **Meadowpark** – Doug reported that the park looked good; noted areas of ground that had been dug out, most likely from kids playing; staff reported that a treatment to get rid of stickers has been done in the area around the dog park.
- h. **Monterrey** – Dewey reported that the park had been mowed, but that he had to touch it up some.
- i. **Stormie Jones** – Linda and Lisa reported that the park looked okay.

6. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- The large pool at Splash is being filled and personnel are being hired in anticipation of the May 25th opening of Splash. There will be a Splash 10 year anniversary on June 18th
- Registration continues for Summer Camps.

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NEXT MEETING

- 7. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cathy Schneider and seconded by Drenda Witt to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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