

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes March 12, 2015

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The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in a regular session at the Bedford Public Library in the Bonnie Finn Room on March 12, 2015 with the following in attendance:

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| 1. Douglas Allbach | Present | 6. Charles Higginbotham | Present |
| 2. Teri Brown-Hudson | Present | 7. Cathy Schneider | Present |
| 3. Jeannette Cook | Present | 8. Donna Hanson | Present |
| 4. Lisa McMillan | Present | 9. Robert Welch | Present |
| 5. Linda Flemming | Present | 10. Daniel Davis | Absent |

City Council/Staff Representatives Present:

Miranda McQuagge-Walden - Managing Director

John Fain – Planning Consultant

NEW MEMBERS

1. Introduction of newly appointed Parks and Recreation Board Member.

Mr. Davis was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board Minutes:

a) February 4, 2014 regular meeting

A motion was made by Linda Flemming, seconded by Charlie Higginbotham to approve the March minutes as written after one correction to the time the meeting was adjourned. Correct time is 9:17 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Discussion regarding the update to the Parks Master Plan.

There were suggested changes on the survey other than a spelling correction on Section 3, #1. Acquire. An inventory of assets was updated.

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A Phase III proposal was discussed regarding girls Select Softball using the soccer fields at the Boys Ranch for practice to utilize lighting.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Planning and discussion for the joint meeting with the Cultural Commission and Beautification Commission on May 6.

The Board verified that the meeting would be on June 4, to allow enough time for the results of the survey to be compiled and reviewed at the joint meeting. Other topics for the meeting could be joint projects.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the sale of Boys Ranch Phase I fundraising bricks.

Managing Director Mirenda McQuagge-Walden reviewed with the Board the option to sell fundraising bricks as part of the Phase I project at the Boys Ranch Park. She detailed that there are approximately 350 pavers in the project with 30 to 35 set aside for the memorial markers. They will be 4x8 in size and sell for \$50 each, using 16 characters per line with two lines of text. There will be 300 available for sale and all profits will go to the Park Donations Fund. Lisa McMillan made the motion to approve the motion and Charles Higginbotham seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

6. Update and discussion regarding the plans for a new softball practice field.

Managing Director Mirenda McQuagge-Walden briefed the Board on a new softball practice field that staff was working on for the Boys Ranch Park. It has come to the attention of staff that there is need for practice space, particularly girls softball. An area on the north side of the park, behind the BRAC, will be used. The Board agreed that this was a good project.

REPORTS

7. Discuss Individual Park Assignments.

- a. **Bedford Trails** – There is an over turned table and a broken rail.
- b. **Boys Ranch** – Donna has observed children playing in the large piles of dirt and also getting on top of the building.
- c. **Brook Hollow** – Nothing to report
- d. **Carousel** – Remains closed for water well construction.
- e. **Central** – Numerous fence posts are missing the top cap and large branches are on the ground throughout.
- f. **Harris Ryals** – Nothing to report.
- g. **Meadowpark** – Nothing to report.
- h. **Monterrey** – Nothing to report.
- i. **Stormie Jones** – Nothing to report.

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8. Staff updates on recreation programs.

a) Aquatics – No Report.

b) Recreation – March 28th Artsfest from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be craft beer and wine along with food trucks.

c) Parks – Charlenia Walsh, BRAC Customer Service Associate, reported the Valentines dance was a great success.

NEXT MEETING

9. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cathy Schneider and seconded by Lisa McMillan to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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