

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes April 1, 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 April 1, 2015 with the following in attendance:

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| 1. Douglas Allbach | Present | 6. Charles Higginbotham | Absent |
| 2. Teri Brown-Hudson | Absent | 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:

Jim Davisson – Council Liaison/Ex-Officio Member
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden – Assistant City Manager
Eric Valdez – Community Services Manager
Don Henderson – Parks Manager
Chris Chastain – Recreation Coordinator
John Fain – Planning Consultant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jeannette Cook.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board Minutes:
 - a) March 12, 2015 regular meeting

A motion was made by Linda Flemming, seconded by Robert Welch to approve the March minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Update and discussion on the HEB Chamber Leadership Class sidewalk project for the Clubhouse for Special Needs.

There was a discussion regarding the HEB Chamber Leadership Class sidewalk project for the Clubhouse for Special Needs. Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board were concerned that staff did not notify them prior to reading the news.

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3. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 2015/16 Budget priorities.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed the FY 2015/16 Budget priorities. Board members approved the following ranking of priorities for the parks system.

1. Central Park
2. Carousel Park
3. Cheekspager Trail
4. Bedford Bark Park
5. Harris Ryals Park
6. Stormie Jones Park

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed Food Truck program.

Staff presented the concept and plan of creating a Food Truck program to be held Central Park during the summer months and the 6 Stones Community Garden during the fall. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed that this program would be a great addition to the parks system.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding participation in the Saturday, April 18, 2015 Bedford Clean Up Day.

There was a discussion about the upcoming Bedford Clean Up Day. Due to schedule conflicts, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board elected not to participate as a group. Members decided to participate in their capacity.

6. Report on Individual Park Assignments.

- **Bedford Trails Linear Parks:** Grass is tall, but will be mowed at the end of the week.
- **Boys Ranch Park:** Lights at the Boys Ranch Park are not working. Blue paint reported behind the Onstage building.
- **Brook Hollow Park:** Tree limb down along the creek. Pavilion needs to be taken down. Signs need to be implemented letting visitors know about leash rules in the park. Section of fence is missing.
- **Carousel Park:** Testing on going on pressure plane.
- **Central Park:** Central Park looks good.
- **Harris Ryals Park:** Harris Ryals Park looks good.
- **Meadowpark/Bark Park:** Great improvements in the park. The water is back on. There is standing water outside of Bark Park.
- **Monterrey Park:** The red tips are gone.
- **Stormie Jones Park:** The fields are looking good.

7. Staff updates on recreation on:

a. Aquatics:

Summer pool staff is being hired. The pool is being filled and the parks staff have been making repairs to the facility.

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- b. Recreation:** Egg Hunt was a huge success. Staff implemented PicFlips flip books at the Egg Hunt and participants enjoyed them. Staff reported over 200 children participated in the Egg Hunt. ArtsFest took place in conjunction with the Egg Hunt. Arts and Crafts vendors were on hand to sell merchandise and live music was enjoyed by participants.
- c. Parks:** No report.

NEXT MEETING

- 8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lisa McMillan and seconded by Robert Welch to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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