

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2015

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**approved**

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in a regular session at the Old Bedford School Meeting Room on August 6, 2015 with the following in attendance:

**ATTENDEES**

Jeanette Cook	Charlie Higginbotham
Doug Allbach	Donna Hanson
Linda Flemming	Cathy Schneider
Lisa McMillan	

City Council/Staff Representatives:

Rusty Sartor- Council Liaison	John Fain – planning consultant
Roger Gibson- City Manager	Kelli Agan – Assistant City Manager
Eric Valdez-Community Services Manager	Chris Chastain- Recreation Coordinator
Tom Hoover- Director of Public Works	

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 630pm by Jeannette Cook.

**PERSON TO BE HEARD**

1. **Elvera Rosa to speak on tree issue in the Boys Ranch Park.**  
Elvera Rosa did not attend the meeting – no action needed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. **Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:**
  - a) **June 4, 2015 regular meeting**  
Minutes for the June meeting were not available.

**OLD BUSINESS**

3. **Discussion regarding the update to the Parks Master Plan.**  
John Fain provided Master Plan needs assessment. John discussed potential acquisitions to enable Bedford to have enough parks for our population. John found nine sites that would be enough acreage for at least pocket parks. John also discussed connecting our trails in neighboring cities.

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### **4. Update on the playground structures and possible funding of new equipment.**

Kelli advised that the playground improvement to the east end trail was denied by Oncor. Oncor has stated that if the current playground equipment is removed, it must be replaced with something no taller than 8 feet tall. The improvement will move to Brookhollow Park instead. Ideas were introduced to improve parking at Brookhollow Park so that these improvements can be utilized. This will be discussed at the August 11, Council Meeting.

### **5. Update on Meadow Park Suns Baseball Project and soccer and ball fields at the Boys Ranch.**

Eric Valdez reported that the Meadow Park Suns Baseball Project is almost done on the south side baseball field and has no time frame on completion of the north field.

### **6. Discussion on Central Park Volleyball courts.**

Eric Valdez reported that funding of 45thousand dollars had be requested for the funding of three volley ball courts at Central Park and has not been approved at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **7. Discussion regarding the literary quote to be used on the Phase 1 park plaque.**

After discussion of the quote to be used on the Phase on plaque it was decided that it will be the Disney quote. "We believed in our idea – a family park where parents and children could have fun – together." – Walt Disney.

### **8. Discussion regarding open space opportunities in the City of Bedford.**

Discussion was addressed during the discussion of the Parks Master Plan update by John Fain.

## **REPORTS**

### **9. Discuss individual Park assignments:**

**Bedford Trails** – Donna, looks good, the signs for the 911 calls were discussed and wondered if we can also install signs leading to the BRAC, and have flashing lights at all intersections.

**Boys Ranch** – Jeannette, looks food, staff proposal to place a wall along the north side of the new soccer fields, and the improvements at the skate park were noted.

**Brook Hollow** – Fence and sign have been repaired

**Carousel** – no update

**Central Park** – Lisa, looks good

**Harris Ryals** – Donna, looks good

**Meadow Park** – Doug, looks good

**Monterrey** – Jeannette – looks good

**Stormy Jones** –Lisa, looks good

Staff updates on recreation programs.

Boys ranch 189 signed up for Summer Camp. 170 pre-paid. All Camp Counselors have been hired.

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**10. Staff updates on recreation programs.**

- a) **Aquatics:** All is going well.
- b) **Recreation:** All is going well. upcoming events, August 15<sup>th</sup> Pet First Aid, August 21<sup>st</sup> Woof, August 29<sup>th</sup> Pet Fair.

**NEXT MEETING**

**11. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on September 3, 2015.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cathy Schneider and seconded by Lisa McMillan to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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