

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes February 4, 2016

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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 5, 2015 with the following in attendance:

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| 1. Renee Hernandez | Absent | 6. Lisa McMillan | Present |
| 2. Jeremy Loy | Present | 7. Donna Hanson | Present |
| 3. Jeannette Cook | Present | 8. Elvera Rose Henderson | Present |
| 4. Douglas Allbach | Present | 9. Lisa Cassell | Absent |
| 5. Cathy Schneider | Present | | |

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City Council/Staff Representatives Present:
Jeff Flory – Cultural Coordinator, Parks Services
John Fain – Planning Consultant
Rusty Sartor – City Council Liaison

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Jeannette Cook.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board Minutes:
 - a) **November 5, 2015 regular meeting** – A motion was made by Cathy Schneider, seconded by Doug Allbach to approve the November 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b) **January 7, 2016 regular meeting**- A motion was made by Donna Hanson, seconded by Cathy Schneider to approve the January 2016 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS

2. **Update regarding Phase 1 of the Boys Ranch Park project.**
Jeff Florey reported that the lake project has been completed and closed off, and now waiting for rain water to refill the lake. New LED lights have been installed and the other items (pavilion, picnic tables, sidewalks, etc.) should be completed by the end of February. A ribbon cutting will follow sometime in March, possibly first of April in conjunction with ArtsFest. Jeannette Cook was concerned about how close the sidewalk is to the lake at the southeast end of the lake. It was also noted that the playground was getting lots of use, but that a bike rack was needed by it. Staff was asked to get back to the Board on the status of the Disk Golf installation, as well as the sidewalk mile markers at the Boys Ranch.

3. Update regarding Carousel Park.

Staff reported that the rewiring of the electrical connections at the park will happen over the next 2 months.

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

John Fain met with City Management staff and based on their input, some changes were made to the draft plan. A revised draft will be brought for Board review at the March meeting.

5. Discussion regarding the signage to be installed at the Boys Ranch Park Lake.

The Board reviewed the various sign examples provided by Staff that would notify park visitors to not feed the ducks at the lake. Jeannette Cook suggested the signs be kept simple with minimal wording. She likes the temporary signs being used at the lake now that provide the alternative to give dog food to the ducks instead of bread. It was the consensus that several simple worded signs around the lake would be best, with one larger sign at a prominent location that provides more information on the types of ducks at the lake, health concerns with feeding, etc.

REPORTS

6. Discuss Individual Park Assignments.

Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails** – Donna walked the trail and it looks great.
- b. **Boys Ranch** – Park is looking good as changes are completed; nice lights around trail
- c. **Brook Hollow** – New playground looks great; pole light at back not working; picnic table way at back of park in bushes needs to be moved back into main park area; water fountain is off, but water is standing at base
- d. **Carousel** – Rocks and sand have been put in fountain
- e. **Central** – Three lights around playground still out; chair has been blown on to pool cover
- f. **Harris Ryals** – Looks good
- g. **Meadowpark** – First ballfield completed; second still has dirt only; pole light at far south end of parking area out; Dog Park-Large dog side needs grass replanted; Small dog area has mud at entrance
- h. **Monterrey** – New playground and shade structure completed and looks good
- i. **Stormie Jones** – Field look great; water standing by ditch; would like to look into extending walking trail from park, across Aspenwood, to Bedford Road

7. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- a) **Aquatics** – Staff is gearing up for summer; has purchased new Splash equipment and is looking at doing a 5k/1mile run in conjunction with ArtsFest.
- b) **Recreation** – Valentine’s Dance is February 6th; staff is prepping for summer programs; Bedford Clean-Up Day is scheduled for April 9th, along with Chunk Your Junk.

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on March 3, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Cathy Schneider to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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