

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes March 2, 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 March 2, 2016 with the following in attendance:

Doug Albach – Present	Jeannette Cook, Chairperson – Present
Alex Cowart – Present	Donna Hanson – Present
Elvera Rose Henderson – Present	Rene Henderson – Present
Dylan Hoey – Absent	Jeremy Loy – Present
Lisa McMillan, Vice Chairperson – Absent	Randy Newby - Present
Cathy Schneider – Absent	

City Council/Staff Representatives Present:
Don Henderson –Parks Superintendent
Rusty Sartor – City Council Liaison
John Fain – Consultant for Parks Master Plan

CALL TO ORDER

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

1. Bill McFadden would like to speak on adding some features to the Bark Park.

Bill McFadden asked to speak to the board. He is a frequent user (5 times a week) of the Bark Park and wondered if there are plans to light parks. There are light poles for the ball fields that are inside the small dog park. Could we get lights on them to light the Bark Park?

Jeannette answered him that lighting is costly. We currently do not have funds. The land is owned by HEB ISD and Oncor. The lights are on a plan, but we do not have carte blanche to install lights. Phase 2 of the Bark Park does have plans however the funds are limited and we have 9 parks to maintain. There are several fund raising efforts, such as adding \$0.50/month to your electric bill or people can make a donation to the city specifically for the Bark Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

a) February 4, 2016 regular meeting

Jeremy Loy made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Doug Albach seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Everyone in the room introduced themselves to the new members

OLD BUSINESS

3. Update regarding Phase 1 of the Boys Ranch Park project.

Boys Ranch Update – Don Henderson provided updates on the Boys Ranch. We are 2 weeks away from being complete. Still wiring for fountains in the Lake, there will be 3 fountains with lights. The fountains act as aerators.

- Finishing up dirt work
- Hydro mulch will begin in April
- Lights are being tested and a few are missing LED lights
- The rectangle concrete blocks are for disc golf
- We are missing one bench and have more picnic tables than before the construction
- Don has funds for more picnic tables, benches or grills
- There is not currently a plan to put rails around the overlooks around the lake
- The bridge on the northwest side of the lake is narrow, but it was built to specifications

4. Update regarding Carousel Park.

Don Henderson reported he received an email about the power. The lights should be up in 30-45 days

5. Review final Parks and Recreation Master Plan

John Fain has completed the master plan and it will go to the City Council on 3/22 to be adopted. Jeannette gave a brief history of the plan for new members. Donna Hanson made a motion to approve the plan and Jeremy Loy seconded the motion. The motion was approved

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion regarding participation in the Clean Up Bedford event.

Clean Up Bedford Day is April 9. The board usually participates. The group will meet and work on the Hwy 121 service road to clean up trash. Meet at 8am at meadow Park. Chunk Your Junk Day is April 9 as well.

REPORTS

6. Discuss Individual Park Assignments.

Because of the new members we made new park assignments

Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails – Jeannette and Alex** – Bluebonnets are coming up
- b. **Boys Ranch – Elvera Rose** - the road and parking lots will be resurfaced or repaired between Doug Rivers to Shady Lane. South corner of playground is too dark. An electrician worked on all of the old lights and that issue should be fixed. There is graffiti in

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the hockey rink. Bathrooms by the new pavilion are not yet open. The tennis courts parking lot is dark.

- c. **Brook Hollow – Cathy** The light in the back of park is out
- d. **Carousel – Donna** no update
- e. **Central – Jeremy** no update
- f. **Harris Ryals – Renee** no update
- g. **Meadowpark – Doug** - infield of the softball field and landscaping are in. The field is in use. Could we use solar lights in the Bark Park? There are signs outside the ball field stating any damage due from baseballs are not the issue of the ball park. Should those be up?
- h. **Monterrey – Randy** New playground and lights are finished
- i. **Stormie Jones – Lisa** path is rutted and muddy. Wasps are inside the fence. Could we move the trash cans? The lights in the north parking lot are all out and the water fountain has no cover on the water shut off box. Is it possible to make a trail from Stormy Jones to the Bedford garden?

7. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- a) **Aquatics** – Replacing the rubber material and other enhancements to Splash
- b) **Recreation** – Easter Egg Hunt and dog hunt will be on March 19.
The gym floor is being resurfaced, Spring break camp and hiring for summer has begun.

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on April 7, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Donna Hanson, seconded by Doug Albach to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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