

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes April 7, 2016

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**approved**

**The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in a regular session at the Boys Ranch Activity Center on April 7, 2016 with the following in attendance:**

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

City Council/Staff Representatives Present:  
Don Henderson –Parks Superintendent  
Rusty Sartor – City Council Liaison  
Eric Valdez – Community Services Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairperson Jeannette Cook.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

1. **Bill McFadden would like to speak regarding solar lighting at the Bark Park.**  
Bill McFadden asked to speak to the board. Mr. McFadden has visited with the City of Euless regarding their lighting at the Euless Dog Park. They have solar lighting that was installed in 2011 by Facility Solution Group. They installed 6 lights with timers. There was also discussion on alternative lighting, such as lights in trees pointed at the ground. It was discussed that any lighting in the dog park should be like the lights used in the Boys Ranch for uniformity. Mr. McFadden also expressed an interest in helping with fund-raising to help purchase lights.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. **Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board Minutes:**
  - a) **March 2, 2016 regular meeting**  
It was noted that Jeannette Cook’s name was misspelled. Donna Hanson made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes with the one correction. Jeremy Loy seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Boys Ranch Update – Don Henderson provided updates on the Boys Ranch. A few tweaks left and it will be completed.

- Hydro mulch will begin next week
- Short one light post
- Four brass plaques to be installed
- Two benches still on order
- Replacing the “B” plaque on the pavilion
- Manhole covers that were flipped over have been fixed

**4. Discussion regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.**

John Fain is finishing up the packets and they will be presented at the April 26 city council meeting.

**5. Discussion regarding the Clean Up Bedford event.**

Clean up event is Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. No one is available except Jeannette.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. Discussion regarding handicap accessible playgrounds in the City of Bedford.**

All parks meet ADA requirements and the Bedford Trails is setup for wheelchairs, but none of the other playgrounds. Some Dallas parks have wheelchair accessible playground equipment and Southlake has an Inclusive park for wheelchairs. It was discussed that maybe 1 piece of equipment could be replaced each year out of the playground maintenance fund. Central Park maybe a good place to start. It was requested that staff start gathering costs on various playground equipment.

**7. Discussion regarding the Phase 2 of the Bedford Bark Park.**

Discussed possible amenities, such as misting fire hydrants, but drainage may be a problem. Lights are needed at least one in the large and one in the small dog areas. Would like the lights to be the same as the ones used in the Boys Ranch, but they are very costly. There needs to be fundraising to raise the needed money for lights.

**8. Discussion regarding the project priorities of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.**

It was discussed that new picnic tables, BBQ grills and concrete pads are needed at each park. Will concentrate on 1 park at a time. Would like to add a sand volleyball pit, basketball court and shade structures over playgrounds. Some of the parks need new lighting, sidewalks, new boarder around the playground and trash cans. Staff to comeback with ideas for each park and costs.

**REPORTS**

**9. Discuss Individual Park Assignments.**

Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – Jeannette – looks good
- b. **Boys Ranch** – Randy & Jeannette – Disc golf is finished and looks like it's a hit, it was very busy. Lights on the pavilion look great
- c. **Brook Hollow** – Jeannette – heavily used, looks to be in good shape
- d. **Carousel** – Donna - one of the picnic tables has sharp edges and a light is missing
- e. **Central** – Jeannette – one grill is broken
- f. **Harris Ryals** – Alex – boarder around swing is falling down and there are fire ants
- g. **Meadowpark** – Doug – looked good, both baseball fields are operational
- h. **Monterrey** – Randy – looked good
- i. **Stormie Jones** – Jeannette – handicap ramp leads to grass

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

- a) **Aquatics** – hiring lifeguard staff, zero entry completed, lockers painted, new cabinets to be installed in concession stand next week.
- b) **Recreation** – hiring camp counslers

**NEXT MEETING**

**8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on May 5, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cathy Schneider, seconded by Alex Cowart to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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