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The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in a regular session at the Boys Ranch Activity Center on August 4, 2016 with the following in attendance:

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

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

Others Present: Dallas Miller

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairperson Jeannette Cook.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board Minutes:**
 - a) June 2, 2016 regular meeting**

There being no corrections, the minutes were approved and submitted as written.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion and possible action on permitting Dallas Miller to vend items at the Bedford Boys Ranch pursuant to Section 86-7 of the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Valdez explained the increase in the level of activity at the Boys Ranch Park due to Pokemon GO visitors. He indicated that Dallas Miller, a student at UTA, had been selling water and snacks at the park and was told that he would need permission to continue those sales. Mr. Miller stated that he anticipates setting up at table close to the lake, selling packaged items such as water, chips, etc., at prices around \$0.75 to \$1.00 each. The Board discussed at length the issue of the need for drinks and snacks for the visitors out there versus the interest of others who also may want to sell items at the park.

A motion was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Donna Hanson, to allow Mr. Miller to sell packaged snacks and drinks at the Boys Ranch Park, with the knowledge that the permission

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is temporary and may end at such time the City of Bedford sets forth a more permanent vendor policy. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. Discussion on September 9, 2016 deadline to reapply for new term on the Board.

Jeannette Cook reminded those whose term was expiring to reapply for a Board position. Donna Hanson and Lisa McMillan both indicated that they had been notified their term was expiring. Jeannette asked the Board members to encourage other Bedford residents to apply for a Board and Commission position.

Old BUSINESS

4. Update regarding inclusive playgrounds.

Randy Newby provided a rendering of an inclusive playground fit into Central Park and discussed possible private funding opportunities. The Board discussed other needed and planned improvements to Central Park, such as sand volleyball courts and a new pavilion, and how this park renovation and possible private funding donations would align with the Phase Next park program and future bond issue.

A motion was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Donna Hanson, recommending the addition of an inclusive/accessible playground at Central Park, along with the full redevelopment of the sand volleyball courts with lights, a new pavilion, and accessible sidewalks at the park, to be funded through a public-private partnership. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Update regarding the park system priority list.

Staff is working to get lights installed in the Dog Park as soon as possible and anticipate the cost to be around \$20,000. It was also noted that an additional grill is needed at the new pavilion in the Boys Ranch Park, as well as additional benches. The Board asked Staff to determine if there were any bond monies left from the Phase I renovation that might be utilized to fund the grill and benches.

A motion was made by Donna Hanson, seconded by Jeremy Low, to approve the use of Park Donation Funds not to exceed \$20,000 to purchase and install lights at the Dog Park on both the small and large dog sides. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Update on progress of the naming dedication of the Parks Service Center.

The Staff and the Parks Board is in support of naming the Parks Service Center for James Hughes, former long-time Director of Parks and Recreation Services at the City of Bedford. A surprise naming ceremony will be planned for the Fall.

REPORTS

7. Discuss Individual Park Assignments.

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Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – looks good
- b. **Boys Ranch** – sprinklers are coming on in the morning and causing problem for runners; bollard lights along front walking trail coming on too early in evening; tree hanging over trail needs to be cut.
- c. **Brook Hollow** – vegetation overgrown at south end along Pipeline; needs mowing
- d. **Carousel** – still no meter, but driveway lights are working
- e. **Central** – the light issue is being worked on
- f. **Harris Ryals** – looks good
- g. **Meadowpark** – ballpark area complete and looks good; small dog area fence is pulled up where dogs could get out; large dog area has water standing in corner
- h. **Monterrey** – looks good
- i. **Stormie Jones** – fence slat is off by playground/circular drive area.

The Board discussed continued concerns about the contractor leasing the ballfields at Meadowpark and their use of the fields for other purposes and the need for the rules to be followed. It was also noted that the Board will plan to tour the new recreation center in Grapevine at the end of September to get ideas for future rec center renovations at the Boys Ranch.

8. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- a) **Aquatics** – Swim lessons are complete; losing staff as they return to college
- b) **Recreation** – Pokomon GO was a fantastic event with over 3,000 in attendance - Staff plans to stage a similar event in the Fall; Yappy Hour is happening tonight (Aug. 4th); Wolfstock will be held August 13th at 7:30 pm at the Dog Park; the 2K9 run will be held September 10th at Splash

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on September 1, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Doug Albach to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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