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APPROVED

The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session at the Old Bedford Library Location on the 2nd of February with the following members present:

Jeannette Cook Jeremy Loy
Doug Allbach Randy Newby
Bryan Burgess Cathy Schneider
Sam Fairchild Donna Williams
Donna Hanson

Constituting a quorum.

Alex Cowart and Elvera Henderson were absent.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Jeannette Cook, Chairperson, called the Board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:

a) January 5, 2017 regular meeting.

There being no corrections, a motion was made by Donna Hanson, seconded by Donna Williams, to approve the January meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discuss scheduling a tour of the City Parks.

A Board tour of city parks was discussed and it was tentatively set for Saturday, March 4th in the afternoon. Eric Valdez mentioned that he had made contact about a tour of the NRH Centre and it might be possible to conduct that tour on the same day.

3. Discuss of playground units and expenditures.

Don Henderson requested that we hold this discussion during the Parks staff update at the end of the meeting.

4. Update on Boy Scout event to be held on February 24th in conjunction with the tree planting on February 25th.

The Boy Scout tree planting event is still scheduled for Saturday, February 25th (the part of the event on the 24th was cancelled). Approximately 130 Scouts and adults will take part. Don has toured the tree planting locations and taken soil samples. He will meet with Texas Forestry to pick out the trees. The trees will be divided up between the Boys Ranch, the Bark Park, and Stormie Jones Park. The dedication ceremony is still planned for Saturday, May 13th. The butterfly way station will be prepared on the 25th and placed the day of the dedication.

REPORTS

5. Discuss individual park assignments:

Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – looks good, new trash cans and placement look nice.
- b. **Boys Ranch Park** – looks good, some chalk graffiti at the old pavilion, new signs look nice, the handicap accessible table at the new small pavilion needs to be moved to a more accessible location, Don mentioned that he has a plan to thin out the tables in areas where they appear to be overcrowded, there is a need for more seating at the playground, the warping of the recycled plastic picnic tables was mentioned and staff is looking into a solution.
- c. **Brook Hollow Park** – no report.
- d. **Carousel Park** – lights are finally back on but one on the sidewalk is still out. Park looks good.
- e. **Central Park** – looks good, very well-lit at night.
- f. **Harris Ryals Park** – no issues, lights are being added to the pavilion.
- g. **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** – looks good, some debris due to high winds, lights are on order for dog park.
- h. **Monterrey Park** – looks good.
- i. **Stormie Jones Park** – tree branch that needs to come down near north end parking lot, fence section down at north end parking lot.

6. Staff updates

a. Parks

Still plan on placing extra water fountain near the large side of the dog park. The staff is currently working on a number of indoor winter projects, particularly at the BRAC. The BRAC goes through a great deal of use and requires a lot of maintenance. The \$10,000 Pet Soft grant that was awarded is still being finalized on their end. We should hear something this month on funding and merchandise options for a dog park project.

b. Recreation

Staff started interviews for the 80 positions in aquatics. The Valentine's Day dance scheduled for the coming Saturday is sold out. The staff took a trip to look at the rec center in McKinney and found that it was impressive – 3 story facility, indoor and outdoor water park, lap pool, smaller program space, and a workout area. There was a short discussion about the process for developing a rec center in Phase Next.

Don Henderson began a presentation on park playground equipment replacement and expenditures. He reviewed the discussion in January on available park maintenance funds (\$106,000) to replace the aging playground equipment at Stormie Jones Park. He received proposals from 3 companies. He asked each vendor to meet the following requirements: \$75,000 in equipment and \$25,000 in installation costs, fit in the existing playground footprint, have wheelchair accessibility, and shade over as much of the equipment as possible. Don distributed multiple proposals from 3 separate vendors: Robertson Playground, Miracle Recreation, and PlayWell. The board reviewed and discussed all of the

options in detail. The board was in agreement that option 1 from Miracle Recreation was preferred with the possibility of adding an omni-swing.

Jeremy Loy made a motion to move forward with option 1 from Miracle Recreation with the omni-swing addition, reserving the option to change colors prior to the final order of the equipment. Doug Allbach seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Don will return with an updated proposal from Miracle Recreation at the March meeting.

Don also shared with the board that a \$100,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife grant had been available to the Parks Department and this would allow for the replacement of another playground equipment set. After a short review of the playground replacement priorities discussed at the February meeting, it was agreed that the aging equipment at Harris Ryals Park would be replaced. Don distributed multiple proposals from the same 3 vendors. The board reviewed and discussed all of the options in detail and it was agreed that option 2 from Miracle Recreation was preferred.

Donna Williams made a motion to move forward with option 2 from Miracle Recreation. Jeremy Loy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The board thanked Don for all of his diligent, hard work at preparing this presentation for review.

NEXT MEETING

- 7. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, March 2nd, 2017.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Cathy Schneider made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Donna Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Jeannette Cook, Chairperson