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**approved**

**The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session at the Old Bedford Library Location on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April with the following members present:**

Jeannette Cook	Jeremy Loy
Bryan Burgess	Randy Newby
Sam Fairchild	Cathy Schneider
Donna Hanson	Donna Williams
Elvera Henderson	

**Constituting a quorum.**

Doug Allbach and Alex Cowart were absent.

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Jeannette Cook, Chairperson, called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**a) March 2, 2017 regular meeting.**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2. Discuss possible action to participate in the Clean Up Bedford Day on April 29, 2017.**

Clean Up Bedford Day will happen on Saturday, April 29. Board will participate and meet at Boys Ranch ball field concession stand at 8:30 a.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**3. Report on replacement of playground units for Stormie Jones and Harris Ryals Parks.**

Eric Valdez reported that Don Henderson is planning for installation to happen at the end of May or beginning of June. Demolition will take place the week before.

**4. Report on tour of City Parks.**

The Board toured all of the parks on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The lack of options for replacing equipment at the East End Trail Park due to limits on the Onchor right-of-way and the need to rectify the placement of the handicap parking spaces and lack of adjoining sidewalk were discussed.

**5. Discuss Boys Ranch Park Feasibility Study.**

The City Council has approved Kimley Horn for feasibility and initial design of Phase Next for the Boys Ranch Park. Several possible components of the phase and the process going forward were discussed. City staff will hold a kick-off meeting and preliminary assessment with Kimley-Horn on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The process will consist of assessment, citizen input meetings, and surveys of citizens. Possible survey questions and methods of reaching residents was discussed. The timeline will be very quick with concepts presented mid-Summer. The possibility of holding special meetings to discuss surveys and to seek resident input and a possible joint meeting with the City Council were discussed.

**REPORTS**

**6. Discuss individual park assignments:**

Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – Looks good.
- b. **Boys Ranch Park** – Fountain lights are still out, water fountain near playground is still leaking, monarch way stations are in place.
- c. **Brook Hollow Park** – Looks good, pole light near bridge is out.
- d. **Carousel Park** – Looks great. Most of the equipment has been painted by a Boy Scout group and looks really nice.
- e. **Central Park** – Staff working on gazebo lights.
- f. **Harris Ryals Park** – Cell tower equipment has been removed, area has sod, looks real nice.
- g. **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** – Shade structures are in, concrete pads for bleachers are going in soon, pole lights are in at the dog park.
- h. **Monterrey Park** – Looks good.
- i. **Stormie Jones Park** – Separation and slope between handicap parking spaces and sidewalk were discussed.

**7. Staff updates**

**a. Aquatics**

Painting the pool, will fill soon, working on foam padding at kids pool, hiring process continues.

**b. Recreation**

Chris Chastain is moving on from the city. Arts Fest and Egg Hunt is this coming Saturday. The BRAC will be closed on Good Friday. There is a block party the Friday after Easter. Work is still continuing on the dog park grant. There is currently \$65,000 in the park donation fund, but the cost of the dog park lights will be coming out of that. Don Henderson asked Eric to pass along that the cost of the additional Boys Ranch pavilion that was discussed at the last meeting is approximately \$57,000. The Beautification Commission will be hosting a work day on May 6<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the tree planting dedication the following..

**NEXT MEETING**

- 8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, Donna Hanson made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Elvera Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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**Jeannette Cook, Chairperson**