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The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in a virtual meeting on February 4, 2021 with the following members present:

Randy Newby Doug Allbach Sam Fairchild Maggie Jones
Richard Steves Megan Girard Jeannette Cook Heather Lopez Valarde
Laron Street Donna Hanson

Constituting a quorum.

Jeff Killian was absent

City Council/Staff Representatives:
Don Henderson – Parks Superintendent
Rusty Sartor – Council Liaison
Michael Radoyevich - Athletic and Aquatics Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Randy Newby, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:
 - a. January 7, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2. Discussion and possible action on funding park projects.

Don Henderson discussed funding with Clifford Blackwell. The wall has been moved to another funding source. Don also talked to Laura at Nancy Lieberman. Bedford has been submitted to the foundation, but we do not have any way of knowing when they will be make a decision. Rusty Sartor asked if there was anything we needed to do to assist in the application. That has all been done. Everything is going through a church group in Colleyville, so we don't know when things will be done.

Don also shared our voting results from what we wanted to use funds for. Top two were basketball court and playground (equipment for younger aged kids). He then turned it over to Randy Newby for us to discuss. Rusty asked if Don has any idea on timeline. Don got a sense that they might be making some decisions within 60 days or so, but that is just a guess. Jeannette Cook agreed with Don's suggestion that we wait to see if the Lieberman funding comes through to see how much we need to fund.

Doug Allbach asked if we needed to hurry on the court. Sam Fairchild mentioned the pandemic, and it's hard to "socially distance" playing basketball. Rusty asked about the timeline to get the court completed. Don said it would be two to three months from the beginning of construction. Donna Hanson asked about having a backup if we get the Lieberman funding, we can move forward. If the Lieberman funding comes through, we can use the money for the playground equipment. Rusty Sartor asked Don to remind us of the costs. It is \$35k-40k for the playground equipment, and around \$70k for the basketball court. Jeannette asked if the plan was to do the basketball court either way.

Jeannette Cook motioned that we move forward with a basketball court at Stormy Jones Park, and if the funds come through, the excess funds be applied to playground equipment at Harris Ryals park. Megan Girard seconded the motion. Don Henderson suggested we table this, and just bring it back to him after we find out about the funding. He will be ready next month to present diagrams for the playgrounds. This has been tabled until March.

Don Henderson also discussed the 5 acres next to his office. He showed a map of the area. There was discussion about putting in a park with trails. That would cost around \$4-5k. Rusty Sartor asked if it would be designated a park. Don said it would NOT need to be designated. Sam Fairchild asked if there is any parking nearby. The only parking close is in front of Don's office area. It could be used during non-business hours, or across the street at the Police station. Doug Allbach said we might want to ask the Police Chief if he would have an issue with public parking in his lot to access the park. Richard Steves asked if it was park property. Don said the city bought it as a potential training center for police and fire, and that it is NOT a park. Richard asked if the city could come in after we spent money on it and take the property over. Don is going to get things going by discussing it with administration, and if it is approved, we can discuss it later, discuss funding, and decide if we can move forward with it.

3. Discussion and possible action on hosting special events.

Michael Radoyevich discussed us sponsoring a drive-in movie with an Easter theme during March. They would like to show "Hop", and feature the Easter Bunny, handing out candy. This could be done in the field where Blues Fest has been held. This worked well during their last event. They fit 25 cars last time and think they could fit 35-40 cars. He also looked at Stormy Jones as a potential site, but it would be a little harder for parking. He suggesting Saturday, March 27th, for the event, which is the weekend before Easter. The event would start at 7:00, and the movie would start at 8:00. He is asking if we would purchase the movie rights to show the film, so no one would be charged to attend the event. The rights are around \$395. The Easter Bunny would cost about \$75. He would be asking for no more than \$500. He would also like us to help man the event, verifying that everyone has a ticket, and maybe someone to be the Easter Bunny.

Richard Steves asked if the movie would be allowed to be shown more than once. The idea was if we had a lot of people interested, and could not fit them all on one evening, we could extend it to a second evening. Michael said it is typically sent out one day and returned a couple of days later. Sam asked about an annual fee (his church has that for their music). He asked if there was anything similar for movies. Michael said he could check other licensing agreements to see if there are other options available.

It was unanimously decided to pay the licensing and help with the event.

Richard Steves made a motion to approve paying for the licensing. Maggie Jones seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

4. Discuss individual park assignments:

- a) **Bedford Trails Linear Park** Sam Fairchild said it looked good last week
- b) **Brook Hollow Park** Richard Steves said it looks good.
- c) **Carousel Park** Donna Hanson said it looks great. The winter rye is growing well, and it looks good
- d) **Central Park** Megan Girard said she went by today, and it looked good
- e) **Cheek Sparger Trails** Donna Hanson said it is okay, but messy when it rains
- f) **Dewey Tennant Park** Jeannette Cook said the grass looks good, and she likes the benches
- g) **Generations Park -- CLOSED** Walking trails look good. Flyover videos are great
- h) **Harris Ryals Park** Maggie Jones said it looks good. There is still chalk writing by the gazebo
- i) **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** Doug Allbach said it looks good
- j) **OBS Park** Jeannette Cook said it is good. Valentine's Day displays look good. Music playground is great.
- k) **Stormie Jones Park** Laron Street said it looks good. There are a couple of fenceposts down.
Don will take a look. Don mentioned the lights have been changed out to LED lights.

NEXT MEETING

5. The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be March 4, 2021.

6. Staff updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Jeannette Cook; seconded by Maggie Jones

Adjourned at 7:23

Randy Newby, Chairperson