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approved

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

Doug Allbach Sam Fairchild Maggie Jones
Megan Girard Jeannette Cook Heather Lopez Valarde
Laron Street Donna Hanson Jeff Killian

Constituting a quorum.
Richard Steves and Randy Newby were absent

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

CALL TO ORDER

Donna Hanson – Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:
 - a. February 4, 2021 regular meeting.

Jennette motioned to approve the minutes; Sam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Don heard from the Nancy Lieberman Foundation. Bedford has been accepted for a court. The foundation usually comes in and redoes an existing court. We will have to pay for the concrete slab, and they will come in and put in new goals, paint, etc. Estimated timeline is 3-4 months. They are suggesting a high-school court size. Don has asked for another quote for concrete work for the new (smaller) size. The original quote was \$67,000. Jeannette Cook asked if the grant money would include bleachers. Don thinks the quote will include the bleachers. The foundation would also like to run some community programs on the courts. Megan Girard asked about the life cycle of the materials. Don is unsure but hopes to have those details next month. Since we do not have a dollar amount, and would like some more information, including warranty issues, it was decided to wait until next month to vote on this.

Don also talked about the nature trail next to his office, and the six and under playgrounds. He said we may have to wait until next year to look at putting those in. On the nature trail, he and his staff walked around looking at the property. The biggest issue is parking. The lot on the maintenance property cannot be used due to their traffic. Don will talk to the new Police Chief about potential parking in the police lot and will get back with us next month.

3. Discussion and possible action on hosting special events.

Michael Radoyevich discussed the Easter-themed movie “Hop”. This was advertised in the Bedford Connection. There are currently 17 cars that have registered. Michael has placed a 30-car cap for the event. He is going to wait another day to wait before it goes up on social media. He will create a Facebook page on Saturday to promote the event. If we can open up due to the Governor’s mandate, we may be able to get a few more cars in. Boo Bash sold out within the first day, so he feels confident that we will fill up the rest of the spots. He asked for 5 volunteers for check-in, helping cars get parked. Jeannette Cook, Jeff Killian and Donna Hanson volunteered to help out.

Crud Cruiser is coming up March 13th at 9:00AM at Meadowpark.

REPORTS

4. Discuss individual park assignments:

- a) **Bedford Trails Linear Park** Sam said it looked okay. The trail intersection, there were a lot of branches
- b) **Brook Hollow Park** Jennette said it looks fabulous
- c) **Carousel Park** Donna did not get by there. Jeannette said it looks really nice
- d) **Central Park** Megan said it looks really good.
- e) **Cheek Sparger Trails** Jeanette said it still needs some work
- f) **Dewey Tennant Park** Jeannette said it looked good. Winter rye looks really good
- g) **Generations Park – Closed** – Heather said the walking trails look good
- h) **Harris Ryals Park** Maggie said it looks awesome
- i) **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** Jeannette said it looks great. Lots of standing water after the rains
- j) **OBS Park** Jeannette said she loves playing the music and is anxious to see St. Patrick’s Day
- k) **Stormie Jones Park** There have been coyotes sighted there. Last week, it looked great.

NEXT MEETING

5. The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be April 1, 2021.

6. Staff updates. These were given earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Jeannette Cook; seconded by Heather Lopez Velarde.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm

Randy Newby, Chairperson