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CITY OF BEDFORD §

Approved

The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in a virtual meeting on April 1, 2021 with the following members present:

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

Constituting a quorum.
Jeff Killian was absent

City Council/Staff Representatives:
Don Henderson – Parks Superintendent
Rusty Sartor – Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Randy Newby – Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Sam Fairchild motioned to approve the minutes; Jeannette Cook seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion and possible action on Park assignments to individual members.

Bedford trail – Sam Fairchild	Brookhollow – Richard Steves	OBS – Jeannette Cook
Carousel – Donna Hanson	Stormy Jones – Laron Street	Central Park – Megan Girard
Cheek Sparger Trails – Jeff Killian	Meadowpark – Doug Allbach	Dewey Tenant – Randy Newby
Harris Ryals – Maggie Jones	Generations Park – Heather Lopez Valarde	

3. Discussion and possible action on hosting park events.

Don Henderson said Michael Radoyevich was supposed to be here tonight but could not make it. This will be shelved until next month. Jeannette Cook said the movie went well, and it was a great event. There were 50 registered, and 21 showed up, and another one was let in.

REPORTS

4. Discuss individual park assignments:

- a) **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – Sam said it looks good. No bluebonnets yet
- b) **Brook Hollow Park** – Looks good, but there is more graffiti.
- c) **Carousel Park** – Looks great. Don will start seeding now that Rye grass is going out
- d) **Central Park** – One of the picnic table bolts is loose. Can grass around the volleyball court be cut back?
Don is planning on pouring a concrete border like they did at Carousel.
- e) **Cheek Sparger Trails** – They are muddy. Not enough sidewalk.
- f) **Dewey Tennant Park** – Family with lots of kids love the park. They are glad to see the walkway
- g) **Generations Park – Closed** – Lots of people are walking in the South end by the pavilion
- h) **Harris Ryals Park** – Looks great. Lots of people out
- i) **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** – It looks good. Baseball games going on.
- j) **OBS Park** – Park is great. St. Patrick's Day photos went well.
- k) **Stormie Jones Park** – Looks good. People out walking during Spring Break

NEXT MEETING

5. The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be May 6, 2021.

6. Staff updates.

Don talked about the retaining wall. The project should start tomorrow. Funding has arrived, and they are ready to start work. Sometime next week, the Wildlife ramp will be going in. Both should be done within 45 days or so. The Nature Trail has been put on hold until Administration gives more guidance on what they want to do with that property. Nancy Lieberman Foundation has sent the original rendering. Don shared that with us. He has sent the foundation with our logos, and was hoping to have that back, but has not received it yet. He showed us a tile that they will use on the court. It is a hard but flexible plastic. We will pay for the concrete foundation, and they will come in and put the rest together. He will share this with us if he receives it prior to our next meeting. Don believes the court has a 20-year life expectancy. The quote for the concrete work should be just under \$50k.

Rusty Sartor shared that he has chosen not to run for City Council re-election. Our next meeting will be his last one as our liaison. He asked Don how we can get the Parks Board more involved in Generations Park. He shared that he feels we were left out of discussions regarding the park. He is hoping to get some insight from Don about this before he leaves. City Council agendas come out prior to the meetings, and if the park is on the agenda, they will be discussing it, and we are encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Donna Hanson; seconded by Maggie Jones.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM

Randy Newby, Chairperson