

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes September 4, 2014

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The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in a regular session at the Old Bedford School Meeting Room on September 4, 2014 with the following in attendance:

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| 1. Douglas Allbach | Present |
| 2. Teri Brown-Hudson | Absent |
| 3. Paula Cleaver | Present |
| 4. Jeannette Cook | Present |
| 5. Linda Flemming | Present |
| 6. Charles Higginbotham | Absent |
| 7. Lisa McMillan | Present |
| 8. Cathy Schneider | Present |
| 9. Dewey Tennant | Present |
| 10. Robert Welch | Present |

City Council/Staff Representatives present:

- Jim Davisson – Council Liaison/Ex Officio
- Mirenda McQuagge-Walden - Managing Director
- Eric Valdez – Recreation Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Jeannette Cook.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:**
a) August 7, 2014 regular meeting

Recommended changes are as follows:

- Summer session discounts need to be modified by city personnel to be accurately reflected.
- Seasonal rate paragraph will also be updated.
- Bedford Trails Park report should be picnic pavilion not bench
- Change Carousel Park report to Jeannette Cook, not Linda Flemming.

A motion was proposed by Paula Cleaver and seconded by Douglas Allbach to approve the August 7, 2014 minutes, with the recommended changes. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Update on the Bedford Trail extension.**

- Estimated completion date is November 2014
 - 1,500 linear feet complete of a 2,300 linear feet total
 - Once they get to Forest Ridge production will slow down due to additional work needed (i.e. handicap, etc.)

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- Discussed issues with grading Oak Valley (where power lines cross trail).
 - Mirenda will ask city engineer to assess.
- Discussed possibility of having a ribbon cutting ceremony for public.
- Discussed Ft Worth meeting with local cities to discuss joining trails of all cities.
- Lisa McMillan and Robert Welch recommend we pursue looking into this further

3. Update on mosquito treatment at the parks.

- Brookhollow and Stormie Jones parks tested positive for West Nile Virus
 - The two positive parks are being treated with Flit
 - Received weekly report from the county – 84% reduction from prior week after treatment to parks.

4. Update on the water tower/pressure plane project at Carousel Park.

- Tom Hoover says to look for a January 2015 opening
- Atmos doing some gas work also
- 95% complete
- Contractor will fix anything they damaged
- Discussed possible reinvestment in park.

5. Discussion and update on having a booth at the Doggie Splash Day event.

- Taking place this weekend. Last event for pool. Parks and rec board will not have a booth.

REPORTS

6. Discuss Individual Park assignments:

- a. **Bedford Trails** – Jeannette Cook - Looks good.
- b. **Boys Ranch** – Andrea Sarnoff resigned for health reasons. Need to reassign this park. No report.
- c. **Brook Hollow** – Teri Brown-Hudson absent. No report.
- d. **Carousel** – Jeannette Cook – looks bad
- e. **Central** – Cathy Schneider – looks good
- f. **Harris Ryals** – Lisa McMillan – looks good
- g. **Meadowpark** – Mirenda McQuagge-Walden – Shade structure arrived. Cement will be done in-house. Need to put fence back up where it was per a request from the school. Doug Allbach– Trash overflowing. Jeannette Cook – Small dog park has gap in fence in back. Donations sign \$1,000 not up yet. Working on a permanent sign for next year's budget. Need poop bag holder by sign. Should have poop bags at every park but they are expensive and people abuse them.
- h. **Monterrey** – Dewey Tennant – red tips and crime
- i. **Stormie Jones** – Robert Welch – looks good

7. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- Blues Fest went well
- Camp done – record attendance
- Chris Chastain (from Grand Prairie) started as Rec Coordinator
- Paul David Morgan (lives in Bedford) starts in Aquatics on the 15th.
- Halloween Fest is next event after Doggie Splash
- Tax Rate vote is on Tuesday

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NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lisa McMillan and seconded by Doug Allbach to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Jeannette Cook, Chairperson
City of Bedford, Parks & Recreation Board