

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes May 5, 2016

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The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in a regular session at the Boys Ranch Activity Center on May 5, 2016 with the following in attendance:

Doug Albach – Present  
Alex Cowart – Absent  
Elvera Rose Henderson – Present  
Dylan Hoey – Absent  
Lisa McMillan, Vice Chairperson – Present  
Cathy Schneider – Present  
Jeannette Cook, Chairperson – Present  
Donna Hanson – Present  
Rene Henderson – Present  
Jeremy Loy – Present  
Randy Newby - Present

City Council/Staff Representatives Present:  
Rusty Sartor – City Council Liaison  
Eric Valdez – Community Services Manager  
Marty Greer – Beautification Commission Chairperson

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jeannette Cook.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board Minutes:  
a) April 7, 2016 regular meeting

Donna Hanson made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Jeremy Loy seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**New BUSINESS**

- 2. Discussion regarding the Bedford Disc Golf Course / Program.

Classes are available and staff is trying to setup tournaments during the summer. The course is being used. It was noticed that people are getting in the water to retrieve their discs. Staff is looking into signage with rules, which will include to stay out of the water. It was also noted that we need no swimming signs.

- 3. Discussion regarding naming the Parks Service Center.

A possible name suggested is James Hughes.

- 4. Update regarding the Beautification Commission.

Jeannette attended the Beautification Commission meeting last month. They purchased 5 benches for the scenic overlooks on the lake. They are looking at separate dates for Crud Day and Cleanup Bedford Day to alleviate congestion. It was suggested that the two boards work together on events and Park Board

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members are invited to attend the Beautification Commission's monthly meetings.

### Old BUSINESS

#### 5. Discussion regarding the park system priority list.

Don Henderson put together prices for park amenities needed for each park. Randy Newby has a presentation for next meeting on inclusive parks. It was discussed that Brookhollow needs parking in addition to the costs and items provided. Don & Eric will bring a tweaked list back to the next meeting. It was noted that Cheeksparger Trail lighting and park benches will be included in the next bond for Bedford Parks. The board would like to see the trail connect with the Eules trail system. It was also discussed that if the new pavilion at Boys Ranch is rented out, it may need a small playground next to it.

#### 6. Discussion regarding Bedford Bark Park lighting.

Jeannette Cook visited the Eules dog park at night and felt the solar lights are not bright enough. There is a need for at least one light in each side. It was discussed that there needs to be fundraising to help offset the cost of the lights and that the board would fund a portion of the cost. Staff will contact Mr. McFaddin, who expressed an interest in helping with fundraising efforts. Eric to get with finance on requirements. A motion was made, to fundraise through the end of summer with the Park Board making up the difference to fund two lights, one in the large dog park and one in the small dog park, at a cost of no more than \$20,000, by Cathy Schneider and seconded by Jeremy Loy. Motion passed.

### REPORTS

#### 7. Discuss Individual Park Assignments.

Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – looks good
- b. **Boys Ranch** – lake is full, hydro mulched but rained washed a lot away. Still need some old trash cans replaced. Sidewalk is small and too close to lake on East side, may need a fence installed.
- c. **Brook Hollow** – no report
- d. **Carousel** – still no electricity
- e. **Central** – trash cans are full, grass needs mowed by fence next to houses
- f. **Harris Ryals** – looks good
- g. **Meadowpark** – one of ballfields is dirt (no grass), dog park has water standing grass is dying in areas
- h. **Monterrey** – clean and nice – looks good
- i. **Stormie Jones** – looks good, 1 ballard light out behind bathroom

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**10. Staff updates on recreation programs.**

- a) **Aquatics** – Splash - filled, lifeguards have been trained, slides and signs painted Central – starting new paddle boarding program.
  
- b) **Recreation** – summer camp staff hired, will average around 180 kids all summer, Bedford Connection will be out next week, started Pickle ball with 3 courts on Tuesday mornings, have 12 to 14 participate each week, had annual campout in April at Boys Ranch had seven families consisting of about 35 people, will host state Yo-Yo Championship June 11, ribbon cutting for Phase 1 of Boys Ranch Park project will be during July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**NEXT MEETING**

**8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on June 2, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cathy Schneider, seconded by Rene Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Jeannette Cook, Chairperson  
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