

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes June 2, 2016

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**approved**

**The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Bedford met in a regular session at the Boys Ranch Activity Center on June 2, 2016 with the following in attendance:**

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

City Council/Staff Representatives Present:  
Rusty Sartor – City Council Liaison  
Eric Valdez – Community Services Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Doug Albach.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board Minutes:**

**a) May 5, 2016 regular meeting**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2. Discussion and action on canceling the July Meeting.**

Cathy Schneider made a motion to approve canceling the July Meeting. Rene Hernandez seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**3. Discussion regarding inclusive playgrounds.**

Randy Newby gave the board a very informative presentation on inclusive playgrounds and the need for it in Bedford. Frisco and Grapevine already have one in place. Other cities, like Fort Worth are in the planning stages. An inclusive park can be used by children of all abilities and allows for interaction with each other. Randy gave us figures from the 2010 census on the number of children in Bedford with disabilities, it seemed high. It was recommended to see if the HEB School District could provide their numbers. From the census numbers there appears to be a need in Bedford. Central Park may be a good park for this type of playground,

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as there is a lot of room. It was recommended that we try to get possible sponsorships to help with funding, both Grapevine and Frisco have corporate sponsors. Randy brought some estimated pricing, for a small playground, but it was recommended that we try to go with a bigger playground, so he is going to get some more information and estimate pricing for our next board meeting.

### Old BUSINESS

#### **4. Update regarding the Beautification Commission projects.**

Park Board was informed that the park benches for the Boys Ranch from the Beautification Commission are in and ready to be installed.

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

Staff would like lights to be installed in the Dog Park before fall and not wait on fundraising. Alex Cowart looked into lighting for the Dog Park and found that the IES foot candle recommendation for this area would be 5 foot wide flood. Due to night sky issues created by globe lights the lights should aim down. On the large dog side there is a tree that could be used to mount the light.

#### **6. Update on progress of the naming dedication of the Parks Service Center.**

Staff brought the "Policy for Naming/Renaming or Dedicating City Facilities and Property" document to guide us on how to accomplish the naming dedication. The Park Board is in support of it, as well as staff.

### REPORTS

#### **7. Discuss Individual Park Assignments.**

Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – no report
- b. **Boys Ranch** – there was mud on the sidewalks from the rain, it has been cleaned up. Grass is now growing. Mesh netting was placed to keep the soil from washing away in the rain.
- c. **Brook Hollow** – no report
- d. **Carousel** – still no electricity
- e. **Central** – Lights were out, has been fixed
- f. **Harris Ryals** – plastic retainer around mulch is in need of repair
- g. **Meadowpark** – park has water standing, baseball complex looks good
- h. **Monterrey** – looks good
- i. **Stormie Jones** – no report

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

- a) **Aquatics** – Splash is open

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- b) Recreation** – Summer camp has started. Next Saturday we will host the state Yo-Yo Championship. Staff is busy working on 4<sup>th</sup> fest. Boys Ranch Phase 1 Ribbon Cutting will be during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at 4:00 PM.

**NEXT MEETING**

- 8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on August 4, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jeremy Loy, seconded by Elvera Rose Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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