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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 September 1, 2016 with the following in attendance:

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

City Council/Staff Representatives Present:
Rusty Sartor – City Council Liaison
Chris Chastain – Recreation Coordinator

Note: Rene Hernandez has submitted her resignation from the Board.

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) August 4, 2016 regular meeting**

There being no corrections, a motion was made by Donna Hanson, seconded by Doug Albach, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Discussion over visiting the recreation center in Grapevine.**

It was the consensus of the Board to tour the Grapevine REC on Monday, September 26th at 6:00 pm. Board members will meet at the recreation center in Grapevine.

Old BUSINESS

- 3. Update on progress of naming dedication of the Parks Service Center.**

Plans are still in progress for a Fall naming ceremony for the Parks Service Center.
- 4. Update regarding inclusive playgrounds.**

Randy Newby provided a layout of the proposed playground, targeted for ages 2 to 12 years old, within an area of about 20,000 sq. feet, at an estimated cost of about \$1 million (before

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discounts). The Board discussed moving forward with a recommendation and putting together a written and visual plan that provides a layout of the full Central Park area with all recommended future improvements (inclusive playground, accessible sidewalks, new sand volleyball courts, new pavilion, etc.). Chairperson Jeannette Cook will meet with City Management after the budget sessions to discuss the recommended park improvements and proposals for funding and implementation.

5. Update on Dog Park.

Staff is ordering lights for the park with plans for installation before the time change.

REPORTS

6. Discuss Individual Park Assignments.

Reports on individual park assignments and park conditions:

- a. **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – looks good; mowed but not edged
- b. **Boys Ranch** – looks good; non-approved vendors selling t-shirts and goods by pavilion need to be told to leave or get permission to sell; 2 blue trash cans remain by soccer area and need to be replaced to match rest of black cans; PokemonGo event planned for October, possibly in connection with Halloween Fest
- c. **Brook Hollow** – no report
- d. **Carousel** – still no meter; someone left a “non-city” trash can there
- e. **Central** – looks good
- f. **Harris Ryals** – looks good; needs ant treatment
- g. **Meadowpark** – baseball fields look good; dog park has lots of weeds; large dog area has hole with standing water, and a water bucket has been left in small dog area – these need to be drained to prevent mosquito breeding
- h. **Monterrey** – looks good
- i. **Stormie Jones** – looks good; some standing water

7. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- a) **Aquatics** – Labor Day will be the last day for Splash to be opened; the Doggy Splash Day will take place at Splash on September 10th
- b) **Recreation** – Summer Camp is complete; Dog Daze events were very successful – dog movie, run, concert, pet first aid class were all well attended; Staff now preparing for Blues Fest on Labor Day weekend

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on October 6, 2016. The meeting location is to be determined. Old Bedford School is closed indefinitely, due to the auditorium roof collapse from excessive rain.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cathy Schneider, seconded by Lisa McMillan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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