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**The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session at the Old Bedford Library Location on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October with the following members present:**

Jeanette Cook                      Elvera Henderson  
Doug Allbach                        Jeremy Loy  
Bryan Burgess                      Randy Newby  
Alex Cowart                         Cathy Schneider  
Sam Fairchild                        Donna Williams  
Donna Hanson

**Constituting a quorum.**

City Council/Staff Representatives:

Rusty Sartor- Council Liaison                      Charlenia Walsh – Parks and Rec Staff

Others Present:

Lisa McMillan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jeanette Cook, Chairperson, called the Board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**NEW MEMBERS/OFFICER ELECTIONS**

1. **Introduction of newly appointed Parks and Recreation Board members.**  
New, current, and former board members introduced themselves to the group.
2. **Consider and act upon appointment of a vice chairperson and secretary to the Parks and Recreation Board.**  
Doug Allbach was nominated and appointed vice chairperson. Bryan Burgess was appointed secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3. **Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:**
  - a) **September 1, 2016 regular meeting**  
Minutes for this meeting were not available and will be approved at the November meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. **Discussion over visiting the recreation center in Grapevine.**  
The Board visited the REC in Grapevine in September and observations from that visit were discussed. Phase 1 of the Bedford Boys Ranch renovation was reviewed for new members and

the council's vision for a "Phase Next" where the next 3 phases are condensed into one project was discussed. Ideally, a multipurpose facility similar to the REC would be included in that project. This facility would replace the BRAC, On Stage, and the senior center and put them in a single facility. Several aspects and features of the REC were discussed: size, construction timeframe and cost, indoor water park, swim facilities, and indoor playground, short term childcare, art displays throughout the complex, flexible multipurpose classrooms and meeting spaces, locker rooms with family facilities, storage areas for long-term users, green space outside of each window, careful planning with a low-maintenance approach. Council has set aside money in the budget for a feasibility study, but no one has been hired yet to conduct that study. The project will likely be paid for by a bond. Facilities in neighboring cities and possible partnering organizations were discussed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **5. Update on progress of the naming dedication of the Parks Services Center**

This subject was tabled.

### **6. Update on the Bedford Bark Park.**

Waiting on school district approval to continue with the lighting project. The park will be closed for general maintenance and grass over-seeding on October 10. The \$10,000 grant from Pet Supplies Plus will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **7. Discuss individual park assignments:**

Park assignment responsibilities were discussed and each park was assigned as follows.

- a. Bedford Trails Linear Park – Bryan Burgess
- b. Boys Ranch Park – Elvera Henderson and Alex Cowart
- c. Brook Hollow Park – Donna Williams
- d. Carousel Park – Donna Hanson
- e. Central Park – Randy Newby
- f. Harris Ryals Park – Sam Fairchild
- g. Meadowpark Athletic Complex – Doug Allbach
- h. Monterrey Park – Cathy Schneider
- i. Stormie Jones Park – Jeremy Loy

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

#### **a. Aquatics**

Currently in off-season.

#### **b. Recreation**

Upcoming events: Paper Shred and E-Waste Drop-Off at Boys Ranch on October 8<sup>th</sup>, HEBeFit on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Pennington Field, Halloween Fest on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Boys Ranch, Pet Fair on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Animal Shelter, Tree Lighting on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEXT MEETING**

### **9. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, Doug Allbach made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Randy Newby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

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**Jeanette Cook, Chairperson**