

City of Bedford Park and Recreation Board Minutes March 1, 2012

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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 March 1, 2012 with the following in attendance:

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| 1. Alan Batjer | Absent | Council Liaison - Jim Griffin |
| 2. Bill Nichols | Present | |
| 3. Jeannette Cook | Present | City Manager Designee - |
| 4. Douglas Allbach | Present | Mirenda McQuagge-Walden |
| 5. Cathy Schneider | Present | |
| 6. Lisa McMillan | Present | |
| 7. James "Bucky" Greer | Present | Other Staff - |
| 8. Drenda Witt | Present | Eric Valdez, Recreation Coord. |
| 9. Linda Flemming | Present | Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent |
| 10. Charles Higginbotham | Present | |
| 11. Dewey Tennant | Absent | |

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) February 2, 2012 regular meeting

Corrections to the minutes: Cathy Schneider was present at the meeting; noting who made the motion and second to adjourn the meeting and Jeannette Cook's name was misspelled at the closing of the minutes.

Motion by Bucky Geer, second by Jeannette Cook, to approve the February 2, 2012 minutes with the above corrections. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2. Discuss plans for Dog Park.**

Lisa McMillan made a presentation regarding the dog park. Jim Griffin suggested that sponsorship levels be presented to City Council for review. He also encouraged bringing the potential Friends of a Dog Park group to the Council presentation. The proposal to be made to the Council is for the Park Board to provide \$20,000, raise \$20,000 and Council to budget \$20,000 for initial expenses for the dog park. The goal is to open the dog park in April of 2013. Any comments on presentation to Council are to be sent to Mirenda McQuagge-Walden.

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3. Discuss Park Board Bond Funds.

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden provided a handout of bond funds that have been approved by voters. Funds are available for the extension of Bedford Trails to Forest Ridge. Don Henderson reviewed Meadowpark changes and upgrades needed to the trail extension along Cheek Sparger. Mirenda McQuagge-Walden presented proposed layout of improvements to Harris Ryals Park.

A motion was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Charles Higginbotham, to prioritize one volleyball court, repair the asphalt on the trail and provide paved parking at Harris Ryals Park. Motion passed.

Budget priorities for inclusion in City budget, top priority is issuance of bonds to finish Bedford Trails extension. Next priority is Dog Park with the Park Board setting a goal of raising matching funds. Additional priorities, in order, are extension of Trail along Cheek Sparger, Harris Ryals improvements, and Central Park volleyball.

These priorities were approved by consensus.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discuss participation in Clean Up Bedford Day, March 24, 2012.

The Park Board will start at Spring Garden on Bedford Trails at 8:30 a.m. Charles Higginbotham will be responsible to pick up supplies for the members.

REPORTS

5. Discuss Individual Park assignments:

- a.) **Bedford Trails Liner Park** – looks good, some signs are missing
- b.) **Boys Ranch Park** – Compliments to city staff for improvements: trash remains in lake, signs regarding lake rules are needed and there is a hole in the large pavilion.
- c.) **Brook Hollow Park** – No Report
- d.) **Carousel Park** – none of the tall streetlights are working.
- e.) **Central Park** – Barbeque pits are loose
- f.) **Harris Ryals Park** – reported it looked good
- g.) **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** – reported it looked good needs mowing
- h.) **Monterrey Park** – No Report
- i.) **Stormie Jones Park** – bad fence has been removed, working on code compliance with homeowner.

The Park Board will tour the parks on March 21. The group will meet at the Boys Ranch Park at 6:00p.m. by the Splash entrance.

6. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- a) **Boys Ranch Family Camp out- March 9, 2012 BRAC 6:00p.m.**
- b) **Spring Bread Day Camp March 12 – 16, 2012**

Additional programs that might be of interest are the groundbreaking for the Community Garden on March 17, at 10:30 a.m. and the Central Bedford Development Meeting at the Library on March 20, 7p.m.

The Volunteer Banquet and Valentine Dance were discussed.

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NEXT MEETING

7. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Charles Higginbotham and seconded by Cathy Schneider to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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