

**City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes June 6, 2013**

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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 June 6, 2013 with the following in attendance:**

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| 1. Douglas Allbach      | Absent  | 7. Andrea Sarnoff  | Present |
| 2. Jeannette Cook       | Present | 8. Cathy Schneider | Present |
| 3. Linda Fleming        | Present | 9. Dewey Tennant   | Present |
| 4. Charles Higginbotham | Present | 10. Drenda Witt    | Present |
| 5. Doyle Lee            | Present |                    |         |
| 6. Lisa McMillan        | Present |                    |         |

City Council/Staff Representatives Present:  
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden - Managing Director of Community Services  
Eric Valdez – Recreation Manager  
Don Henderson – Parks Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**OFFICER ELECTION**

**1. Consider and act upon appointment of a vice chairperson.**

The resignation of Vice Chairperson Bill Nichols from the Parks and Recreation Board necessitated the election of a new Vice Chairperson. A motion was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Charles Higginbotham, nominating Linda Fleming as Vice Chairperson of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**a) May 2, 2013 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Drenda Witt, seconded by Doyle Lee, to approve the May minutes with one correction to item #3, second sentence, adding to the beginning of the sentence, "**Ms. Rose claimed** the tree was planted... The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**3. Discussion on Dog Park Grand Opening.**

Chairperson Cook remarked on the great grand opening that was held, with over 100 dogs, numerous vendors and attendees, and rave reviews from everyone.

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden reported that there is an issue with the new fencing height. As constructed, the fence is only 4 foot high all around. The contract called for a 5 foot high fence and the contractor has stated that they will correct this mistake, even if they have to tear out the concrete skirting and all poles and reconstruct the whole thing. Board members stated they had expected a 6 foot fence to be constructed, especially around the large dog area and discussed possible solutions to the problem. One idea was to not tear out the concrete skirting and to try to use existing poles, adding a two feet section to

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raise the fence to a 6 feet height. This would save the contractor from replacing concrete, but would provide park with a foot higher fence than the contract called for. After much discussion, a motion was made by Lisa McMillan, seconded by Drenda Witt, providing for two preferred options to correct the fence issue: 1) keep the existing concrete, use sleeves over current poles, and make the fence at the small dog area 5 foot tall and the fence at large dog area 6 foot tall, if there would be no additional cost to city; or 2) keep the fencing as is at the 4 foot height in the small dog area, but replace the fencing around large dog area at a height of 6 feet. Motion passed unanimously.

Other notes made about the dog park included: 1) stickers still were found in the grass of small dog area; 2) need to block off with striping the parking spot directly in front of the park and re-stripe the handicapped spots so they are legible; 3) gates into the park areas not being closed well and dogs escaped – could just be a learning experience; 4) the water fountain in the gate area was making it crowded when dogs were leaving and needing a drink – need another fountain within the park of both areas; and 5) before additional equipment and accessories are added to the park, there needs to be a plan for the layout of the park and where the various items will be located.

Chairperson Cook noted that there will be another Friends of the Parks planning meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Old Bedford School.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4. Discussion regarding the dedication ceremony for the Roy Savage Pool at Central Park.**

The City Council recently approved the renaming of the Central Park Pool to be called the Roy Savage Pool at Central Park. A naming ceremony is planned for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am at the pool.

#### **5. Discussion and possible action to cancel the July meeting.**

A motion was made by Drenda Witt, seconded by Linda Fleming, to cancel the July Parks and Recreation Board meeting, due to the 4<sup>th</sup> Fest activities happening the first week in July.

### **REPORTS**

#### **6. Discuss individual Park assignments:**

- a. **Bedford Trails** – Charles reported that it looked good; noted the new exercise stations close to Spring Garden
- b. **Boys Ranch** – No Report. A question was raised about the signs for the various entities within the BBR, and if they could be consolidated. It was noted that the Cultural Affairs Committee is working on this. Charles reported that the tree next to the Rose family fence had been trimmed up well and should not be a problem to the adjoining property owner any longer; also noted that Splash is looking good and running very well this year.
- c. **Brook Hollow** – Doyle reported that the playground looks good; two of the water fountains are not working and there is broken glass around the fountain on the trail.
- d. **Carousel** – Drenda reported that the park is still closed; the well is now drilled, but construction is ongoing.
- e. **Central** – Andrea noted that the storm debris in the park was cleared and the fence was fixed; looked good.
- f. **Harris Ryals** – Cathy reported that it looked okay.
- g. **Meadowpark** – Doug reported that the park looked good.
- h. **Monterrey** – Dewey reported that the park looked good.
- i. **Stormie Jones** – No report on condition, but it was noted that a lot owned by the City adjacent to the park is for sale.

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

- Summer Camps are going well with 135-150 kids.
- Splash is also going well; staff is working on swim lesson scheduling.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fest plans are coming along; this year's theme will celebrate the "Sweet 60" birthday of the City.
- Cultural Affairs is holding an Arts Talk on June 10<sup>th</sup> for arts related groups.

### **NEXT MEETING**

- 8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2013.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cathy Schneider and seconded by Drenda Witt to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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