

City of Bedford Parks and Recreation Board Minutes September 5, 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 September 5, 2013 with the following in attendance:

1. Douglas Allbach	Present	7. Andrea Sarnoff	Absent
2. Jeannette Cook	Present	8. Cathy Schneider	Present
3. Linda Flemming	Absent	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
Jim Davisson – City Councilmember

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 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes for August 1, 2013 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Drenda Witt, seconded by Doyle Lee, to approve the August 1, 2013 minutes with the correction that Doug Allbach was present at the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion regarding the November bond election for Phase I of the Boys Ranch Park.

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden reported that the City Council has set a bond election for November 5, 2013 for the approval of approximately \$3.2 million in bonds to fund Phase I of the Boys Ranch renovation project. Information meetings will be held on September 17th at the BRAC and October 17th at the Library. Parks Board representatives need to attend to support and advocate for the bond funds. Board members are encouraged to get the word out to friends, neighbors, homeowners associations, schools or sports group contacts, etc. Talking points will be drafted to help get the message out.

3. Discussion regarding Phase II of the Bark Park.

It was reported that the estimated fund balance in the Parks Donation Fund after initial Bark Park expenses is \$48,000. The Board reviewed a map of the dog park to consider locations for future items. It was mentioned that Staff should use concrete culverts and rock boulders to provide play ramps and sitting areas in the park. Several options for shade structures were discussed. The Board will continue to work with Staff to determine programming and selection of future dog park amenities.

REPORTS

4. Discuss individual Park assignments:

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- a. **Bedford Trails** – Charles reported that trail looks good, but there are lots of weed in some areas around Martin; questioned why one exercise station had yellow tape around it.
- b. **Boys Ranch** – No report.
- c. **Brook Hollow** – Doyle reported vandalism at the park. Nine of the lights have the top knocked off or posts knocked over and broken glass is around them; one of the fountain drains is clogged.
- d. **Carousel** – Drenda reported that the park is still closed (see additional discussion below).
- e. **Central** – No report.
- f. **Harris Ryals** – No report.
- g. **Meadowpark** – The dog park looks good. The ball fields need to be cleaned, leveled and refresh the blue paint.
- h. **Monterrey** – Dewey reported the red tip photinias need to be trimmed and thinned.
- i. **Stormie Jones** – Lisa reported it looks good.

Staff provided information on the status of the public works project at Carousel Park. The park was closed in October 2012 and there have been issues with some of the contractors not fulfilling their contract obligations, thus causing project delays. Phase II of the well project will start in November 2013 and run through November 2014. Staff expects that some areas around the playground will be able to open sooner, but the pavilion area will remain closed throughout 2014. The Parks Board asked that City Council consider allocating any monies that may be recovered from contractor penalties on the project to equipment and/or improvements to Carousel Park.

8. Staff updates on recreation programs.

- The Blues Fest went well; had great publicity; 92 BBQ teams registered – 5th largest in nation.
- Dog Splash Day on Sept. 7th – 50 dogs registered for the 2K-9 run.
- Expect to have online registration available for classes and programs by the end of August.

NEXT MEETING

9. **The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2013.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dewey Tennant and seconded by Drenda Witt to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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