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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 February with the following members present:

Randy Newby	Doug Allbach	Laron Street
Sam Fairchild	Richard Steves	Donna Hanson
Megan Girard	Maggie Jones	Cathy Schneider

Constituting a quorum.

Nick Dell was absent

City Council/Staff Representatives:

Don Henderson – Parks Superintendent  
Brian TenEyck  
Rusty Sartor - City Council Liaison

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Randy Newby, Chairman, called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:
  - a. January 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.

Motion to approve by Richard Steves, seconded by Sam Fairchild - Motion passed unanimously

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Discussion and possible action on setting events and calendar dates for 2020

Brian handed out a sheet with ideas and dates for events in 2020.

March 28<sup>th</sup> Linear Park Run – Start at Meadow Park, possibly partnering with Sparkling ICE

June 20<sup>th</sup> is booked for puppy yoga at the Bark Park (they will also bring goats). Richard suggested getting shelters to bring animals for adoption.

October 1<sup>st</sup> Movie in the Park (date is loose, may be better for Friday night) – available for any park, Harris Ryals was suggested. This can be done for National Night Out. Possible food truck opportunity. Licensing for movie rental is anywhere from \$300-\$450, depending on the movie. An agenda item will be brought to approve funding once it is decided on.

Donna Hanson motioned to approve funding, Doug Allbach seconded – passed unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS**

**3. Discussion and possible action on acquiring grants.**

Brian TenEyck handed out another sheet with Texas Parks and Wildlife grant information with deadlines and grant ceilings. Most of them are matching funds. Don Henderson mentioned he would like to add a boat ramp to the lake at the Boys Ranch. The Recreational Trail grant could help with Cheek Sparger trail improvements. Don will start working toward that grant. This will be added to next month's agenda to continue discussion.

**4. Discussion and possible action of Board members new projects and ideas.**

Randy mentioned he wants all members to be able to present ideas and/or projects. Cathy talked about Cheek Sparger, and how she would like the trails improved. Doug mentioned basketball courts or volleyball courts and agreed about Cheek Sparger. Laron mentioned his excitement to get the all-inclusive park going. Donna mentioned the need to spread activities to each park, possibly using each park for specific activities. Sam is happy about the extra benches at the dog park. He would like to see a solution for the muddy grass area where the shade structure is. Richard also mentioned his excitement for the all-inclusive park. He also mentioned basketball courts at Stormy Jones Park. Megan mentioned climbing and gripping structures. Maggie would like to get ideas from Don (which he shared) taken care of. These include cement borders at Dewey Tennant and Carousel parks, and covered picnic structures. He would also like to put in cement pads with a barbecue grill in some parks. Mow strips where fences are in Stormy Jones Park are also part of his plan. Randy talked about the big sign at the dog park being an eyesore. He also mentioned the possibility of adding a couple of dog statues at the dog park.

**5. Status update from the Friends of Bedford Parks Foundation.**

Sam discussed the last meeting (after a 3-month gap), and how they needed to get the marketing put together, including website, and testimonials from potential users. Each member looked at the website, and gave suggestions on the build, and flow of the website. Next meeting is February 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss those ideas, and release forms for those used in marketing materials and website photos. Wendy Watson resigned as President due to work requirements. Stephanie Coleman (Vice-President) has stepped up. Group left the last meeting with a new zeal for the work and progress. Richard asked about how the foundation will work with the city. Most likely, the city will oversee the construction under the guidance of the foundation.

**REPORTS**

**6. Discuss individual park assignments:**

- a. **Bedford Trails** Looks good
- b. **Boys' Ranch Park** Looks good
- c. **Brook Hollow Park** Improvement is still going on. Looks good
- d. **Carousel Park** New water fountain is in. Looks great.
- e. **Central Park** lights have been kicked and broken and more graffiti
- f. **Dewey Tennant Park** Looks fine

- g. **Harris Ryals Park** Lots of wasp nests (a few weeks ago)
- h. **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** Looks pretty good. Grass could use mowing
- i. **Stormie Jones Park** Looks good

**7. Staff updates:**

**a. Parks**

Don showed the video we were supposed to see last month of the new Multi-Generational Facility that will be built at the Boys Ranch.

**b. Recreation / Senior Center**

Brian talked about the Valentine's Dance tomorrow (February 7<sup>th</sup>). Baseball is coming up. Soccer will be coming up soon. Seniors have their dance on Monday (February 10<sup>th</sup>). BRAC is interviewing for the Rec Supervisor position. They have lots of good candidates. Classes are doing well at the BRAC and Senior Center. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT MEETING**

**8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be March 6, 2020.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Donna Hanson motioned to dismiss, Maggie Jones seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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**Randy Newby, Chairperson**