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The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session at the Old Bedford Library Location on the 5th of March 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

Kimberly Payne was visiting from the Beautification Committee

City Council/Staff Representatives:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Randy Newby, Chairman, called the Board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:**
 - a. February 6th regular meeting.**

Motion to approve by Donna Hanson, seconded by Maggie Jones. Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Discussion and possible action on purchasing amenities for parks.**

Don passed out a picture of a basketball goal and bench. He is still looking at putting in a basketball court next year. In Brook Hollow Park, there used to be a basketball goal. Public Works is working on the channel and may be finishing up soon. They would like to have a park opening at the same time they do a channel opening. Don would like us to purchase a basketball goal to replace the one that used to be there. The pad is still in good condition. He also showed us a picture of a bench. They have ordered 5 benches, 8 grills and 6 picnic tables. He would also like us to appropriate around \$15k for these items. We have \$90k, but he has appropriated \$75k for us to use. Megan Girard asked about adding wheelchair abilities to one of our smaller parks now while we wait for the new Central Park. Don will research and bring us some numbers for each park. This will be discussed in another month or two. Maggie Jones motioned to approve the funds. Richard Steves seconded. It was passed unanimously. Don thinks this can be completed in 30-45 days.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Discussion and possible action on acquiring grants.

Brian is still waiting for direction from us to know which grants to pursue. It was mentioned we could pursue a grant for the wheelchair-accessible ground for a park. It will be next year, since several grant deadlines were over in February. Maggie Jones mentioned the boating access at the lake. Don had mentioned his desire to get this done. That grant has an October deadline. We also discussed the grant for trails, and Brian will investigate this one as well. We will need to have specific ideas on how we would spend the money. He will bring staff recommendations on grants next month.

4. Discussion and possible action on upcoming events and new ideas.

Donna again brought up a possible "Farewell to the Boys' Ranch" event with an ice-cream social. Don spoke with Wendy about this and will bring us some info next month. Don discussed having snow-cones, ice-cream, and maybe a food truck. This would be a great time to also have a movie in the park. They are looking at late July or early August. Boys' Ranch will be closed after July 4th. They have to be completely out of the facilities by September 1st.

March 28th Linear Park Run and National Take a Walk in the Park Day

June is a puppy and goat yoga event. Sign ups will be available in May.

October 6th is National Night Outs Event – It would be a great time for a movie in the park.

We can discuss more next month.

5. Discussion and participation in the CRUD event March 7, 9:00a.m. at Meadow Park Athletic Complex.

Marty asked Randy if we could have someone there by 7:45 to help. Don will open the gates as early as he can. This will be for paints, chemicals, and electronic waste.

6. Discussion and possible action on March 28 Linear Park Run and National Take a Walk in the Park.

Permit has been received. Brian has reached out to Boy Scouts for partnership. He also spoke with LD Bell to see if they would partner (track season), but there has not been a lot of interest. Since there is not a lot of momentum yet he is suggesting we either push it to a later date or scrap it for now. We could do a movie in the park in lieu of this if we decide to. Brian will look up some ideas for other activities. We also discussed doing a color run. Brian will reach out to a group that approached him with desire to back a color run. We will discuss more next month.

7. Status update from the Friends of Bedford Parks Foundation.

Sam gave an update. Last week, the foundation met and worked through some organization. Officers and members were elected, and different electronic media were looked at and discussed. The goal is to roll out all the marketing material by August or September. This would work well if we have the National Night Out at Central Park.

REPORTS

8. Discuss individual park assignments:

- a. **Bedford Trails** Sam said they could use another dog-bag station.
- b. **Boys' Ranch Park** Nick was not here. Randy said it is looking good.
- c. **Brook Hollow Park** Still working on the channel, but it looks good
- d. **Carousel Park** It's "As cute as it can be"
- e. **Central Park** Looks good – still some graffiti on benches
- f. **Dewey Tennant Park** Looks like someone drove just north of the playground. Some fencing looks like it is worn but may just be dirty. Don will look at it.
- g. **Harris Ryals Park** Maggie couldn't be in the park this week, but it looks good.
- h. **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** Looks good other than some grass areas
- i. **Stormie Jones Park** Looks good. Don said they should be turning the fountains on next week.

9. Staff updates:

a. Parks

Don had given his updates throughout the meeting.

b. Recreation / Senior Center

Valentines Dance was a big success. Spring Break camp is next week. Leagues are starting up, including basketball, which they haven't had for a few years. Kickball, and soccer are starting up. Senior dance was also a big success. The new Recreation Supervisor has been hired, and they will oversee the special events.

NEXT MEETING

10. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be April 2, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Maggie Jones motioned to adjourn. Cathy Schneider seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

Randy Newby, Chairperson