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The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session at the Old Bedford Library Location on the 7th of March with the following members present:

Randy Newby	Cathy Schneider
Doug Allbach	Laron Street
Sam Fairchild	Donna Hanson
Maggie Jones	Elvera Henderson

Constituting a quorum.

Donna Williams, Wendy Watson, and Bryan Burgess were absent.

City Council/Staff Representatives:
Don Henderson – Parks Superintendent
Rusty Sartor - City Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:

a) March 7, 2019 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Laron Street, seconded by Sam Fairchild, to approve the March meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Sign attendance sheet and get signature copy of minutes.

Both items were signed and returned to Don Henderson.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Presentation by Assistant City Manager, Cliff Blackwell regarding events policy.

Cliff discussed changes made to the ordinances, so the City Manager could approve special events without requiring approval of the Parks Board. This is to streamline the approval process. Some events only request a few days ahead of the event. Since the Board only meets monthly, it is quicker to approve them without waiting on the Board. Discussion was made about indemnity for the City to prevent potential legal issues. Cliff was going to verify that is done. Change will be on the Council's meeting on April 23rd.

3. Discussion and possible action on the individual members Tour of the Parks.

Some members have visited several parks. This will be a continual thing and can be discussed during individual park reports. Donna Hanson mentioned the possibility of steering some events such as 5k races into parks instead of using city streets. There was also discussion about making a scavenger hunt, or some other activity to bring people into the parks. Don Henderson suggested

forming a subcommittee with a few people from the Beautification Board to discuss options for these activities. Donna Hanson and Maggie Jones agreed to form the subcommittee and contact Beautification to begin the process.

4. Discussion and possible action on Carousel Park.

Don Henderson handed out sheets with pictures of different structures for consideration for Carousel. He also discussed his idea of getting rid of the structure furthest from the pavilion, and moving everything closer up. Discussion was had about a basketball court, possibly where the furthest structure is now. Don also discussed the possibility of bringing in more rocks to help landscape.

5. Discussion and possible action on participating in the Beautification Commission Clean Up Bedford Day April 6, 2019 – 9am – 12:00pm.

Central Park has been assigned to the Park and Recreation Board for cleanup day. We are to meet at the Boys' Ranch at 9:00, or at the park at 9:30, depending on the weather.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Wendy Watson was out, so Sam Fairchild discussed the updates. Most of the Marketing materials have been put together and are nearing a state of completion. The website is waiting until after the meeting with the city, where they will discuss funding, the roles of the Board, contractors and city. That meeting is scheduled for April 22nd. The foundation is getting close to begin fundraising efforts.

REPORTS

7. Discuss individual park assignments:

- a. **Bedford Trails Linear Park** – Looks good.
- b. **Boys Ranch Park** – Looking good.
- c. **Brook Hollow Park** – Branches picked up; mowed and trimmed. Back area of park not utilized. Short discussion about possible uses for that area.
- d. **Carousel Park** – Looks good, but there were some branches down.
- e. **Central Park** – Everything looks good.
- f. **Harris Ryals Park** – Looks good.
- g. **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** – Looks good.
- h. **Dewey Tennant Park** – Looks good, but there were some weeds under the white fence. Don discussed his desire to put a mow strip under the fences.
- i. **Stormie Jones Park** – Looked good.

8. Staff updates

a. Parks

Don discussed his desire for putting sidewalks in several parks, additional shaded picnic tables, and mowing strips under the fences of parks like the ones recently done in Meadowpark. He discussed the Saturday events: Clean Up Bedford, and Chunk Your Junk.

b. Recreation/Aquatics/Senior Center

No report.

NEXT MEETING

- 9. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Cathy Schneider made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Maggie Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Randy Newby, Chairperson