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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	

Constituting a quorum.

Donna Williams, Wendy Watson, Elvera Henderson 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) April 4, 2019 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Donna Hanson, seconded by Maggie Jones, to approve the April 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. Introduction of Parks, Recreation and Special Events Staff.

Don Henderson let then introduce themselves

Mike Radoyevich- athletics

Barrett Albright – works at Rec center Marketing – FB, website, signage, etc.

Eric Nicholas – irrigation specialist

Jeff Scott – parks crew leader

Charlene Walsh – special events and old Bedford school

Courtney Beach – special events and social media coordinator

Daniel Leslie – parks coordinator (athletic fields and lighting)

Margaret Kiss – Associate for all

Katie Wainwright – recreation coordinator at the BRAC

Wendy Hartnett – Special Events Manager and interim Recreation Manager

3. Discussion and possible action on funding expenses for dog park maintenance.

Don mentioned they had overspent their budget for over-seeding of the dog park

We are eligible to put in for another \$10k to add sidewalks and potential fencing with mow strips – this is to be done after Carousel gets finished.

Donna Hanson motioned to approve request for \$3,600, to be given to Don for extra park maintenance. Seconded by Maggie Jones. Motion approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

4. Discussion and possible action on Carousel Park.

Don had a poster with 5500 Sq. Ft. area marked on the South end by the parking area for the playground equipment. He wants to put a cement border, with some type of fall-protection inside.

He discussed the pictures we had checked off last month. Considering this info, he will check with two different vendors. We want to keep the caterpillar, so he may have to take down a couple of trees and add some fencing. He wants to add a “handicapped” swing. He said he can sand and paint the existing swing to match the new equipment. He wants to move the water fountain closer to the pavilion. The basketball court will be on the other side of the playground from the parking lot. Half court is \$35-\$30k. Full court is App. \$50k. (that’s for just the pad and painting – no special topping)

There was a lot of discussion about benches, pavilions, and covered bench areas. Don is waiting for the Architects at the Boys’ Ranch to get an idea of options for that seating.

He hopes to bring us a full set of plans next month with options for us to vote on and get it on the council agenda for them to approve.

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

Sam gave an update. Three of the board met with City Manager, Asst. City Manager, Don and Rusty. They discussed the park funding and what the need was, what the demographic was. There are 2,000 kids in the HEB district. In the un-serviced areas, there are 16,000 special needs kids that are not served. They also discussed the marketing plan and how it is incentive based. Lower gifts could name equipment, larger could lead to more, up to and including naming rights for the entire park. (Council approval is needed for naming rights.) We hope to present this to a work session of the council in the first meeting in June 11, 2019.

REPORTS

6. Discuss individual park assignments:

- a) Bedford Trails Linear Park -- Looked pretty good
- b) Boys Ranch Park -- Don reported a lot of trash due to wind. Ball fields look great. Donna talked to someone who asked about fences around the lake. Light is still out in the South area.
- c) **Brook Hollow Park** – Wendy was not here. Construction is about to start on the retaining wall, and upstream to help with the water flow. They are going to put stones instead of a concrete wall. It’s been approved and funded. They will have 320 days to complete the work.
- d) **Carousel Park** -- Branches down. Bollard lights were on in the afternoon
- e) **Central Park** -- Randy said there were branches down

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- f) **Dewey Tennant Park** – Cathy did not make it by. Bid for sidewalk goes out May 29th
- g) **Harris Ryals Park** – Looks good. One fence slat down. Maggie put it back up.
- h) **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** – looks pretty good. Right side of sidewalk was puddling
- i) **Stormie Jones Park** – Haven't been by since last week, but it looks good

7. Staff updates

a. Parks

Don will talk to us next meeting about adding benches in parks. Beautification is talking about adding benches out of their fund. He also wants to add shaded picnic structures, etc. at some point in October.

b. Recreation/Aquatics/Senior Center

No report

NEXT MEETING

- 8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Maggie Jones made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Cathy Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Randy Newby, Chairperson