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The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met on May 4, 2023. The following Board members were present: Mr. Doug Allbach, Mr. Sam Fairchild, Ms. Megan Girard, Mr. Lynn Grado, Ms. Donna Hanson, Ms. Marguerite Jones, Mr. Terry Lewis, and Ms. Heather Lopez Velarde. Members of the City of Bedford Staff and City Council were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Heather Lopez Velarde, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes from April 6, 2023**

A motion was made by Mr. Lynn Grado to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2023 meeting with one correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sam Fairchild and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Member of the Council to Speak on City Updates**

Mr. Rich Steves made the presentation. He shared that Art in the Park would be held on May 13th and Bedford Beats and Eats would be held on September 2nd with Josh Abbott Band.

OLD BUSINESS

- 3. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Holiday Initiative**

Ms. Lopez Velarde noted that the Parks and Recreation Staff was short on storage space. Ms. Girard asked about creating something that could be created and stored within the gingerbread house. The Board discussed several options, including getting other Departments involved, such as Animal Control. The Board discussed the importance of cross collaboration across Departments.

REPORTS

- 4. Discuss individual park assignments**

- a. *Bedford Trails Linear Park* - Looks good.
- b. *Brook Hollow Park* - Looks good.
- c. *Carousel Park* - Looks good.
- d. *Central Park* - Orange border still up, but there is a concrete barrier now. The bollards will likely be removed due to the safety hazard. Additionally, the handicap spots will be moved so they are more accessible.
- e. *Cheek Sparger Trails* - Looks good with the exception of construction and sod work.
- f. *Dewey Tenant Park* - Looks good.
- g. *Generations Park* - Looks good. There are still accessible concerns in the weight room. Mr. Lewis said he discontinued his YMCA membership because he is unable to use the majority of the facility because it is inaccessible for those in a wheelchair.
- h. *Harris Ryals Park* - Looks good.
- i. *Meadowpark Athletic Complex* - Looks good. Very busy!
- j. *OBS Park* - Looks good.
- k. *Stormie Jones Park* - Looks good.

5. Updates

Mr. Don Henderson made the presentation. Monday, May 8 is the tentative date to begin installation of Central Park. Mr. Mark Long is in the process of finishing negotiations with a contractor for field management at the baseball fields. Mr. Henderson noted the grass at Generations Park was in progress and they were working on a resolve.

NEXT MEETING

6. The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be June 1, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Jones. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanson and passed unanimously, adjourning the meeting at 7:08 PM.



Heather Lopez Velarde, Chairperson