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approved

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:

Doug Allbach Sam Fairchild Elvera Henderson Maggie Jones
Randy Newby Laron Street Wendy Watson Donna Williams

Constituting a quorum.

Bryan Burgess, Donna Hanson and Cathy Schneider were absent.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Randy Newby, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

a) May 2, 2019 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Maggie Jones to approve the minutes as written. Doug Allbach seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion and possible action on July 4 meeting date falling on the Holiday.

Wendy asked about the proposed agenda, motioned to cancel July, Elvera seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on dog park projects.

Don made the presentation. Park donations monthly are \$957/month on average. Current estimated fund balance is more than \$95K. Don provided several options for consideration for the \$10K donation, including additional lighting, sidewalk, benches, decorative curbing, or crushed concrete. Don suggested if the Board didn't want move forward with something at the dog park, the Board could proceed with action at a different park. Wendy suggested since that the Board had focused on the dog park for the last year and a half, they may want to consider another project. Citizen buy-in was also discussed. Don said he would gather public comments and begin sharing the feedback on a monthly basis. After discussion, the Board decided to delay action on the \$10K until a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Discussion and possible action on Carousel Park.

The Board reviewed three different options from Miracle Recreation. 1 - \$40K, 2 - \$29K, 3 - \$46K. Maggie motioned to approve Option 2. By a show of hands, 5 voted for, 3 voted against. Motion passed with a majority. Maggie motioned to keep "fun colors," similar to Harris Ryals and Stormie Jones. Wendy seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously. Wait time is expected to be 8-10 weeks for order, 1-2 weeks for installation.

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

Wendy made the presentation. Conference call on the morning of June 12 with the City Manager to ask process and liability questions and concerns. Presenting at the Council Work Session on June 25 at 5:30 PM. Facebook page is active. LinkedIn page, Twitter, and other social media outlets are active, too. Participating in North Texas Giving Day on September 19 and encouraging everyone to donate at that time. Maggie also mentioned an opportunity for Friends of Bedford Parks Foundation to participate in ELGL's (Engaging Local Government Leaders) Road Trip event in September to get the word out about "city departments and the nonprofits that love them."

REPORTS

6. Discuss individual park assignments:

- a) **Bedford Trails Linear Park** -- Looks good
- b) **Boys Ranch Park** -- looks good, good lighting (replaced under warranty)
- c) **Brook Hollow Park** – less visitors since the retaining wall has been down, typical morning dog walkers, looks good and clean, Parks team has been really good about cleaning up
- d) **Carousel Park** – N/A
- e) **Central Park** -- Randy said there were branches down
- f) **Dewey Tennant Park** – Looks good
- g) **Harris Ryals Park** – Looks good.
- h) **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** – looks good. patchy grass near the parking lot (water pools)
- i) **Stormie Jones Park** – looks good

7. Staff updates: a. Parks b. Recreation / Aquatics / Senior Center

4th Fest coming up, new Rec Manager doing really well.
Council updates - Tuesday night Council meeting will include an update on Phase Next. Please watch online or attend. Presentation has already been posted online as part of the Council packet. Michael is the new Council Liaison for Beautification. Looking forward to working in partnership with Parks and Beautification in the future. Retaining wall is the most visible issue at Brook Hollow, but there is even more to the project. Clubhouse with Special Needs did go through, Bedford has purchased the property, allowing the City to do additional work by the ballparks. Coming up on Tuesday, there will be a discussion about doing the Phase Next project all at one time, shutting down the park for 18-24 months due to the potential savings (7 figures).

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be August 1, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business Wendy Watson made a motion to adjourn, Elvera Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed (time not recorded).

Randy Newby, Chairperson