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**CITY OF BEDFORD §**

**The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session at the Old Bedford Library Location on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June with the following members present:**

<b>Randy Newby</b>	<b>Doug Allbach</b>	<b>Laron Street</b>
<b>Sam Fairchild</b>	<b>Richard Steves</b>	<b>Donna Hanson</b>
<b>Megan Girard</b>	<b>Cathy Schneider</b>	

Constituting a quorum.

Nick Dell and Maggie Jones were absent

City Council/Staff Representatives:

Don Henderson – Parks Superintendent  
Brian TenEyck – Recreation Manager  
Rusty Sartor - City Council Liaison  
Wendy Hartnett – Special Events Manager

Meeting was not open to the public, so it had been requested that Don record the meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Randy Newby, Chairman, called the Board meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

- 1. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:**
  - a. March 4th regular meeting.**

Motion to approve by Richard Steves; seconded by Sam Fairchild. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 3. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Brian TenEyck on Nancy Lieberman's Charities Dream Court.**

Brian TenEyck discussed the Nancy Lieberman's Dream Court. There was a hard copy handed out to everyone. 89 Dream Courts have been installed since inception in 2010, several of them are in Texas. We are in the very early stages of discussion with Covenant Church and the foundation. They would like to put a court in Bedford and are thinking maybe Stormie Jones would be a good place for it. Richard Steves mentioned teaming up with Myles Turner as well. Doug Allbach asked who would be doing the construction. The Nancy Lieberman foundation would handle construction. Doug asked about ADA compliance as well. This can be done on the South end. The parking lot would need a little paint, but the North end is not compliant. The court could be placed in the empty area just North of the pavilion. There will need to be a little grading work done to provide a flat surface. Randy Newby asked why it might not be put in the new park (Miracle). It was mentioned that there is no reason to build the court when the park will be closed for two years for construction.

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Doug Allbach also asked about who is responsible for maintenance. Brian said it would become our property, so Bedford Parks and Recreation will be responsible for all upkeep. Rusty Sartor asked about a timeline. Brian said it would possibly be within the next year. We are waiting for more information on times. Rusty also asked about the size of the court. It will be full-sized. There will only be two 10-foot goals on each end, but they will have nice glass backboards. Doug asked about funding contingencies. Brian said there is little to no-cost for us. This should be part of the info he is expecting to get soon. Randy asked if they would come discuss it with us when they are ready. Brian said they could ask them to speak with us when it gets closer to happening. Donna Hanson asked about possible bleachers and seating. This can be discussed at a later date. Donna also asked if we needed to alert the neighborhood. Don Henderson said we may consider doing that. Doug asked about lighting. They are not likely to put lighting in. We could use some of the money we were going to set aside for the original court idea to use for lighting. This could also be discussed at a later date.

A motion was made by Donna Hanson to approve the court; second by Richard Steves. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by Wendy Hartnett on Sparkling Ice-Cheers to Heroes Campaign.**

Wendy Harnett discussed the idea of a musical pocket park idea. Sparking Ice is working with towns with their "Cheers to Heroes" campaign. Sparking Ice wants to partner with Bedford, and the Harris Ryals park might be a good place to put it. Sparking Ice would pay for all construction. Bedford would be responsible for permitting costs. Sparking Ice is ready to begin as soon as they receive approval. They would like to have a ribbon cutting late August or early September. The Sparkling Ice CEO is from Bedford, which is how we were selected. Doug Allbach asked about the surface. Don Henderson said there could be either wood chip fibers or pour-in-place rubber surface. Rusty Sartor said he would like to see a true ADA approved surface. Don estimated around \$35,000 for the pour in place surface. That price would NOT include a sidewalk from the parking lot. Megan Girard said it would likely be okay to just use concrete since there area only instruments, and a "fall-zone" would not be needed. Megan asked about placing it in Linear Park. Linear Park is under the Oncor easement, so no construction can be done there. Doug asked about tying in the Library and Old Bedford School together. Wendy mentioned since they are ready to get this started, we should get the initial park done. Upgrades can be discussed at a later date. Megan asked if the Library would have an objection to the noise. It should not be loud enough to cause an issue.

Motion to approve made by Laron Street; seconded by Megan Girard. Motion approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**5. Discussion and possible action upcoming events and new ideas.**

Since COVID, we are unsure of the ability to have any events. If we get the OK from the Governor and leadership, we will begin to pick up this discussion again. National Night Out is coming up on August 4<sup>th</sup> and may be our first opportunity. September 26<sup>th</sup> is still scheduled for Crud Cruiser, and paper shredding day is also still planned for October 10<sup>th</sup>. This Saturday, there is a clean-up scheduled for City Hall. Randy Newby asked about the possibility of still hosting events in the parks, since other areas are still having events. Rusty discussed businesses closing and budgetary impact. The Council decision was to not move forward due to budget, and not because of COVID. Bluesfest, and the 4<sup>th</sup> are not money makers. And with COVID, there would be fewer people than normal, so we would make even less than previous years. It was their belief the budget should go toward essential services.

**REPORTS**

**6. Discuss individual park assignments:**

- a. **Linear Park** – Doug said it looks good. Donna posted pics of the wildflowers
- b. **Boys’ Ranch Park** Donna said it still looks good. Weeds are sprouting up, but otherwise, it looks good.
- c. **Brook Hollow Park** Richard said the channel is finished, and it looks good. Half of the basketball court is up.
- d. **Carousel Park** Donna reported it looks great. No one is able to drive on the grass, so it looks much better. Lights were not on in the morning. Don will check this.
- e. **Central Park** – Megan has not been by the park. Still looks good
- f. **Dewey Tennant Park** – Cathy said it looks great. The trash cans may need a coat of paint
- g. **Harris Ryals Park** – Richard was by the other day, but said it looks good.
- h. **Meadowpark Athletic Complex** Doug said it the grass in the dog areas look really good.
- i. **Stormie Jones Park** Looks good

**7. Staff updates:**

**a. Parks**

Don Henderson thanked the board for helping to buy benches and picnic tables. There are still 2 benches and a couple of picnic tables to put out. He is currently deciding on the best spot to place these.

**b. Recreation / Senior Center**

Brian TenEyck said the center is closed to Rec and Seniors. They are marking things for auction and working on Phase Next. They are staying very busy getting things closed down. They were originally scheduled to close late summer. It may now be October before that happens. There will be a presentation in the coming months of exactly when things start happening. Rusty asked about the flyover and fly-through of the park was on our website. It has been uploaded, and we were all encouraged to watch it. Activity packets (BRAC-tivity) are going out. This is for the Summer camps.

**NEXT MEETING**

**8. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be August 6, 2020.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Cathy Schneider motioned to adjourn. Richard Steves seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

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**Randy Newby, Chairperson**