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The Bedford Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session at the Old Bedford Library Location on the 5th of September with the following members present:

Doug Allbach Sam Fairchild Cathy Schneider Donna Hanson
Randy Newby Maggie Jones Donna Williams

Constituting a quorum.

Elvera Henderson, Laron Street and Wendy Watson and absent.

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

Richard Steves and Tom Burnett joined the meeting as guests

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Randy Newby, Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

a) August 1, 2019 regular meeting.

Donna Williams motioned to approve the minutes. Doug Allbach seconded the motion and the item passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion and possible action on placement of Basketball courts.

Basketball Courts

Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent, walked through several options for the basketball courts. Rather than improve existing basketball courts, Mr. Henderson recommended adding basketball courts in an area of the city that does not currently have basketball courts. After reviewing several options, it seems that Stormie Jones would be the best option, other than Boys Ranch.

Donna Hanson recommended spreading different amenities across the parks, encouraging citizens to experience different parks across the city. Stormie Jones would be a viable option, considering the available parking; however, it would be important not to impact existing amenities. Sam Fairchild added that the Boys Ranch drawings were only at 15%; however, Rusty Sartor confirmed that indoor courts were currently part of the plan. Full court would cost approximately \$65-70K. Lighting would be an additional \$20K. Mr. Sartor asked Mr. Henderson to bring back some additional information for potential action at the next meeting.

Action Tabled until the next meeting.

3. Discussion and possible action on acquiring grants.

Action tabled until the next meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action on events in Parks.

Ms. Williams mentioned it would be great to have different

Mr. Henderson suggested that Stormie Jones would be a good location for a run or walk.

With Boys Ranch closing temporarily, this would allow planning to get creative and have different public events at various locations. Mr. Allbach recommended moving the Arts Festival or other events to the Bedford Linear Park.

Action tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action on Park projects.

Carousel Park is almost ready to begin work and all work should be all done and completed by September 30. Caterpillar and swing set are the only things being kept; everything else will be new. New equipment is anticipated in the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Hanson asked about upgraded lighting and branding. Mr. Henderson mentioned that it was very expensive, but it would be considered down the line. No branding decisions have been finalized yet. Mr. Henderson also discussed several other improvements, such as picnic areas and improved fencing.

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

Mr. Fairchild provided the update. Bedford Parks Foundation took August off due to school activities, but will resume in the next couple of weeks. Bedford Parks Foundation has signed up for North Texas Giving Day on September 19. Marketing materials have not been finalized yet, but preliminary marketing materials have been prepared. Mr. Sartor mentioned that meetings have taken place with WTI at the park and they were working on some conceptual designs to share. In addition, NBC will also be doing a story, which will impact the project on a local level and perhaps even on the national level, too.

Mr. Sartor commended Mr. Fairchild for his impactful work on the project.

REPORTS

7. Discuss individual park assignments:

a) Bedford Trails Linear Park -- Looks great, freshly mowed

b) Boys Ranch Park -- looks great. Phase Next is beginning (dates fluid)

c) Brook Hollow Park –Looks great.

d) Carousel Park – burs in the shoestrings (yikes), lights are off (thank you), doesn't look like there has been anyone there in a month, but it is going to look really good really soon

e) Central Park – - looks great, except for the clogged gutter in front of the park, picnic table has been moved to where it is supposed to be (thank you)

f) Dewey Tennant Park – - looks great, new sidewalk (yay)

g) Harris Ryals Park – Looks great

h) Meadowpark Athletic Complex – looks very nice, everything is mowed, baseball diamond is in good shape, grass looks really good for the first time (lots of seed, aeration, etc.)

i) Stormie Jones Park – looks good, would like to do turf improvements

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

Doggy Splash this Saturday
Blues Fest a huge success
In November start asking about shaded picnic structures
Parks Department working on getting caught back up

ADJOURNMENT

Cathy Schneider motioned to adjourn the meeting. Donna Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Randy Newby, Chairperson