



## City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Simpson Room  
401 N. Alexander Street  
Belton, TX  
Monday, June 6, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.

A meeting of the City of Belton Parks Board was held on Monday, June 6, 2011, in the Simpson Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board members Mike Ratliff, Jim Deeken, Joe Brooks, and Chair Diane Ring. City Staff in attendance included: Public Works Director Les Hallbauer, Recreation & Events Director Sandy Slade, Recreation Coordinator Johanna Long, and Parks Superintendent Dennis Browning.

**1. Call to Order.**

Chair Diane Ring called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

**2. Public Comments.**

There were no public comments.

**3. Consider the minutes from the February 7, 2011, Parks Board meeting.**

Minutes were unanimously approved.

**4. Introduction of Johanna Long, new Recreation Coordinator.**

Ms. Long gave a brief description of her background and qualifications to the Board.

**5. Review progress report from BYBA on current baseball season.**

Mr. Ben Lopez, BYBA President was unable to attend the meeting. A progress report was written for the Board which outlined the number of participants in the baseball program this season. A concerned citizen addressed the ice machine purchase with the City, which prompted the City to request an update. Mr. Brooks would like for Staff to investigate the additional electrical costs in running the ice machines at the fields. Mr. Deeken asked for clarification of location of the machine. Mr. Browning expressed concerns about the off-season time frame. Discussions continued regarding installation of ice machine. Mr. Deeken said that he is looking forward to seeing the association's end of season report.

**6. Review cost analysis for skate park consultation and design fees received by SPA Skate parks.**

Mrs. Slade gave a brief history of the steps taken to date for a possible skate park. Mrs. Slade reviewed the Consultation and Design Quotation received from SPA Skate parks in Austin. The Board questioned whether there is still interest in a skate park project and suggested that Staff pursue alternate bids. Mrs. Ring feels that when we have a concrete action plan, then we should take that to the interested parties for response.

Mr. Brooks said that he is in favor to build if the interest continues to exist. Mr. Slade said that after a consultation with Brent Luck, indication is that steps 1 through 4 of the quote could be done as initial steps with much less costs, presenting the City with a great plan to discuss with the public. Mrs. Ring asked for Staff to bring other suggestions and quotes from other companies. Mr. Brooks suggested by phasing the project that the quality of care by the users of the facility can be determined prior to building further features.

**7. Receive BCYC end of season soccer report from Daniel Bucher.**

Daniel Bucher was not on hand to give report. Mrs. Slade did inform the Board of BCYC statistics related to participants living in the City limits:

65% outside the City limits

35% inside the City limits

After Mrs. Ring asked if there was any action that needed to be taken regarding the large amount of youth serviced through the associations that do not reside inside Belton city limits, Mrs. Slade suggested that further discussion regarding a field usage fee may need to take place at a future meeting. Members concurred.

**8. Board and/or Staff comments.**

Mrs. Slade informed the Board that Staff had an opportunity to tour the old Jr. High gym with BISD as a very preliminary discussion. Mr. Hallbauer said that the office area is in extremely bad shape, as are the dressing rooms, and the project would probably end up costing more than building a new gym.

Mrs. Slade informed the Board about projects in the Parks & Recreation Department:

- Fall 3-on-3 Tournament – September
- Over 100 people are signed up for Zumba to date.
- Fall Adult Coed Kickball League – September-October
- Martial Arts began
- Participated in Kiwanis Turtle Festival w/42 participants
- Working on the Recreation Guide
- Movies in Your Park
  - June 10<sup>th</sup>: *The Goonies*
  - August 5<sup>th</sup>: *MEGAMIND*

**9. Adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.