



City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Simpson Room
401 N. Alexander Street
Belton, TX
Monday, January 14, 2013 – 5:30 pm

A meeting of the City of Belton Parks Board was held on Monday, January 14, 2013, in the Simpson Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board Chair Diane Ring, Vice Chair Daniel Bucher, members Josh Pearson, Mike Ratliff, and Tyson McLaughlin. City Staff in attendance included Recreation & Events Director Sandy Slade and Recreation Coordinator Matt Bates.

1. Call to Order.

Vice Chair Daniel Bucher called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

2. Consider minutes from the November 5, 2012, Parks Board meeting.

Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Receive an end of season report regarding fall league from Belton Youth Baseball Association President Wade Miller.

In the absence of President Wade Miller, Secretary Tia McKee presented the report to the Parks Board. McKee gave a brief overview of the report. Ms. McKee informed the Board that team fees for T-Ball and Machine Pitch are \$550, \$700 for Freshman & Senior Midget. She said that the \$5,000 difference between revenue and expenses were used to purchase of a new tiller and golf cart the league needed for field maintenance. Ms. McKee told the Board that the league was successful, but she believes the league will go up in costs in consideration of the \$5 per player costs put in place by the City.

Mr. Josh Pearson explained to Ms. McKee that the Parks Board had hoped that the \$5 fee wouldn't be passed on to the kids. He also said that he realizes that the profit of \$5,000 was needed in fall for necessary items; however, in the past a much more significant profit was shown especially for BYBA. He asked Ms. McKee if consideration was given to trying a season without passing on the cost. Ms. McKee said that as far as she knew that once the cost was put in place, the league automatically added it to the sign-up fees.

Mr. Daniel Bucher asked what it meant by "giving priority". Ms. McKee said that Belton teams were given first priority to avoid getting overwhelmed. Once those from Belton signed up then it was open to others. Ms. McKee said there was room to add a couple of extra teams.

Mrs. Slade added that starting with the spring season rosters will have to be submitted, including fall league.

Mr. Bucher asked how many teams the league would push for next fall season. Ms. McKee indicated that there were 29 teams and room for about 5 more, so around 34-35 would be a good figure.

4. Receive an end of season report regarding fall league from Belton Youth Softball Association President Tommy Parker.

In the initial absence of President Tommy Parker, Secretary April Rodriguez presented the report to the Parks Board. Ms. Rodriguez gave the Parks Board an overview of the financials for the league, including information on the number of participants at 181. There were no 12U or 15U teams in the fall season.

Ms. Slade gave the Parks Board a rundown of the number of participants inside and outside the city limits of Belton, as follows:

20% of participants live inside the city limits
79% of the participants live outside the city limits
1% of the participants are unknown

President Tommy Parker arrived to the meeting and fielded a question from Mr. Pearson, regarding whether or not the league would be passing the \$5 per player fee through to the families. Mr. Parker said that the former President had already raised the fee two seasons ago and was put in place in anticipation of the fee from the city.

Mr. Bucher asked about what the electrical needs were for the league as indicated by report. Mr. Parker said that the exterior storage behind field #1 has no electricity running to it. Chair Ring confirmed with Ms. Slade that the topic had been addressed before and said we would follow up with parks maintenance.

Mr. Parker told the Parks Board that they are very excited for the upcoming season.

5. Receive an end of season report regarding fall league from Lonestar Soccer Club of Central Texas representative Raymond Cenicerros.

Chair Ring tabled the item until next meeting, Monday, February 4, 2013, due to Mr. Cenicerros' absence.

6. Board and/or Staff comments.

Mr. Matt Bates gave the Parks Board a review of the Family, Fishin', & Fun on January 3rd and gave the date of February 15 for the next and final drop of 2013. Mr. Bates said that the event should have an exemption for fishing licenses during the event, at the location.

Ms. Sami Waggoner with the Youth Advisory Commission gave an overview of the One Community One Day project coming up on April 6th. Chair Ring asked how the applications were distributed and Ms. Slade said that the information will be in January water bills and is available online at the City's website.

Ms. Slade informed the Parks Board that Jeremy Allamon was recently promoted to Events Coordinator.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:01 pm.