



City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

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

A meeting of the City of Belton Parks Board was held on Monday, August 5, 2013, in the Simpson Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board members Daniel Bucher, Diane Ring, Joshua Van Schoik, and T.R. McLaughlin. City Staff in attendance included Recreation & Events Director Sandy Slade, Parks Superintendent Dennis Browning, and Recreation Coordinator Matt Bates

1. Call to Order.

Vice Chair Daniel Bucher called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

2. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

3. Consider minutes from the July 1, 2013, Parks Board meeting.

Mrs. Ring made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. McLaughlin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Receive an end of season spring report from Belton Youth Baseball Association President Wade Miller.

Mr. Wade Miller gave a brief recap of the report to the Board, informing the Board that the financials are reported for the year, September 2012 through August 2013.

Additionally, he told the Board that the Association would be playing on Thursday nights, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Mrs. Ring asked if the sprinklers systems had been fixed from concerns of the past. Mr. Miller said that although there is some over-spraying from the irrigation on the baselines, it is not as bad. He said the communications are much better and there is not as much of a problem.

Mr. Miller asked if in lieu of the \$5 per player fee, they submit a fee of \$60 per team for the fall season due to a different handling of registration on the Association's operations; however, Mrs. Slade indicated that consistency needed to be followed and it would need to remain at the \$5 per player based on rosters.

5. Receive an end of season spring report from Belton Youth Softball Association President Tommy Parker.

Although Mr. Parker was present, the Association Secretary Ms. April Rodriguez gave a brief report to the Board. Ms. Rodriguez informed the Board that the numbers on participants within and outside the city limits were off a bit. Mrs. Slade told the Board members that the graph they received in their packet reflected accurate numbers. Ms. Rodriguez said that the Association expects to see a growth of 10-15 children each season. Mr. Parker said that there were two maintenance items that needed to be investigated...a gate on the third baseline of field #1 and bricks on the retaining wall near the storage shed. Mrs. Ring asked if the Parks Department had enough time between seasons to perform the needed maintenance and Mr. Browning said yes.

6. Receive an end of season spring soccer report from Lonestar Soccer representative Raymond Cenicerros.

Mr. Cenicerros informed the Board that the local club is not making money and was not setup for that intention, but to simply allow for play. He said that he has received many compliments from

those people coming from out of town to play in Belton because the fields are staying in good shape. Mr. Cenicerros applauds parks maintenance for their continued efforts in keeping Heritage fields in good condition and feels that it should be expressed openly in a meeting. He told the Board that he sent the Mayor and City Manager an email expressing his feelings and hoped that it filtered out to the crew. Mr. Browning thanked Mr. Cenicerros for his kind words.

Mr. Cenicerros said that he expects no growth this coming year with numbers coming in flat. He said that several have moved out of the area.

Mr. Bucher asked about the discrepancy in the numbers relating to total number of teams verses breakdown of fees; a variance of 5. Mr. Cenicerros said those number for fees reflect the number of teams playing in Belton. Mr. Bucher asked that this be clarified with the next report to obtain a clear picture.

7. Board and/or Staff Comments.

Mrs. Slade told the Board members to mark their calendars for the next Movie in the Park on Friday, September 13th at the Heritage Park baseball complex, showing *Angels in the Outfield*.

Mr. Bates mentioned his short term leave to the Board for contact purposes.

8. Adjourn

Mrs. Ring made a motion to adjourn and Mr. McLaughlin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.