



City of Belton – Special Called Parks Board Workshop Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Smith Room
401 N. Alexander Street
Belton, TX
Monday, June 23, 2014 – 5:30 pm

A special called workshop of the City of Belton Parks Board was held on Monday, June 23, 2014, in the Smith Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board members Diane Ring, T.R. McLaughlin, Daniel Bucher, Jason Wolfe, and Chair Josh Pearson. City Staff in attendance included Interim Recreation and Events Director Matt Bates, Parks Superintendent James Grant, and Assistant Public Works Director Byron Sinclair.

1. Call to Order.

Daniel Bucher called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Consider minutes from the May 5, 2014, Parks Board meeting.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously, 4-0.

3. Conduct a workshop on the drafted agreements for the recreational youth soccer leagues use of Heritage Park soccer fields.

Mr. Bates informed Parks Board and Staff of the process of amending the agreement that was undertaken by staff since the June 2, 2014 Parks Board meeting.

Mr. Bates updated the board on the changes to wording in relation to schedule portion of the amendment. Mr. Bates explained that associations would be required to submit a preliminary schedule 14 days prior to the start of league play, then association would be provided with a block alternating schedule. Board was happy with the changes to the scheduling portion of the agreement.

Mr. Bucher updated the board of a meeting with Mr. Bates earlier that week in regards to field layout and dimensions. From this meeting Mr. Bucher informed the board that the small soccer fields could hold 10 playing areas of varying sizes. With this layout it would allow for optimal game efficiency for each association. Mr. Bates informed the Board and staff that at the present time there were no bids for striping work to be done on the field so the cost incurred by each association remained unknown. Chair Josh Pearson asked for some additional clarification in regards to exactly what fields the City would be responsible for striping to be included in the agreement.

Mr. Bates informed the board that in the present agreement, the City would pay the cost of new soccer nets for 3 sets of City owned goals. Chair Pearson asked again that the goals be specified in the agreement to eliminate any confusion.

Mr. Bates alluded to some small changes to the agreement including updated contact information along with changing the City staff responsible for a dispute from the Public Works Director to the City Manager.

4. Adjourn.

Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.