



City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Simpson Room
401 N. Alexander Street
Belton, TX
Monday, June 2, 2014 – 5:30 pm

A meeting of the City of Belton Parks Board was held on Monday June 2, 2014, in the Simpson 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, and Parks Superintendent James Grant.

1. Call to Order.

Chair Josh Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

3. Consider minutes from the February 3, 2014, Parks Board meeting.

Mrs. Ring made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0.

4. Consider FC Belton proposal for the use of City owned soccer fields for the purpose of recreational and special needs play.

Mr. Pearson addressed those in attendance of the process that has unfolded since the proposal from FC Belton. Mr. Pearson shared that the Board met on May 19th, for a workshop where many items were discussed and debated on, and that ultimately the Board felt comfortable that the City could indeed allow two recreational youth soccer leagues to utilize City fields (specifically Heritage Park).

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve FC Belton proposal for use of City owned soccer fields, Mr. Bucher seconded the motion. Proposal was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Mr. Pearson then informed the Board that a Workshop would take place on June 23rd, 2014, at which point staff would present the Board with a draft of the amended agreements for review.

5. Receive an end-of-season soccer report from Lonestar Soccer Club Central Texas Representative, Raymond Cenicerros.

Mr. Cenicerros informed the Board that the spring roster numbers (41) were down from previous years. Mr. Cenicerros attributed this to the rising number of select club soccer organizations that have formed in the Central Texas area.

Mr. Cenicerros complimented City Parks Staff on the condition of the fields throughout the season, and shared his appreciation to the Board and staff for allowing Lonestar Soccer Club to continue to operate in Belton.

6. Board and/or Staff comments.

Mr. Bates informed the Board that Mr. Bucher and Mr. Pearson's terms on Parks Board will end on June 20th, 2014. Both Board members were asked to inform staff as to whether they wish to serve another two year term, or step down and vacate their position on the Board, within the following days.

Mr. Bates went on to inform the Board of the July 12th, 'National Parks and Rec Day'. The Board was informed of the activities planned in the morning including a Fire Department vs. Public Works Softball game, kickball, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, and a youth soccer game are also planned. Mr. Bates also notified the Board that on the same day, in the evening, a 'Movie in the Park' was scheduled for an 8:45pm start. The movie to be shown is 'The Lego Movie'.

7. Adjourn.

Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 5:58pm.