



City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Simpson Room
401 N. Alexander Street
Belton, TX
Monday, August 11, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the City of Belton Parks Board was held on Monday August 11, 2014, in the Simpson Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board members Daniel Bucher, T.R. McLaughlin, and Chair Josh Pearson. City Staff in attendance included City Manager Sam Listi, Interim Recreation and Events Director Matt Bates, Assistant Public Works Director Byron Sinclair, and Grants and Special Projects Coordinator Aaron Harris.

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 July 7, 2014, Parks Board Meeting.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Bucher seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously, 3-0.

4. Receive an end-of-season report from Tommy Parker, President of Belton Youth Softball Association.

Mr. Parker informed the Board that the season went well. Mr. Parker mentioned that they did see a number of girls to select ball, however with the recent re-classification of B.I.S.D to 6A, BYSA did see a growth in the younger divisions and are excited about the potential growth ahead of the association. Mr. Parker proposed to the board the possibility of running a number of select tournaments as a possible way of raising funds for new scoreboards and pitching tunnels at Chisholm Trail Softball Complex. Mr. Parker also announced to the board the exciting news that BYSA was awarded the 10 U State Tournament for 2015.

5. Receive an end-of-season report from Tia McKee, President of Belton Youth Baseball Association.

BYSA Representative Mark Sheppard informed the Board that unfortunately President Tia McKee was unable to make it, and that he would be stepping in to give the report. Mark Sheppard informed the board that similar to BYSA, BYBA was awarded the 10 U State Tournament for next year. Mr. Sheppard also mentioned that BYBA experienced a lot of success with a number of teams from varying divisions who completed and placed well in various State Tournaments. Mr. Sheppard mentioned that BYBA would also be interested in running some select tournaments too as an additional fundraiser. Mr. Sheppard went through the finances with the board and highlighted the \$75,000 contribution to the City of Belton for the additional 5th field at Heritage Park which came out of the organizations fund this season. Chair Pearson asked Mr. Sheppard if everything regarding the electrical outlets at pitchers mounds had been fixed. Mr. Sheppard informed the Board that the electrical has been taken out and the machine pitch leagues will be going to a coach pitch instead. Mr. Sheppard mentioned that the kids will likely benefit greatly from seeing the ball come out of a real life hand, instead of a machine.

6. Receive an end-of-season soccer report from Chad Doyle, Coordinator of Sports for Belton Christian Youth Center.

Mr. Doyle informed the board that the registration total this year was lower than in previous years, and attributed that to the additional youth soccer league that had started in spring '14. Mr. Doyle mentioned that he was satisfied with facilities and had no complaints to present to the City. Mr. Doyle also requested from the board the possibility of running select tournaments out at the Heritage Park soccer fields. Mr. Doyle also requested a schedule from the City regarding full park events at Confederate Park as BCYC is looking into the possibility of hosting select tournaments at their facility.

7. Receive a preliminary report regarding possible changes to the Parks Ordinance relating to the Nolan Creek Recreational Improvement Project and consider a recommendation to the City Council.

Grants and Special Projects Coordinator, Aaron Harris, informed the board of the proposed timeline for the Nolan Creek Project, along with key features that will be happening in the project. Mr. Harris went on to inform the board that the project served three key components; 1. Recreation in the water, 2. Recreation along the water, and 3. Flood mitigation. Mr. Bates then informed the board of a number of key changes to the Parks Ordinance that have been proposed with the impending Nolan Creek Recreational Project. Chair Josh Pearson called a Special Called Workshop for Monday, August 25th, 2014, so as to allow the Board adequate time to look through the revised ordinances before deciding whether to recommend to City Council.

8. Board and/or Staff comments.

Mr. Bates informed the Board that a striping fee is almost been finalized and the Youth Soccer associations will soon be signing their agreements. Mr. Bates thanked the board and staff present for their diligent work on the addition of another youth soccer program at Heritage Park soccer fields. Mr. Bates also informed the board of the upcoming 'Summerfest' at Yettie Polk Park which is scheduled for Saturday, August 30th, 2014 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mr. Bates informed the board that there would be live music by Kirk Baxley & Jackie Darlene, followed by a movie in the park (Frozen) being shown in Harris Community Park at 8:30 p.m..

9. Adjourn.

Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 6:42pm.