



City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Wright Room
401 N. Alexander Street
Belton, TX
Monday, August 15th, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

The City of Belton Parks Board held a meeting on Monday, August 15th, 2016, in the Wright Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board members Daniel Bucher, T.R. McLaughlin, Diane Ring, Jason Wolfe and Chair Josh Pearson. City Staff in attendance included Director of Parks and Recreation, Matt Bates, Parks Superintendent, James Grant, Events Coordinator, Jeremy Allamon, and Assistant City Manager/ Police Chief, Gene Ellis.

1. Call to Order.

Chair Josh Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider the minutes from the June 6th, 2016, Parks Board Meeting.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Bucher seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0.

4. Receive an end-of-season report from Raymond Cenicerros, Lonestar Soccer Representative.

Mr. Cenicerros told the board that the program was growing with a total of 35 players participating. Mr. Cenicerros explained that he expects around 19 teams in the fall 2016 league, and hopes for the league to continue to grow in future years.

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

Mr. Parker explained how the league was down from 290 players in Spring 2015 to 194 in the Spring 2016 season. Mr. Parker added that the association had taken over concessions and had generated some revenue from those sales. Mr. Parker also reference that the league would be canceling its affiliation with VTD in favor of returning back to Texas Teenage Assoc. Mr. Parker told the board that the decision to initially move from TTA to VTD was made via a coaches vote 49-1 in favor of the switch. Mr. Parker said that early on in the season It was noticeable that what was promised by VTD was not in fact occurring leading to many upset parents and players. The board met at the end of the spring season and unanimously voted to return to its original affiliation- TTA.

6. Receive and end-of-season report from Eric Johnson, President of Belton Youth Baseball Association.

Mr. Johnson shared with the board that the association was able to double its operating balance from the previous year. Mr. Johnson said that the plan was to utilize funds to enhance the baseball facility in partnership with the City of Belton. Mr. Johnson reported that there a total of 728 players who participated in the Spring 2016 season. Mr. Johnson said that the association was able to send numerous teams to the State Playoffs, spending a total of \$11,000.00 to subsidize some of the costs that teams had to incur. Mr. Johnson closed with asking the City to look into covering the field 5 bleachers to offer shade.

7. Receive and end-of-season report from Alan Butler, President of FC Belton.

Mr. Butler outlined the board his end of season report starting with referencing the 832 registered players who participated in the Spring 2016 season. Mr. Butler showed how the associations

balance was at \$11,523.03 after all expenses had been paid. Mr. Butler told the board that he was excited to see the association continue its strong growth, and would like to see registrations eclipse 1000.

8. Review and discuss the proposed City of Belton Parks Strategic Master Plan Update 2016-2026, and consider a favorable recommendation to City Council.

Mr. Luck provided an overall review of the Plan update process and the steps that had been taken by board and staff to bring the Plan to its complete state and ready for adoption. Mr. Luck reminded the board the first step was to establish a list of questions the board wanted to be included on a survey, and ultimately creating and publishing the survey (Parks plan was combined with Comp plan questions). Mr. Luck explained that the next phase of the Plan update included 2 public meetings in March and May respectively, and the compilation and tabulation of the survey results. Mr. Luck highlighted how during the June and July Parks Board meetings, Board and staff approved the priorities lists, needs assessment, Park Maps, and the implementation plan. Mr. Luck thanked the board and staff for their hard work throughout this process and mentioned the document looked like it will serve the City of Belton well for coming years. Mr. Bucher made a motion to provide a favorable recommendation to City Council, Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

9. Board and/or Staff comments.

Mr. Bates told the board that the next Movie in the Park was scheduled to be on Saturday, August 20th, 2016 at Harris Community Park. Mr. Bates also mentioned to the association presidents that he would begin sharing the events via email with them.

10. Adjourn.

Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.