



City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Simpson Room
401 N. Alexander Street
Belton, TX
Wednesday, January 4th, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

The City of Belton Parks Board held a meeting on Wednesday January 4th, in the Simpson 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 Recreation, Matt Bates, Parks Superintendent, James Grant, and Tourism Manager, Judy Garrett.

1. Call to Order.

Chair Josh Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider the minutes from the December 5th, 2016, Parks Board Workshop & Meeting.

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

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

Mr. Butler reported that FC Belton had another fantastic season with 840 players registering to play during the fall. Mr. Butler complemented the Parks and Recreation staff on the quality of the fields. Mr. Butler told the board that the association is now run by 100% volunteers and that FC Belton is going through the steps to become a certified non-profit. Mr. Butler also highlighted to the board that though the financials showed a negative balance, that was simply just the fall season financials and did not show the actual balance the association has which was \$17,000.00. Mr. Butler finished by telling the board that the association had held its first 'Santa Shoot out' which helped donate toys to those in need in the community. The board thanked Mr. Butler for his continued work with FC Belton and were happy to see that the association was continuing its strong run of success and wished Mr. Butler well with the upcoming Spring season.

5. Receive an end of season report from Freddy Guerrero, Lonestar Soccer Representative.

Mr. Guerrero introduced himself to the board and notified them that he would be taking over the representative role for Lonestar soccer from Raymond Cineceros. Mr Guerrero informed the board that there were 76 players registered during the fall season. Mr. Guerrero mentioned that there were a total of 19 teams within the centex region- 10 played and practiced in Belton and 9 practiced and played in Temple. Mr. Guerrero mentioned that many games were taking place at Harker heights and that Belton was predominantly a practice site. Mr. Guerrero mentioned that there was continued growth in select soccer and that he anticipated numbers to rise.

6. Consider a request from Belton Lions Club to sponsor Heritage Park and consider a recommendation to City Council.

Mr. Bates told the board that at the December parks board meeting the board received and approved a presentation to enable a community business or organization to sponsor a selected park as long as a minimum donation amount had been met and a commitment to an annual contribution towards improvement at the park had been met and agreed upon. Mr. Bates presented to the board a request from Belton Lions Club to sponsor Heritage Park. Mr. Bates outlined that the club had met the \$50,000.00 minimum donation threshold when it recently donated a total of \$178,000.00 (\$50,00.00 of which was provided by the City of Belton via its 2012 CIP plan). The

money was provided to purchase a Special Needs Playground at Heritage Park. Belton Lions Club also agreed to annual donation of \$5,000.00 that would go towards a dedicated fund for park improvements at Heritage Park. Mr. Bates added that if approved the club would receive a masonry sign located at the entrance of the park that would highlight the partnership between the club and park.

7. Board and/or Staff comments.

Mr. Bates informed the board about the upcoming Daddy Daughter Dance- February 9 and 10.

8. Adjourn.

Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.