



City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Simpson Room
401 N. Alexander Street
Belton, TX
Monday, March 6, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

The City of Belton Parks Board held a meeting on Monday, March 6, in the Simpson Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board members Daniel Bucher, Diane Ring, Jason Wolfe, and Chair Josh Pearson. City Staff in attendance included Director of Parks Recreation, Matt Bates, and Parks Superintendent, James Grant.

1. Call to Order.

Chair Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:36pm

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider the minutes from the January 4, 2017, Special Called Parks Board Meeting.

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

4. Consider a facility-naming request from Belton Youth Baseball Association to name the Baseball complex located at Heritage Park- 100 Park Avenue, 'Jace Jefferson Baseball Complex'.

Mr. Bates informed the board of the requesting entity, BYBA, and that they offer recreational youth baseball to roughly 750 kids each spring and fall. Mr. Bates explained that currently BYBA utilizes the baseball complex at Heritage Park (5 fields) along with Jaycee field in Belton. Mr. Bates highlighted that currently each baseball field is named; however, the complex itself at Heritage is not. Mr. Bates went on to highlight the timeline of BYBA's request showing that the naming was originally discussed at the 12/5/16 Parks Board meeting, and then formally submitted for consideration on 2/2/17. Mr. Bates explained that the next step in the naming process was to present it to Parks Board for approval. If approved the request would go before City Council. Mr. Bates went on to read an excerpt from BYBA's request that explained the the proposal to name the complex after Jace Jefferson:

"Jace Jefferson was a long time member of the Belton Youth Baseball family. This past fall Jace lost his battle with brain cancer. Jace's spirit, positive attitude, and caring nature had a lasting effect on many in the Belton community. BYBA would like to honor him and his family with this naming."

Mr. Bates showed an aerial image of the complex at Heritage Park and highlighted each field and its name. Mr. Bates went on to highlight where signage that would be placed at the complex should the naming request be approved. Mr. Bates went on to tell the board that city staff have reviewed the request and recommend approval of the naming request contingent upon Parks Board and Council approval.

Mr. Bucher made a motion to approve the facility-naming request from BYBA to name the baseball complex at Heritage Park- 100 Park Avenue, 'Jace Jefferson Baseball Complex', Ms. Ring seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

5. Board and/or Staff comments.

Mr. Bates informed the board about three upcoming events:

Snyder Legacy Memorial Services- March 23.

One Community One Day- April 1

Jeff Hamilton Neighborhood Park Dedication- April 21

6. Adjourn.

Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.