

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Belton Park Board of Directors  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** Terry Ward, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terry Ward, Dave Daniels, Rusty Sullivan, Adrian Hall, Charlie Dalzell, Zeb Morlok (Zoom)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Miller, Bryan Murdoch, Jennifer Garner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Terry Ward

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Regular Park Board Minutes for December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 minutes were approved as submitted.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Ward updated that board that one of its members was struggling with COVID but is improving.

**PERSONAL APPERANCES:** None

**COUNCILWOMAN LIASON REPORT:** Mrs. Davidson was not present but had included some highlights she shared in the Board packets.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** Alexa Barton had three points to communicate with the Park Board:

1. The audit has started and the auditors would be physically onsite next week;
2. City Hall is open but by appointment only. Mr. Ward asked the process if someone was needing additional trash bags. Ms. Barton said to call City Hall and they would be placed outside for pick up;
3. Inclement weather is eminent this time of year and that the park should not hesitate to call should they need anything.

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Mr. Welborn stated that day passes are up and the center is starting to see traffic pick up in general. He added that the Center was only down about 30 memberships from this same time last year. He also stated that plans were being finalized for the software upgrade and staff is looking forward to it. It will be funded through the COVID Cares Act. We are waiting on some bonding information from Overhead Door and are looking at a mid-March installation. The front entrance, east door, west door and storage door will all be replaced with COVID Cares Act funds. He also gave an update on the \$45,000 in stolen property from Markey Park last month. The claim check has been processed and should be on its way.

Ms. Oliver highlighted activities at the Wellness Center the past month. She said the High Fit Challenge had 105 sign ups and some are already reporting weight loss and feeling better physically and mentally. The Virtual Pass is available now to members. In the first week there were 54 members engaged and in the second week there were 98. We will be rolling out the Virtual Pass to nonMembers in the next few days for \$19.95/month. She also said the Center would be focusing on its members next month with the "We Love our Members" promotions. Look for videos on Facebook in February.

Ms. Meehan announced the dates for the upcoming special events including the Valentine Paint Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Craft Show and SummerFest. More details to come as they are available. She added that rentals were up in general. She announced that the January membership drive offers a \$21 enrollment fee to kick off 2021. The February promotion intends to focus on both school districts, offering them an opportunity to enroll throughout the month for no enrollment fee. Mr. Wellborn added his interested in an upcoming membership drive with Belton Chamber members. Look for more info to come.

Mr. Feeback informed the Board that Cleveland Lake was seeing a significant beaver issue, which was causing substantial damage to trees. He also reported that they removed the fence at the Military Ballfield, adding that it looks much better now. He also stated that the department had received two new memorial trees and a memorial bench for Memorial Park. He also added that they were upgrading the security system at the maintenance shop, using a cellular network so that even if power were lost, the security system would still in place.

Mr. Goodman updated the Board on the adult sports programs. Volleyball is maxed out for the current session. As for youth sports, he said he was hoping for a Covid-free spring. He said the department was again offering its full range of youth sports but will not be adding anything new. He also said he has spoken with MSP who has moved to Perfect Game and has left USSSA, so he will see what that means for the park department. Mr. Ward added that as a result we would have to redo our current MOU with MSP.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Mr. Dalzell summarized the December financials for the Board. Mr. Welborn stated that sales tax revenue had dropped off (in November) possibly because of increased web purchases during the pandemic. He added it would be nice to try to pass a Use Tax in Belton. He added that Shanna Beltz had been working on final projections for this fiscal year. Mr. Dalzell also asked when the budget would be presented to the City. Mr. Welborn thought they would go before the council in February but would confirm.

**Recreation:** Did not meet. Mr. Ward said that if the committee needed to meet in Mr. Miller's absence that he would fill in.

**Building and Grounds:** Did not meet.

**Personnel:** Did not meet.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

#### **Announcements:**

Mr. Ward made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Dalzell seconded.

**Adjourn:** 6:42pm