

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Belton Park Board of Directors
February 16, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Ward, Dave Daniels, Jennifer Garner, Zeb Morlok (Zoom), Mike Miller (Zoom), Rusty Sullivan (Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adrian Hall, Bryan Murdoch, Charlie Dalzell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Terry Ward

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Regular Park Board Minutes for January 19, 2021 minutes were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ward stated that he, Brian, and Shanna had attended that last city council meeting to present the budget. Overall, he said the presentation went very well, with only a couple of questions regarding the current swim team and Markey Park rentals.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None

COUNCILWOMAN LIASON REPORT: Stephanie Davidson was not present but had included some highlights in the Board packets.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Alexa Barton was not present.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Welborn stated that day passes are very high right now, adding that the center is starting to see traffic pick up in general. He also stated that the virtual classes had been well received. As business continues to improve, he said he plans to put part-time employees back in their positions at the front counter to relieve full-time employees who have been filling in for several months. He also added that the department had been granted a 60-day extension for employees to use vacation time that had accrued during COVID. Mr. Welborn also said he would be meeting with staff to put a game plan together to get the staff back in the office.

He added that work had begun this week on the door replacements at the wellness center as a result of the Cares Act. He said the work would take four full days. He also wanted to thank Kevin, Joaquin, and Robert whom all came in on Monday to make sure the facility was ready to open.

Mrs. Braun expanded on Mr. Welborn's comments about increased traffic at the center. She stated that new memberships were up from January 2020 and that memberships were up in February compared to this time last year. Mrs. Braun stated that the virtual classes were going very well, adding that to date 465 members had joined in on classes, including some who are Silver Sneakers and Renew Active.

Mr. Braun also said that she had just added three new small group classes to keep up with demand.

Mrs. Meehan said the Valentine Paint Party was a success, and that they were looking to continue the program. She said the department is planning on the return of all special events, though some may still look a little different. She stated that there were special events scheduled for every month through

September, and that they were still finalizing dates for Theater in the Park and the Carnival in the Park. She also said the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant was due this week but added that there were still some difficulty in securing a community partner. Staff will discuss if the grant will be submitted this week or held for 2022.

Mr. Feedback said that Joaquin had been working very hard on some projects at Markey Park, including fence repairs, temporary fencing anchors and pitching mound repairs. He also said repairs were completed at the concession repairs following the break in. Mr. Daniels asked if the department had received insurance money for the damages. Mr. Feedback said he had adding that the new gators had been delivered last week.

Mr. Feedback said there were several repairs underway at High Blue, too, including the blue slide and belt replacements on the RTUs. He also replaced a heater in the greenhouse in Memorial Park.

Kevin Goodman updated the Board on winter basketball, adding that there were 145 participants comprising 18 teams. He added that it was probably the smoothest seasons he had seen and thanked Mrs. Garner for volunteering.

Mr. Goodman said the spring sports registrations were up and were the highest numbers in all departments in the South Metro League. He also said that he was looking to hire a concessions supervisor, concessions workers and facility supervisors to prepare for the upcoming season.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: In Mr. Dalzell's absence, Mr. Welborn summarized the January financials. Mr. Ward questioned why the bond payment had been taken out of the budget in January instead of February, when it is budgeted to be withdrawn. Mr. Welborn was going to ask. He also added that Mrs. Beltz had been working extremely hard on managing the COVID Cares Act projects, and he was hoping to be reimbursed by January 31, but there are still about \$70,000 outstanding. He said he hopes to get all of the money reimbursed by the end of this fiscal year. Mr. Ward expressed frustration at the delay, adding that all of these projects and expenses had been pre-approved by the City. He suggested setting a date requesting full payment by then.

Recreation: The committee met just prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Miller said he thought Mr. Goodman had addressed everything discussed, adding that he would like to meet again in person soon. Mr. Ward said that the Memorandum of Understanding had been presented for the Lutheran High School Field Rental, and they were waiting to finalize the MOU for Perfect Game.

Building and Grounds: Mr. Ward stated that the committee had met on Feb. 11, and that several motions had come out of it. Mr. Ward made the motion from committee to accept the bid from PM Contracting for \$1,141.96 to replace several baffles within one of the boilers, which heats the water in the High Blue Wellness Center pool. Mr. Daniels second. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

Mr. Ward made the motion from committee to accept the low bid from Bill Tully Superior Stucco and Remodel for \$3,800 for repairs to the pavilion in Wallace Park. Mr. Daniels seconded. During discussion, Mr. Daniels asked if there was anything in this material that would make it better than what was in place now? Mr. Feedback said yes because it would result in a much harder surface. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

Mr. Ward made the motion from committee for the sole-source purchase from PM Contracting for emergency repairs to the High Blue Wellness Center RTUs providing service to the pools in the amount of \$3,790/unit for a total cost of \$7,580. Mrs. Garner seconded. During discussion Mr. Daniels asked if these repairs were to the new HVAC units. Mr. Ward confirmed that these were repairs to two original units that are 11 years old. Mr. Welborn added that the sole-source justification was that it was an emergency as there was no heat, so he needed to get the repairs done immediately. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

Mr. Ward made the motion from committee for the sole-source purchase from Avalanche Waterslides for a custom fabricated slide tower at the Outdoor Water Park for \$2,279. Mrs. Garner seconded. During discussion Mr. Feedback stated that the canopy comes with a 20-year warranty. Mr. Feedback said it was a sole-source purchase because Avalanche was the manufacturer of the product. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

Mr. Ward stated that heater at the greenhouse had been discussed but it does not require a motion in following the city's purchase policy.

Personnel: Did not meet.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Ward made a motion to approve a resolution from the park board in support of the LWFC grant. Mr. Daniels seconded. ***Motion carried with all votes.***

New Business: Mr. Welborn stated that he had been approached by the Main Street Merchants group to take over the car show. He said he would put a committee together of board members and staff to discuss, so let him know if anyone is interested in being on the committee. He also added that while it historically has been a monthly show beginning in March ending with a big show in the fall, there certainly could be opportunities for change. Mr. Sullivan added that it mostly requires coordinating, scheduling shows, setting out cones, etc. He added that if the department was creative this could be a money maker.

Announcements:

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for reaching out to him while he was in the hospital.

Mr. Ward made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Daniels seconded. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

Adjourn: 7:01pm