

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Belton Park Board of Directors
March 15th, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Ward, Dave Daniels, Jennifer Garner (zoom), Zeb Morlok (Zoom), Mike Miller, Rusty Sullivan, Charlie Dalzell, Adrian Hall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryan Murdock

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mike Miller

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Regular Park Board Minutes for February 16th, 2021 minutes were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ward stated that he and Brian had attended the last 3 city council meetings. He said that Councilman Lathrop had thrown out an amount of water that the parks use annually and had suggested that the parks start paying for water. Mr. Ward noted that water is the only subsidy that the parks receive from the city. He said that Mr. Welborn gave a presentation to the city council to show the negative impact that COVID has had on the park's budget this fiscal year. Mr. Ward mentioned that Councilwoman Davidson and Councilman VanWinkle both told the council that they felt the parks should not have to pay for water. Mr. Ward thanked the mayor for giving them the opportunity to speak.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None

COUNCILWOMAN LIASON REPORT: Mrs. Davidson read through her notes on the last few council meetings. Discussions followed regarding Old Town Belton.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Alexa Barton was not present.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Welborn stated that foot traffic has significantly picked up at the Wellness Center. He reported that this year the parks has sustained a \$754,000 loss in potential revenue this fiscal year. Mr. Welborn thanked the staff for their help with the presentation that he gave to the council. Discussions followed. Mr. Welborn noted that he is working with Mr. Feedback to get together a list and will be prioritizing the maintenance issues that will need to be dealt with at the community center soon.

Ms. Oliver reported that class participation and interest is on the rise, so they are planning to add four new group exercise classes next month. She noted that they will be adding another Boot Camp in April, too. She also reported that participation in the Kids Small Group is gaining momentum and that they are up to eight participants. Ms. Oliver told the board that the numbers continue to trend up each month, and that they are beginning to close the gap between COVID and pre-COVID times. She said in March they signed up 116 through March 14, compared to just 107 through March 14, 2019. She also noted that day pass revenue continues to be on the rise as well.

Mrs. Meehan reported that special events are back. She stated that the Easter Egg hunt will be March 27th. She said they are looking to do 3 Theatre in The Parks this summer and they are still finalizing the dates. She also told the board that this month's specials will be focusing on the Belton and Ray-Pec School Districts' corporate passes. She said, to date, they have signed 6 new households between the two districts. She mentioned that next month they will be launching a promotion to reach out to all Belton Chamber members offering them a corporate membership rate through the month of May. Mrs. Meehan also told the board that rentals are continuing to pick up at Memorial Station. She said they will have at least one event scheduled every weekend in April. Mr. Miller asked about the Farmer's Market and the Car Shows that the parks recently took over. Mrs. Meehan reported that they have started having meeting about the events. Discussions followed.

Mr. Feeback said they have finished grading and adding the new materials to the ball fields. He reported that he recently had several volunteers that came in to help prune trees. He also told the board that they have received the Tree City USA for 2020. He mentioned that they will need to purchase new signs because the old ones have been damaged. Mr. Feeback told the board that the Arbor Day celebration this year will take place at the BSD technology building and will honor Troy Shaw. He said that Mr. Shawn was an employee of the Belton School District that had recently passed away from Melanoma. He also told the board that the Stream Clean Up will be March 27th at 8am at Oil Creek. He mentioned that on March 20th they will be finishing the Eagle Scout project at Cleveland Lake.

Kevin Goodman was attending a parent meeting and Mr. Welborn reported for recreation. He said that spring sports were off and running. He said that they recently hired a new part time employee to manage the concession stands and that he felt he was doing a good job. Mr. Welborn also reported that the new Co-Ed volleyball program went well over the winter and should be a solid program moving forward.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. Dalzell reviewed the February financials. He reported that property tax revenue came in at \$43,270 over budget. He also told the board that Mrs. Ernzen transferred all the Cares Act reimbursement money that was owed to the parks in February. He said the only thing still needing to be reimbursed was the new doors at the Wellness Center.

Recreation: Mr. Miller said the recreation committee did not meet. He said that this upcoming weekend will be the first baseball tournament at Markey park.

Building and Grounds: Did not meet.

Personnel: Did not meet.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Mr. Welborn stated that there were some emergency tractor repairs that needed to be done on the tractor. He said the cost was \$4,674 and that it was a sole source purchase request. Mr. Ward made a motion to ratify the purchase of parts and labor, in the amount of \$4,674 to repair the John Deere tractor, using a sole source provider. Mr. Morlok seconded. Discussions followed. ***Motion carried with all ayes.***

Announcements:

Mr. Welborn stated that Mrs. Meehan and Mrs. Orstad will be working with Belton Regional to give them a place to administer vaccinations. Mr. Welborn told the board that Mr. Todd Krause, CEO of Belton Regional, had offered to let the full-time staff get their vaccines. He said 7 full time staff have now had their first dose.

Mr. Ward made the motion to adjourn. Sullivan seconded. ***Motion carried with all ayes.***

Adjourn: 7:13pm