

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Belton Park Board of Directors  
May 16th, 2022

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terry Ward, Jennifer Garner, Patti Ledford, Dave Daniels, Mike Miller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryan Murdock, Zeb Morlok, Rusty Sullivan, Adrian Hall

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Terry Ward

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Regular Park Board Minutes for April 18th, 2022, were approved as submitted.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Ward told the board that Mayor Larkey had re-appointed Zeb Morlok and Rusty Sullivan to another 3-year term on the board. He said that Mary Cummings will replace Bryan Murdock on the board beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. He thanked Mr. Murdock for his service to the community. Mr. Ward told the board that he went to the first annual fishing derby. He said there were several participants and that he thought it was a fantastic event and that he thinks it should become a new annual event.

**PERSONAL APPERANCES:** None

**COUNCILWOMAN LIASON REPORT:** None

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** None

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Mr. Welborn told the board that the acting city manager, Mrs. Ernzen, had turned in her resignation and July 4<sup>th</sup> will be her last day. He reported that the council was still accepting applications for City Manager and that they hope to do more interviews soon. He mentioned that things are still busy at High Blue and that the financials looked very good last month. Mr. Welborn said that the maintenance staff has been shorthanded, but they are keeping up with the mowing. He noted that the second car show of the year is coming up this Saturday night. He also told the board that the City Council has decided to put the Use Tax on the ballot again in August. He said that Mayor Larkey has asked him for a list of projects that parks will use the money for if it passes. He also noted that Mayor Larkey told him that the park department will get their own dedicated ½ cent tax from the Use Tax. Mr. Welborn also updated the board on the playground project and the Markey Asphalt project.

Ms. Oliver told the board that they have started the branded app process. She said they are working with two companies and trying to finalize which app will provide the most effective service for our members and each department. She mentioned that traffic at High Blue continues to be strong with memberships up again last month. Ms. Oliver said the new schedules come out in June, and that they will be adding an evening Aqua class and a couple of new spin classes. She also noted that they are starting up a summer series for outdoor classes and programming in June. Ms. Oliver said that the quarterly manager meetings have started back up for the first time since Covid and that they hosted the first one at High Blue this past Friday, May 13. She said it is a great way to hear what other facilities are doing and to share their experiences as well.

Mrs. Meehan told the board that Farmer's Market starts this week. She said they have thirty-four vendors. She said that her and Mrs. Turnbow went out and checked the spots to make sure everything will flow smoothly. She told the board that after the first week they will re-evaluate the space and see if more vendors can be added. Mrs. Meehan told the board that Brewbaker's has backed out of Summerfest due to staffing issues. She reported that Dizzy Blender will be the new alcohol vendor and they will have wine slushies and domestic beer for sale. She also noted that they are bringing back a Weekend Theater in the Park in June with Shrek the Musical on Friday, June 17, and Cinderella on Saturday, June 18.

Mr. Feeback said the maintenance staff is busy hiring staff and mowing every day. He said they are getting the Outdoor Waterpark ready to open in a couple of weeks. He mentioned that there are boy scouts that are working on an Eagle Scout Project getting the wetland finished at Cleveland Lake and Sommerset. He mentioned to the board that the West Belton Park had been vandalized again and that the restroom will have to be closed for a while. Discussions followed.

Mr. Lopez told the board said that he has completed a MOU with Velocity. He said they will pay \$12,291 for the year for to use our practice fields. He said they will be using fields that are not normally in use. Mr. Lopez told the board that he has gotten a sponsor this year for Summer Camp. He said Smile Doctors has donated \$2,000 and they will receive banners and advertising and they will also come in to speak to the kids about good dental hygiene. Mr. Lopez told the board that baseball/softball registrations were down about thirty kids this year. Mr. Daniels asked why that might be. Mr. Lopez said he believed it to be partially due to the number of competitive teams in town. Discussions followed. Mr. Lopez reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hawaiian Hitfest is this upcoming weekend at Markey. He said they will be doing a luau theme and that they will be purchasing a whole hog to sell pulled pork sandwiches. He also reported that summer staff has been mostly hired and will start training next week. Mr. Lopez mentioned that the fishing derby was a huge success. He said that Raising Cane's served lemonade and Nathan's Catch, a not-for-profit group, gave out free rods and reels to the kids.

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

**Finance:** Mrs. Garner reported that the finance committee met on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She said the notes for the meeting are in the packet. Mrs. Garner said they would like to start talking about different topics at the monthly board meetings. She asked is anyone had any topics that they would like discussed. She noted that they can be emailed to her if anyone thinks of anything later.

**Recreation:** Did not meet.

**Building and Grounds:** Mr. Ward said that building & grounds met prior to the meeting. He said the Mr. Sullivan was unable to attend. He told the board that it was budgeted to replaster the recreation pool and repair the deck this year. He said it was budgeted for \$137,500 for both projects. He said the lowest bid for the pool replaster came in at \$155,910, so they have decided to repair the pool deck next fiscal year. Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$156,000 from Mid America Pool to re-plaster the recreation pool. Mr. Daniels seconded. ***Motion carried with all ayes.*** Mr. Ward said they also discussed a list of projects for the Use Tax. He said they will continue working on it.

**Personnel:** Did not meet.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Mr. Ward mentioned that the June meeting falls on June 20<sup>th</sup>, but that it is a city holiday for staff. Mr. Ward made a motion to move the June meeting to Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Garner seconded. ***Motion carried with all ayes.***

**Announcements:** Mr. Welborn reminded everyone that the Car Show is this upcoming weekend.

Mr. Ward made the motion to a adjourn. Mrs. Ledford seconded. ***Motion carried with all ayes.***

**Adjourn:** 7:01 pm