

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Belton Park Board of Directors
October 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Bill Tudor, Park Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Patty Morlok

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Tudor, Woodrow Dick, Patty Morlok, Scott Von Behren, Jack Colaw. Bruce Chevalier, Felicia Thornhill.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Miller, Gary Horner

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES: Minutes from the 9-12-11 meeting were approved with noted change that removed Ms. Thornhill as present. Minutes from the 9-19-11 special board meeting were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATION: Mr. Tudor stated that he had recently attend a conference in Branson sponsored by Midwest Public Works. He added that he would attend the city council meeting on Tuesday night to present a trophy to the City's winning department for the 5K Run/Walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: David Gardner, representing the Guardians of the Ribbon/Pink Heals Tour, appeared before the board seeking approval for a use permit to sell t-shirts and hats at the tour stop in the Wellness Center parking lot on Sunday, October 30, from 11 am – 3 pm. Mr. Chevalier made the motion to approve the use permit as submitted. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

COUNCILMAN'S REPORT: Councilman Justin Neff served as liaison in Councilman Davis' absence and updated the park board on several recent happenings, including:

- The recodification process, which is the reinstatement of all city codes per the City Charter
- New economic development, involving two commercial spots in the Charter Plaza (Subway)
- Research Belton Hospital renovations are well underway
- The Mayor has appointed a Public Works Advisory Committee
- The City has found the money to run the Belton Senior Center through the end of the fiscal year and is discussing relocation options as it moves forward
- The Council considered the request for the Markey Park Dog Park and while the council supported the idea, it did not recommend moving forward because of timing and location.
- Additional concerns to address involved the status of the Memorial Park projects and a review of the park department bylaws.

PARK DIRECTOR AND DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Spalding updated the board regarding the insurance conference he attended with Mr. Tudor in Branson. He also updated the board on the recent trial that dates back to an incident at a Memorial Park ball field in 2003. The verdict held the park department 0% responsible.

Mr. Spalding stated that September was another good month at the Wellness Center. He also updated the Board on progress at Memorial Park. He thanked Hy-Vee for the purchase of a new shelter at the park, which is nearly complete.

Mr. Chevalier asked if there was any expense for the trial. He said he would talk to the attorney this week, but presumed there will be some fees associated with the trial.

Mr. Spalding highlighted other activities around the parks.

STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Ms. Thornhill summarized the finance committee meeting regarding cost overruns. She said that the city finance director had developed a template for department managers to use to help track expenses. Ms. Thornhill made the motion that the Board direct the city finance director to adjust park board budget records according to the presented budget transfer forms, which adjust overtime in parks department profit centers Recreation and Indoor Aquatics. During discussion, Mr. Dick requested that he would like to have future budget adjustment documentation be included in the board packets sent out for review prior to board meetings. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

Ms. Thornhill stated that a Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for October 21.

Building and Grounds: None.

Personnel: None.

Recreation: None.

Temporary Board Committee Reports:

Special Bylaws Committee: In Mr. Horner's absence, Ms. Morlok highlighted the proposed changes that were discussed during the September 24 meeting. Mr. Dick stated his concern about the proposed changes. He also stated that there is nothing in the proposed changes that are not already covered in Roberts Rules of Order.

Mr. Tudor stated that even though some of this is covered in Roberts Rules of Order it can still be address in the Bylaws. Mr. Dick thought that was pointless. Councilman Neff said he would go back to the city attorney and address concerns that had been voiced.

Mr. Dick suggested that if the board wants to amend its bylaws, then it should be done professionally.

During further discussion, Ms. Morlok made the motion to put the bylaws review back to committee.

Motion carried with all aye votes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 pm

Bill Tudor
President