

**City of Bolivar**

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting**

**March 14, 2014**

Committee convened at 12:35 pm at Public Safety Center

Members Present: Ethel Mae Tennis, Ellis Hall, John Best, Brad Gregory

Members Absent: Jeff Miller, T.C. Wall, Mike Pitts, Frank Zanaboni

Guests Present: Greg Young, Ryan Pinkston, Tracy Slagle, Jerry Hamby, Mike Shuler

- Ethel Mae Tennis told Committee that Chris Clay from Meeks Lumber said he would be willing to offer discounts to the City on lumbar for Parks projects.
- Ball fields discussion: grounds are almost completely prepped for play.

Discussed the possibility of purchasing a stand alone A/C unit to place in Storm Shelter to allow Shelter to be used as a meeting room for coaches during league/tournament play. Tracy Slagle to search for prices on the A/C units.

Mr. Young suggested several options of purchases that could benefit the ball fields that may be better expenditures than \$30,000.00 of fencing that had been proposed to Council at an earlier Council meeting. Also suggested additional fees that could be charged to ball teams or property taxes could be assessed to citizens to generate additional revenue for Parks Department.

After discussion of revenue opportunities for Ball fields, the Commission proposed to present to City Council that the City install chain along frontage to funnel guests to a ticket booth at parking entrance. Charge \$1.00 per head – Children under 5 years of age, players, and coaches free admission. Provide signage stating that entrance fees collected are to fund parks maintenance and improvements. Suggested a charge of \$10.00 for one hour reservation of fields for practice. Suggest utilizing another rate structure for tournaments.

- Natalie Holt, Pool Director was introduced to Parks and Rec Committee.

Targeted opening date for pool April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Suggested kick off ideas included SlideFest, and free swim. Natalie is preparing ideas for entrance fee, seasonal pass fees, rental fees.

Mike Shuler presented guidelines to Committee in what would be required to complete a Topographic Survey of Dunnegan Park. He will present this at next Council Meeting, Frank Zanaboni will also be there to discuss developing a Master Plan for the Park.

Ground surface for equipment that is currently being installed at Dunnegan will be wood chip. First set of equipment should be complete by end of month, weather permitting.

- Committee Terms

Brad Gregory and Jeff Miller have terms ending 2014. Suggested names for new committee members that were given to the Mayor were Ryan Pinkston and Amber Cline. Members who have terms ending in 2015: Mile Pitts, Frank Zanaboni, Members who have terms ending in 2016: Ethel Mae Tennis, Ellis Hall, T.C. Wall.

- Suggested topic for next month: Community involvement with the selection of equipment for the KABOOM Grant (also to be installed at Dunnegan Park).

Motion to Adjourn made by Mayor Best, seconded by Ethel Mae Tennis. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

*Ethel Mae Tennis*  
*Chairman*