

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 25, 2017

***THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
AUGUST 22, 2017***

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held July 25, 2017 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1806 hours.

Roll call was taken hours with 6 board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Vice President – Scott Smith; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Patrick Halfhill, Lynette Manley; Jake Simmons

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams, Director; Chad Clevenger, Parks Superintendent; Kendra Beaver, Recreation Coordinator; Janet Morehead, Administrative Assistant – Parks and Recreation

VISITORS: Jade Williams, Amiah Williams

Patrick Halfhill was introduced as a new Board Member.

President Reggie St. John called for the consideration of the agenda.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Lynette Manley seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Lynette Manley, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Jake Simmons Nays – 0

Jade and Amiah Williams were introduced. Jade is here to take the Board picture.

At 1807 hours, the meeting was suspended so that the Board picture could be taken by Jade Williams. Jade and Amiah left after pictures.

At 1817 hours, the meeting was reconvened.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 Parks

and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Lynette Manley seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 1. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Lynette Manley, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Jake Simmons Nays – 0 Abstained – 1 – Patrick Halfhill He was not at the June meeting and was not a member.

After questions were asked and answered about the Financial Report, Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to accept the financial report dated June 30, 2017 and prepared July 7, 2017. Scott Smith seconded the seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Lynette Manley, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Reggie St. John asked Chad Clevenger how the maintenance crew was doing in the heat and humidity. Chad said they were acclimating.

Sherri Branson-Hurt said that Sunnyside Park looks real good!

Chad Clevenger had a clarification on the sewer vent for Eddie Raper Park. Since Public Works in installing sewer lines in that area, the sewer vent might need to be vented to the outside of the building instead of to the attic of the restroom.

Activity participation numbers were touched on.

Zac Ganzer, ESHS soccer coach, will be offering a coaches clinic this fall.

Nate Williams and Kendra Beaver had a conference call today with the Swope Park Rangers which is a minor league team for Sporting KC. The Swope Park Rangers will be partnering with the Department on bringing activities and possibly players to the first game of the fall season and having a chance to purchase discounted tickets for one game. On field experience will be discussed at the next conference call. Kendra Beaver has a friend that is interning with the Swope Park Rangers. Thanks Kendra and good job Kendra from Sherri Branson-Hurt.

Kendra Beaver is working on Touch-A-Truck and an Ultimate Frisbee program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Revenue Committee – Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith and Reggie St. John as ex officio member – met on July 18, 2017. Nate Williams and Chad Clevenger were also in attendance.

Notable changes in the budget were discussed.

The Revenue Committee will meet again on August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Committees were discussed. Board members volunteered or were assigned to committees.

OLD BUSINESS

Parks and Rec Month is coming to a close. Aqua Fun was held on Monday with approximately 20 youth participants. Parents were involved by the end of the evening.

There will be special announcements throughout this week for extra punches on the passports. Giant Jenga will be offered at the downtown Farmer's Market tomorrow and possibility "popsicles on the patio" on Friday. The Senior picnic will be Friday. The Bicycle Safety/Obstacle Course will be Monday, July 31, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the High School parking lot.

The aroma in East Valley Park was discussed. Nate Williams will consult with Trevor at the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

NEW BUSINESS

Clint Hylton with the Christmas Committee contacted Nate Williams about extending the electrical hookups in East Valley Park to the east end of the park to Golf Hill Road. Discussion was held.

Board consensus is that with the Parks and Recreation Department budget constraints, proposed dog park, and splash park the Department would not be able to financially assist with this project. Nate Williams will contact him regarding the discussion.

Nate Williams explained the Sponsorship opportunities and sponsorship levels. Discussion was held.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Nate Williams will be attending the National Recreation and Parks Conference, September 25-29, 2017 in New Orleans and will not be able to make the Parks and Recreation Board meeting on September 26. Does the Board want to move the meeting to the third Tuesday which is September 19? Consensus is to move the meeting to September 19. This meeting is scheduled to be in a park. The Department will buy the dogs and buns.

Lynette Manley will not be able to attend the August meeting.

Scott Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jake Simmons seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Lynette Manley, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 1922 hours.

