

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2017

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held April 25, 2017 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1803 hours.

Roll call was taken with six members present. Jason Cole arrived at 1808 hours. There are now seven board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Vice President – Scott Smith; Secretary – Christy Marker; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Don Ledford; Susan McAuliffe
Jason Cole arrived at 1808 hours

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynette Manley, Jake Simmons

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

Reggie St. John introduced Don Ledford, new board member. Jody Pasalich had tendered his resignation from the board and already talked to Don about being on the Board. Don will complete Jody's term through May 2018, and then be eligible for reappointment to the Board.

President Reggie St. John reminded the Board that the agenda had been amended to include 10. C. Parks and Rec Foundation Members. Reggie St. John then called for the consideration of the agenda.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken:
Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John
Nays – 0

Sherri Branson Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 1. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John
Nays – 0
Abstained – Don Ledford – Don was not on the Board

Jason Cole arrived at 1808 hours.

Reggie St. John asked Nate Williams if there were any concerns with the financial report.

Nate Williams noted that the first draft of the FY 17-18 budget is due next week.

After questions were asked and answered about the Financial Report, Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the financial report dated March 31, 2017 and prepared April 5, 2017. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

There were no questions on the staff report in the Board packet.

Susan McAuliffe commented that she heard something flapping at the middle shelter in East Valley Park. Discussion commenced. Chad Clevenger will check it out.

Christy Marker asked about the paintings on the walk trail by Get Fit Park. They are in dire need of repainting. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board is to remove them.

Nate Williams gave a report on the Earth Day and Stream Cleanup throughout downtown Excelsior Springs on Saturday, April 22. 70 bags of trash were collected, two truckloads of junk plus a mattress, office chair, etc. that will be picked up. Seventy plus volunteers walked the downtown area, walked along the Fishing River, planted flowers, etc.

Concerns were voiced about trashy areas that needed to be cleaned up. It was suggested that the more phone calls Codes received on an area, sometimes resulted in a quicker response.

Nate Williams officially announced that the Piccadilly brought in over \$14,000 for the splash park. Thanks to the Foundation and all of the volunteers that made it happen!

Nate Williams reapplied for the Playful City, USA designation. He should hear back in a month or so.

Nate informed the Board that the Parks and Recreation Department has been and will continue to partner with the Community Center on activities like the Egg Hunt, Earth Day, and the proposed Business Challenge. The Business Challenge, based on the Corporate Challenge, would include pickle ball, tennis, track and field, basketball, volleyball, corn hole, etc. There might also be a Church Challenge with the winning church having a donation made to the charity of their choice.

The Senior Zumba class has been moved to the aerobics room.

The salad bar and supplies i.e. containers, etc. have been ordered. The Gregg Williams Foundation has graciously offered up to \$5,000 to purchase it. Denise Bedford, Senior Center Administrator, is researching sources for the purchases of the food for the salad bar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

Nate Williams is meeting with a representative of the Rainbow Swim Club tomorrow morning. He will be touring the current defunct Rainbow Swim Club and discussing the possibility for use as a dog park. The land to the east of the pool that goes to the walk trail is also the swim clubs. Trail users could also have access to the restrooms.

Sonya and Kevin Morgan are working on the website and will set Nate up with a login.

The Sunnyside Park Playground renovation continues. There will need to be an additional row of blocks (approximately \$2500) added to the wall to be able to put in a foot of the engineered wood fiber. The caps and fence will be removed and then need to be reset. The play structure will be reconfigured and reset. The mulch will be around \$2,000.

NEW BUSINESS

The Recreation Coordinator's position is open. Nate is discussing this position with City personnel and hopes to have it posted before very long.

The Maintenance 1 position is open and there is still part time and ranger positions open.

The Inmate Work Release Program from Cameron is in jeopardy of being cancelled due to internal issues at the prison.

Screen Free Week is next week. It is a nationwide effort to get people away all screens and do something else – go take a walk, enjoy the outside, etc.

The Parks and Recreation Foundation requested that the Parks and Recreation Board appoint the following to the Parks and Recreation Foundation: Janis Kincaid, Brian Rice and Jade Williams.

Sherry Branson-Hurt made the motion to appoint them to the Parks and Recreation Foundation. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of

hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Don Ledford,
Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jake Simmons wanted to let the Board know that the four and one-half acres connecting to Century Park to the south, that the price has dropped to \$99,000. Just an FYI.

Nate Williams would like the Board's approval to order Team Sideline. It is a league management software program that includes scheduling, stats, results, etc. It would cost \$600 per year for up to 400 teams. The Department has approximately 200 teams per year. The supervisors would be able to input results at the games instead of it being done a day or two later.

Nate feels that it would pay for itself in time saved. Nate says that it is user friendly and Team Sideline offers 24 hour support.

The Board's consensus is to order it.

Nate Williams will also check with Jesse Hall, Interim Community Center Director, about partnering with the purchase. The Community Center would be able to use it for their men's basketball league, pickle ball league, etc.

Nate will post the Recreation Coordinator's position on the MPR (Missouri Parks and Recreation) website.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 1914 hours.