

# EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**MAY 19, 2015**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held May 19, 2015 was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Susan McAuliffe.

Roll call was taken with eight board members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan McAuliffe, President; Reggie St. John, Vice President; Christy Marker, Secretary; Dennis Lollar, Treasurer; Jason Cole; Theresa Henson; Jody Pasalich; Scott Smith

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Sherri Branson-Hurt

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Brad Eales

**STAFF PRESENT:** Katie Noyd, Director; Chad Clevenger, Parks Superintendent; Janet Morehead, Administrative Assistant – Office

**VISITORS:** Kim and Gary Sanson

Susan McAuliffe called for consideration of the agenda.

Christy Marker made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0 – 2. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0 Abstentions – 2 Jason Cole and Theresa Henson because they were not present at the April 21, 2015 meeting.

After questions were asked and answered, Scott Smith made the motion to approve the financial report dated April 30, 2015 and prepared on May 6, 2015 as presented. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Parks crew mulched playgrounds and removed graffiti.

Repairs were made at Sunnyside Park, Siloam Mountain walk trail, East Valley Park, and Piburn Field.

Gazebos were power washed at Siloam Mountain and Sunnyside Park.

Channel cat, bass and grass carp were added to Powell Lake.

Herbicide has been applied twice to the area where the native grasses will be sown. It will be sown on Siloam Mountain and in the meadow by the Pepsi Plant.

Mowing and weed eating are being done on a daily basis. Trees were planted in Century Park along the property line of the cemetery.

Pitch Hit and Run was held on May 2, 2015 with 10 participants.

In spite of the rain and extremely wet fields, practices have started for the youth softball and baseball teams. Games are to start the week of Memorial Day.

Budding Artist classes are going good.

Tennis Lessons are being offered in June and July. Exploring Excelsior Springs Backyard is being offered in July.

Art in the Park and Storytime in the Park start the first week of June and ends on July 30.

July is National Recreation and Parks month. There are lots of activities planned.

Women's volleyball will finish on May 20 and a new league will begin in June.

Coed softball has 8 teams and men's softball will be offered this summer.

Fitness classes are being enjoyed.

The Senior Center hosted various health activities along with the regular activities of cards, bingo, and music.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

After election of officers next month, committee members will be appointed and the meetings will then be scheduled.

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kim and Gary Sanson contacted the Parks and Department about donating approximately four acres of land on Milwaukee Street between Dogwood and Sunset Strip for parkland.

Discussion was held. If the Board decides to accept this land, Katie would set up meetings with neighbors in the area to get their input for the park and to create a sense of ownership of that park with the neighbors. Katie did a rough counting and there are approximately 250 household within a quarter mile to a half mile.

The land is fairly flat and is fenced.

The Department would need to run water and sewer lines. The land would need a driveway, parking lot, restroom, playground areas, open area sports field, etc.

Scott Smith asked if the Department could financially support this as an on-going project. Katie said that the Department could support this.

Jason Cole suggests further research on costs, etc. and bring the numbers back to the June board meeting.

The Board is in agreement to move forward with this project.

Katie reviewed the Parks and Recreation 2015 Annual Report with the Board. She presented it to the City Council last night.

Heartland Tree Alliance and Bridging the Gap are offering the tree donation program again. The Dunn Family Foundation is matching the donated monies up to \$10,000.

Trees purchased would be planted in Kibler Park, Get Fit Park and the parks that need trees. With the first donations, trees were planted in Siloam Mountain Park, Century Park, along the Rainbow Trail and along the Fishing River.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Katie thanked Theresa Henson for serving three terms on the Parks and Recreation Board. This is her last meeting as she is retiring from the Board.

Mayor Ambrose Buckman reappointed Dennis Lollar and Jody Pasalich to the Board at the City Council's meeting last night.

Scott Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Reggie St. John seconded the

motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.