

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2016

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held March 15, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Susan McAuliffe.

Roll call was taken with nine board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan McAuliffe, President; Reggie St. John, Vice President; Christy Marker, Secretary; Scott Smith, Treasurer; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Jason Cole; Lynette Manley; Jody Pasalich, Jake Simmons

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Brad Eales

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

VISITORS: none

Susan McAuliffe called for the consideration of the agenda.

Christy Marker made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands votes was taken. Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Reggie St. John made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

After questions were asked and answered about the financial report, Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the financial report dated February 29, 2016 and prepared March 2, 2016. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Shape Up participants completing the challenge will receive a t-shirt. Gift cards will be awarded to the winners of the event.

Youth basketball finished their season.

Youth soccer teams started practice this week. There are approximately 191 soccer players making up 22 teams. There are 6 teams made up of 48 volleyball players and they will also start practice this week.

Tigers 'N Training soccer finished last week. TNT baseball will start this week with 19 participants.

Nate Williams met with Dennis from the Clay County Park Department this week. Nate will continue to work with Dennis on the Rocky Hollow ballfields.

The parks crew continues to work on the Piburn Ball Complex. They hope to be done by the end of March.

Maintenance I workers are being trained to layout and line soccer fields.

Sports fields are being fertilized.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The new committee lists are in the Board packet. The committees and members are as follows: Recreation – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Susan McAuliffe; Parks – Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Susan McAuliffe; Revenue – Reggie St. John, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Susan McAuliffe.

Susan McAuliffe listed the board members whose term expires on May 31. They are Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe and Scott Smith. Please let Nate know if you would like to go off the board or be reappointed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nate Williams gave an update on the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Foundation's Piccadilly "Garden Gala" on Saturday, March 5. There were 170 tickets sold. 200 would be a total sellout. Approximately \$9,000 was raised to go to the splash park. Nate and Susan felt everyone had a good time. Sidenote – Susan McAuliffe and Sherri Branson-Hurt bid on everything. Sherri got a couple of things and Susan won the Royals tickets!

Sherri Branson-Hurt asked how much does a splash park cost.

Nate has talked with William Fry of Fry & Associates. They sell Playworld Play Systems. They developed a splash park for Fulton, Missouri highlighting special events of the town and that splash park cost approximately \$250,000. Nate asked Mr. Fry if he could develop a rough drawing for Excelsior Springs incorporating the arches from Roosevelt Field, the train tracks, wells, etc.

Board members asked about partnerships or grants for this project and Nate will look into them.

Nate Williams asked Brad Eales about the Milwaukee Street Project. Brad thought that the project might be able to use a dropped manhole but Nate needs to talk to Chad Birdsong, Director of Public Works, about that park area.

The parks crew should be able to start cleaning up the Curtis Street lots. Parks crew needs to find the corner stakes of the property.

A high school basketball court is 84' x 50'. It has been mentioned that the concrete and supplies for a half-court basketball court might be donated. If it is donated then the Parks and Recreation would be able to purchase the basketball goal.

Nate Williams and Chad Clevenger attended the Capital Improvement Authority meeting on Monday afternoon, March 14. Nate presented the CIA a proposed resurfacing project of Rainbow Trail along 69 Highway from Hospital Drive to Wornall Road and to resurface the drive and parking area at Sunnyside Park. This would be a 2" overlay of asphalt. Approximate cost would be \$62,140.

Nate will represent this project to the CIA next month.

The Capital Improvements Authority would like to see a 5 year plan developed for all of the City departments.

NEW BUSINESS

The Parks and Recreation Department's Egg Hunt will be March 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the high school ball fields. Talented Tots is a sponsor of the egg hunt. Volunteers are welcome. There will be over 4,000 eggs scattered!

There will be an Easter Bunny in attendance for pictures. An ESHS senior has volunteered to wear the bunny suit.

Nate Williams reviewed the Strategic Planning Process meeting held on March 8. Steve Sellers facilitated the meeting and will assist the Department with the strategic planning

process. Nate shared a copy of Fulton, Missouri's strategic plan. Nate is compiling the results of the brainstorming of activities, contacts, etc.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Brad Eales was approached by a citizen about the missing plaques from the benches in Century Park. The Department was not aware that any were missing but will look into it.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo. (3) Personnel. Lynette Manley seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands votes was taken. Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

The Board will take a 10 minute break.

Scott Smith made the motion to come out of closed session, Jason Cole seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands votes was taken. Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Jason Cole made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands votes was taken. Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.