

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2015

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held January 20, 2015 was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Susan McAuliffe.

Roll call was taken with six board members present.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Theresa Henson

STAFF PRESENT: Katie Noyd, Director; Janet Morehead, Administrative Assistant – Office

Susan McAuliffe opened the floor for visitors and discussion of the Request for Discount from the Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association. There was no representative from this association. Katie Noyd informed the Board that the Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association have used the Senior Center for meetings for a number of years. They are asking to use the Senior Center at no cost for their Board meetings which typically last one to two hours one time per month. There have been no issues in the past with them using the Senior Center for meetings.

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association's Request for Discount for meetings at the Senior Center. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Susan McAuliffe called for consideration of the agenda. Christy Marker made the motion to accept the agenda as received. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 1. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Dennis Lollar, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0 Abstention – 1 Christy Marker abstained because she was not at the December 16, 2014 meeting.

Christy Marker made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

The financial report was discussed. Katie Noyd reminded the Board that since Clay County is collecting personal property taxes, etc. for the City, the taxes collected will be posted to the Parks and Recreation Department's account when the City receives them.

Reggie St. John asked about the budget revisions/amendment. Katie said that the revisions should show up in the January financial report which will be in the February board packet.

Scott Smith asked if there were any particulars on the financial report that the Board should be aware of. Katie replied that some small pieces of equipment had been purchased and the reimbursements from the Christmas Committee will be going back into the account that they were expensed from.

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Construction Services has completed the Joy Street boardwalk. Dirtwork and landscaping will be done in the spring.

The Lane of Lights displays have been removed.

Trees are being trimmed in the parks. Snow has been cleared in the parking lots and sidewalks as needed. New closed signs for the trails were hung and the new mower came in. Crew has also been working on the Community Center roof and ceiling.

Calendars came in and were distributed to the elementary schools, City Hall, library, etc.

Parks and Rec and the Senior Center will be participating in the Chocolate Tour on February 7.

Youth basketball started games on January 10. The Budding Artist Classes are going great. Start Smart soccer started on January 15. Registration continues for youth soccer, youth volleyball, and Start Smart Baseball.

Shape Up has 13 teams consisting of 52 participants. The team concept seems to make the participants more accountable for their weight loss.

Coed volleyball started games on January 18th with 5 teams. Registration is going on for women's volleyball and coed volleyball.

Adult exercise classes are going good.

Senior exercise classes, meals and activities are being enjoyed by one and all.

Included in the Board packet is the 2015 Programming Guide for the Senior Center. Denise and Katie wanted to get the activities and programs for the year scheduled instead of month by month scheduling. Some of the activities are: March for Meals – fund raiser and to draw awareness of the needs for the homebound and congregate members; speakers; Super Hero walk-a-thon; exercise; cards; music; bingo; new participant welcome packet; etc.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Christy Marker and Jody Pasalich of the Parks Committee along with Susan McAuliffe and Katie Noyd met at 5:00 p.m. tonight. The master park plans were reviewed. A lot will depend on how things proceed for the next two months.

A couple of projects for this spring/summer would be to plant prairie grass in designated areas to cut down on mowing and boost the eco system; replace the bleachers at Piburn Field; install stairs and seating at Kent and Outlook Park.

Katie explained a Play Path for the walk trails. Possibly working with the Excelsior Springs Hospital, activities like hopscotch and ABC's would be painted along the walk trail that would get kids excited about being on a walk trail. Targeted trails could be the Rainbow Trail close to Get Fit Park and Fishing River Linear Trail east of Piburn Field.

An Eagle Scout candidate will be continuing the identification of trees in the parks.

Christy Marker would like to see a splash park built on the west side of Century Park. Included in the project would be restrooms, gazebos, and benches. This could possibly be a 2015/16 Capital Improvement project.

A splash park could also be built downtown. This possibly could be funded by DEP, the Parks Foundation, BBQ Contest, and Gregg Williams Foundation.

The splash parks would include benches, gazebo, etc. Water access would be the greatest cost.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Katie Noyd led the discussion on the budget amendment and Park Maintenance Position – Superintendent of Parks.

Dennis Lollar made the motion to approve the creation of the Parks Superintendent position with the adjustments to the budget. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

OPEN DISCUSSION

On January 27, 2014 Katie will be attending the Playful City, USA meeting at the Hall of Waters in the Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. This will be a joint meeting involving various entities i.e. Parks and Recreation Board, Parks Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Good Samaritan Center, Excelsior Springs Hospital, School District, etc.

This meeting will work on building a committee to set policies, procedures, discuss ideas, and make suggestions for projects, improvements, etc. for the community.

Subsequent meetings will set the ideas, etc. in motion.

Dennis Lollar made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. Ayes: Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0