

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held February 18, 2014 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Sharon Powell.

Roll call was taken with nine board members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Powell, President; Christy Marker, Vice President; Susan McAuliffe, Secretary-Treasurer; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Zac Ganzer; Theresa Henson; Dennis Lollar; Jody Pasalich; Scott Smith

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Reggie St. John

**STAFF PRESENT:** Katie Noyd, Director; Janet Morehead, Administrative Assistant – Office; Steve Porter, Maintenance

**VISITORS:** Scott Hendricks, Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association

Sharon Powell asked for consideration of the agenda. There needs to be a 4A added to the agenda for Request for Discount from Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Scott Hendricks was introduced. He is the President of the Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association. He is requesting the use of the Community Center for their monthly board meetings at no charge and is requesting that the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department line and prepare the Rocky Hollow ball fields for their games at a free or reduced price.

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department's Policy Manual allows for the use of the Community Center for non-profit or youth groups for free and the preparation for fields at a reduced cost of \$50.00 per field.

Discussion was held.

Scott Hendricks doesn't know if the Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association could afford the price of \$50.00 per field – they could prepare the fields themselves.

Katie suggested a further discounted fee for this year and then reevaluate the situation.

Scott Hendricks will know after March 8 how many teams they will have.

Christy Marker would like to see more precise numbers on the breakdown of costs for preparation of the Rocky Hollow fields.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to charge the Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association a discounted fee of \$35.00 per field for field preparation for home games per field. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Scott Smith  
Nays – 0

Christy Marker made the motion to allow the Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association to use the Community Center for free for their board meetings. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Scott Smith  
Nays – 0

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Scott Smith  
Nays – 0

The financial report was discussed. Katie let the board know that the real estate and personal property tax monies are starting to show up on the reports since there is a time lapse from when Clay County receives them.

After further discussion, Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the January 31, 2014 expenditures prepared February 12, 2014 as received. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Scott Smith  
Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORTS**

In East Valley Park, a water hydrant had been damaged over the weekend. It was reported and has been repaired.

Painting is being done in the shop and the comfort station at Siloam Mt Park is almost done. Equipment is being readied for the spring season; bearings are being replaced in the equipment, etc.

Park rangers will start working in March.

Steve Porter thanked the Board for allowing the purchase of new equipment. Randy Becker, maintenance worker, had surgery last Tuesday. He should be back to work in three to four weeks.

Katie reported that the Budding Artist Club has had great attendance. Youth basketball should finish this Saturday. Signups are going on for youth volleyball, youth soccer, youth USSSA softball and baseball, women's volleyball, and coed volleyball.

The senior exercise classes are well attended. Denise Bedford, Senior Center Administrator, will be putting in a request to the Clay County Senior Services for more funding for the exercise classes and health education.

The senior center attendance numbers are steady.

Katie would like to meet with the Recreation Committee before the March board meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS – none**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Katie Noyd updated the Board on the proposed community center.

The Community Center's open house on February 12, 2014 was well attended. Various renderings, maps and other visual aids were on display. Questions were asked and answers were provided by architects, other professionals and the Community Center Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee will be developing a Community Center website with pertinent information and answers to the frequently asked questions (FAQ's).

"Citizens for the Community Center" is accepting donations to pay for community center support signs. Please let the Community Center Steering Committee know if you are willing to have a sign displayed in your yard.

People need to be registered to vote by March 12, 2014 to be able to vote on April 8.

While the Parks and Recreation Department will not be running the Community Center, the consensus of the City Council is that the Parks and Recreation Department will have a “presence” at the Community Center.

There will be another public informational meeting in March to reach out to more voters.

Katie suggests to everyone that they view the Community Center panels that are displayed at the Hall of Waters.

The Capital Improvement Authority approved the monies for the purchase and installation of the fitness equipment for the Get Fit Park on Rainbow Trail and approved the expenditures for the Joy Street boardwalk.

These two projects went before the City Council and were approved.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Sharon Powell announced to the Board that there were three individuals that would be going off of the Parks and Recreation Foundation Board. Applicants need to have a connection to Excelsior Springs, be willing to fundraise and support the Parks and Recreation Department with projects. They need to be “doers”. The Foundation Board meets the second Thursday of each month. Members going off the Foundation Board are Kevin Morgan, William Greim Jr. and Craig Bohnert. Returning members are: Stephanie Landwehr, Kim McElwee, Tray Harkins, Keith Winge, Christi Rice and Dr. Erin Schreier.

The Foundation, along with the Rotary Club, is hosting a Trivia Night on February 21 at the Montgomery. There are still tables available.

Dennis Lollar made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) Personnel at 8:10 p.m. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Scott Smith Nays – 0

At 9:22 p.m. Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to come out of closed session. Theresa Henson seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Scott Smith Nays – 0

### **OPEN DISCUSSION – continued**

Further discussion was held on the Excelsior Springs Baseball and Softball Association.

Scott Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Scott Smith Nays – 0 Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.