

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2015

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held March 16, 2015 was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Susan McAuliffe.

Roll call was taken with six board members present. Jason Cole arrived at 7:05. There are now 7 board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan McAuliffe, President; Reggie St. John, Vice President; Christy Marker, Secretary; Theresa Henson; Jody Pasalich; Scott Smith
Jason Cole arrived at 7:05

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar

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

VISITORS: none

Susan McAuliffe called for consideration of the agenda. There being no additions or corrections, agenda stands as presented.

Christy Marker made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 1. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 5 – Susan McAuliffe, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0 Abstention – 1 Theresa Henson abstained because she was not present at that meeting.

Since there is not a quorum of the members that attended the February 17, 2015 meeting, the approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be tabled until the April meeting or until there is a quorum.

Katie Noyd informed the Board that the Department taxes collected by Clay County are still coming in.

The FY 15-16 budget worksheet has arrived and Katie will be working on it.

There is a credit card charge for lodging and registration because Katie will be attending the Certified Playground Safety Institute in St. Charles next week, March 24 through March 26, 2015 with vacation days on Monday and Friday.

There is also a credit card charge for advertising with DEP (Downtown Excelsior Partnership) on Visit Excelsior Springs.

Jason Cole arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Katie will be presenting the Annual Parks and Recreation Department Report to the City Council in May.

Reggie St. John asked if the received tax money is in line with what is expected. Katie replied that it is. Recreation monies look lower than normal but adult and youth sports sign ups go on all year.

After more questions were asked and answered, Theresa Henson made the motion to approve the financial report dated February 28, 2015 and prepared on March 6, 2015 as presented. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 7 – Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Susan McAuliffe, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Since Jason Cole arrived there is now a quorum of the members that attended the February 17, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Theresa Henson made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 2. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 5 – Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Susan McAuliffe, Christy Marker, Reggie St. John Nays – 0 Abstention – 2 – Jody Pasalich and Scott Smith abstained because they were not present at that meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Katie Noyd introduced Chad Clevenger, Parks Superintendent.

Mowing will start next week. Brush and trees are being cleared along Kennedy Street.

Park restroom interiors are being cleaned and painted. Outside areas are being cleaned also.

Egg Hunt is April 4 at the High School ball fields starting at 10:00 a.m.

Youth volleyball games started on March 14 and youth soccer games will start on March 21.

Budding Artist classes with Molly Roberts are going good. There is lots of interest in these classes.

Turbo Kick is a new exercise class being offered by Cayla Siemens. The class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Today was the first day of the March for Meals program. Homebound meals were delivered with special volunteers.

On Thursday, March 19, when you mention the March for Meals Senior Center activity, Pizza Hut will donate 20% of cost of that meal to the Senior Center.

Saturday, March 21, is the culmination of the week of March for Meals. There will be a Super Heroes walk, drawings, healthy activities, etc. The funds raised from this will benefit the Excelsior Springs Senior Center homebound meals program.

A policeman from the local Police Department and an FBI agent from the United States Postal Service talked to the seniors about mail fraud – preventions, how to not become a victim, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORT – none

OLD BUSINESS

There were seven bids received for the bid opening for the new community center on March 5. Crossland was the low bidder at just under 14.5 million dollars. There was a preliminary meeting with Crossland today.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a joint meeting of the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Board on Tuesday, April 21, 2011 at 6 p.m. Some suggestions for discussion are: What is Parks and Rec role in the new Community Center?, Who will maintain area around Community Center?, What is cost for Parks and Rec to be in Community Center?, What about future park opportunities?, Where could a new park be located?, etc.

May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. is the joint meeting of the Parks Foundation and Parks and Recreation Board. Some discussion topics are: What have the Foundation done and what are they planning for?, What does the Parks and Recreation Board want from the Foundation?, continue with the tree identification program, splash park, musical features in the park, etc.?

Please let Katie know of ideas that you come up with for discussion.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Katie informed the Board that the Dunn Family along with the Heartland Tree Alliance

and Bridging the Gap has started up their tree fund program again. It is a dollar to a dollar match. Tree suggestions are trees for shade and native trees.

Reggie asked if anyone had seen the news about the way a parks department marked their trails with mile markers so that if an injury or medical emergency occurred emergency personnel would know where to find the person. Police and fire were also notified about how the trails were marked.

Theresa Henson commented that the skate park was busy, along with the tennis courts and basketball courts today.

Theresa Henson also noted that the monarch butterflies need our help with food sources.

Katie watched a webinar last week on safe routes to parks. Ideas included sidewalks, solar powered activated crosswalk buttons, etc.

Theresa Henson asked if there are plans to extend the Fox Crossing Trail at Eddie Raper Park. Katie said not at this time.

Future sports discussed were Frisbee golf and foot golf.

Katie noted that the Clay County Health Department is having a Community Health Program to see how people can become healthier in Excelsior Springs on Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Center.

Katie will be meeting tomorrow with Denise Bedford of the Excelsior Springs Senior Center to finalize plans for the Super Heroes Walk on Saturday.

Reggie St. John made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Cole seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 7 – Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Susan McAuliffe, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0