

# **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 19, 2011**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held April 19, 2011 was called to order by President Sharon Powell.

Roll call was taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Powell, President; Joyce Green, Vice President; Bill Griffey III, Treasurer; Reggie St. John; Susan McAuliffe; Keith Bowen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Lacy, Theresa Henson, Jeff Duncan

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Chad Taylor

**VISITOR:** Vern Hendricks

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Sellers, Director; Janet Morehead, Administrative Assistant; Steve Porter, Maintenance

Steve Sellers thanked the board members for attending the "open shed" tonight before the board meeting. Thanks to Steve Porter for hosting it.

Joyce Green made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed 6 – 0.

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0.

Chad Taylor, City Councilman and liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board, was introduced.

Steve Sellers feels that the financial projections are on target. After questions were asked and answered, Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. Joyce Green seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Steve Porter reported that the swing sets and mulch are installed at Kibler Park.

There has been materials purchased for the fishing dock and walk trail at Century Park.

The dock and trail will be engineered. The dock will be 16' x 16' with 10' x 16' on the water. The walk trail will be ADA and concrete.

Chad Taylor mentioned that the Rotary Club is interested in donating benches for Century Park.

The lake fountain at Powell Lake has been reinstalled and is up and working.

The drinking fountain for Century Park is on hand and will be installed.

Steve Sellers reported that youth soccer is up and running. Weather has played a factor and some of the games had to be rescheduled. Mark Bullimore, Excelsior Spring High School varsity soccer coach, hosted a soccer clinic for youth coaches and players. Thanks to Mark!

Steve Sellers feels that the quality of the youth soccer coaches is good. Reggie St. John talked to a neighbor that is an assistant coach. He feels that the youth soccer program is economical and he and his children like the youth soccer program here in town.

Youth volleyball has been using the score clocks that were purchased and used during youth basketball.

Women's volleyball continues.

The Adult Coed Softball league could use one more team. There are five registered but a sixth team would be beneficial.

The Men's Competitive Softball league wants to have 8 to 10 teams. They will be playing on Wednesday evenings with a middle of the season homerun tournament scheduled.

Youth softball and baseball registration is scheduled to end this Friday, April 22 with the coaches meeting scheduled for May 6.

The exercise classes are going good. One instructor has left but Elaina Lamley and Brent Craigg will be offering additional classes.

The Picasso Club program continues to draw artists.

Opal Fields will not be able to offer the Exploring Excelsior Springs Backyard program this summer.

Kevin Morgan of Morgansites continues work on the Parks and Recreation's website.

The erosion problem along the Fishing River Linear Walk Trail has been addressed. The log jam is gone and riprap has been placed in the washed areas. The water problem along the east part of the 69 walk trail will need to be trenched.

Piburn Ballfield in downtown Excelsior Springs will be used this summer for games.

Residents are using the play equipment at Paul Craig Park and basketball is being played on the court.

The wooden part of the Siloam Mountain Walk Trail has been finished and is open. The Construction Crew of the Public Works Department did a real nice job.

Katie Noyd, Recreation Director, will start work on Monday, May 2.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Steve Sellers updated the Board on the Highway 69 Walk Trail extension. The culvert areas will need to be re-engineered to help the water flow. Installation of the bridges will be a fourth phase.

A committee was formed to look at ideas for the new park. This committee will also approach clubs for assistance. Committee members include: Sharon Powell, Joyce Green and Keith Bowen.

The Midwest Public Risk (MPR) survey list was revisited. The rock wall at Sunnyside was rebuilt. Steve Porter thinks a picnic table would be good there. Installation of the swing sets have begun.

Steve Sellers has placed the Springtime Umpires Association on hold.

Steve Sellers discussed the proposal of Ballet North of bringing a ballet program to Excelsior Springs this summer. Steve Sellers' recommendation would be to not enter into a new program at this time and look at it in the future because: 1) with a new director of recreation coming on board, he would like to leave space for her to develop programs, 2) allow Elaina Lamley and Brent Craig spaces to expand their programs and 3) cost issues to purchase portable barres (\$500 to \$800).

Joyce Green mentioned that it would be nice to have enough room to be able to offer more and different programs.

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the Ballet North proposal for this summer's program. Due to not receiving a second, the motion died for lack of a second.

The camera has been installed at the Regent Park Skate Park. The Excelsior Springs Police Department will be monitoring the transmissions.

Joyce Green thanked the Department for the Knock Out roses at the entrance of the Fishing River Linear Park walk trail. Steve Sellers said that the roses were Joe Lamley's idea. It looks good now but will look great when the roses start to bloom.

Steve Sellers would like to install informational and directional signs along the walk trails.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Steve Sellers advised the Board that he has begun discussions with Brock Hall regarding artificial surfaces under the play equipment. There is a possibility that one of Excelsior Springs' parks could be used as a "demo" site.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

There will be no closed session.

The Board was reminded about the Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. at West Complex.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 - 0.