

**Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board**

**Date: May 17, 2011**

Meeting started at 7:00 pm ... called to order by Board President, Sharon Powell. Roll call indicated board members present: Sharon Powell (President), Joyce Green (Secretary), Reggie St. John (member), Dr. John Lacy (member), Theresa Henson (VP), Keith Bowen, Susan McAuliffe, Jeff Duncan and Chad Taylor (City Council Liaison).

**Members absent: Bill Griffey III**

Agenda was amended to include discussion items on on-going roof project and Superior Well suggested by Steve Sellers on a motion by Jeff Duncan, second by Reggie St. John and 8-0 vote.

Minutes from April 19<sup>th</sup> were approved 8-0 following motion by Reggie St. John and second by Susan McAuliffe.

Bills and finance reports were approved 8-0 following motion by Theresa Henson and second by Joyce Green. According to Steve Sellers, month ending April balances were \$814,000, compared to \$815,000 for March 31 month ending.

Vernon Hendricks addressed the board, thanking them for putting up brighter lights in the parks area behind Piburn Baseball Field. Steve Sellers introduced visitors Jacob, Kari and Angelia Crouse. Jacob attended the public meeting as part of a Boy Scout merit badge program.

Steve Porter brought the board up to date on the installation of swingsets, a new community garden box for the Oaks Hotel and an overview of grass cutting across the city. Steve discussed starting on the fishing dock at Century Park this summer. Discussion regarding water availability at the community gardens across from the Good Samaritan.

Katie Noyd informed the board on recently ended youth volleyball and soccer programs and the survey she did to gather community input on those programs. She informed board that there are 38 Parks and Recreation teams, involving 450 participants. Ms. Noyd was successful on a \$250 tennis grant and indicated that money would be used to purchase equipment for a youth tennis program to be added in July. There are 35 people signed up for text alerts. Elaina Lamley and Brent Craigg have set up their summer exercise class schedule.

Steve Sellers updated board on the possibility of cooperating with Ex. Springs School District. At this point, the matter is being discussed as a concept. There are approximately 60 teams practicing on Parks and Rec fields currently. Kevin McCant is making repairs to the Ex. Springs Park/Rec building roof (rather than spending the \$32,000 for a new roof). There are numerous groups working on the Superior Well project. Steve Sellers indicated there was a bid of \$56,000 to completely repair the well housing and rock work.

Katie Noyd reported that the new website would be up in approximately 2 weeks.

Steve Porter reported that maintenance crew had cleaned the wooden walk trails, but a power washer would be needed to keep them clean. Steve Sellers informed the board that they were collecting price information on power washers, that this item would be in the \$6000-\$9000 price range.

Theresa Henson asked a question about trash items along a section of Siloam Mt. Steve Porter said that was on park property. He would check on see (Note: Steve Porter checked on this and said he could not find the trash. He will call Theresa on a more specific location).

Katie gave a report on a long list of possible new recreation programs. Joyce, Jeff, and Katie will meet to discuss future recreation programs. Sharon asked about connecting the Siloam walking trail back to Garland Street. Steve Porter said that was in the plan.

Under old business Steve Sellers said no change on the 69 walking trail phase #3. That he planned to go back to Cap. Improvement Committee in August. Steve Porter said the MPR insurance issues surrounding the parks had been addressed.

There was a lengthy discussion on Springtime Umpire Association. John Lacy questioning whether the Parks/Rec Board could appoint the Springtime board without being associated with that agency. No action was taken. This discussion was tabled until the June meeting.

Under new business, Steve Sellers indicated a \$21,000 payment had been made to Public Works for work they did on the Siloam Mt. Walking trail. A committee of Joyce Green, Keith Bowen and Sharon Powell asked that a meeting be set up with Katie Noyd for the purpose of discussing options for Brunke Park ... or the park that is on Brunke Road. Steve Sellers informed board that a summer planning session was needed in July to work out several issues, including amending the 5-year CAP improvement Plan. Discussion about the Lane of Lights project and the connection with Parks and Recreation.

Jeff Duncan motioned to go into closed session. Seconded by Reggie St. John and approved 8-0.

Jeff Duncan moved to return to open session. Seconded by Reggie St. John. Approved 8-0. Sharon Powell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jeff Duncan. Approved 8-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.