

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 17, 2014

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held June 17, 2014 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Christy Marker.

Roll call was taken with eight board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christy Marker, Vice President; Susan McAuliffe, Secretary-Treasurer; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Theresa Henson; Dennis Lollar; Jody Pasalich; Reggie St. John, Scott Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

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

VISITORS: None

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Theresa Henson made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0 – 1. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John Nays – 0 Abstaining – 1 Scott Smith was not present at the May 20, 2014 meeting.

Christy Marker turned the meeting over to Katie Noyd, Director of Parks and Recreation, for election of officers.

Katie asked for a motion to open the floor for nominations for officers.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to open the floor for election of officers. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was

taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith

Katie Noyd opened the floor for nominations for president.

Sherri Branson-Hurt nominated Susan McAuliffe for president. Reggie St. John seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for president. Susan McAuliffe made the motion that nominations cease. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Katie Noyd opened the floor for nominations for vice president.

Christy Marker nominated Reggie St. John for vice president. Susan McAuliffe seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for vice president. Susan McAuliffe made the motion that nominations cease. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Katie Noyd opened the floor for nominations for treasurer.

Sherri Branson-Hurt nominated Dennis Lollar for treasurer. Susan McAuliffe seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for secretary-treasurer. . Scott Smith made the motion that nominations cease. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Katie Noyd opened the floor for nominations for secretary.

Sherri Branson-Hurt nominated Christy Marker for secretary. Susan McAuliffe seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for secretary. Susan McAuliffe made motion that nominations cease. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Reggie St. John made the motion to elect the slate of officers by acclamation and for the officers to serve for one year or until a new officer is elected. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

There is one more seat to be filled on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Katie turned the floor over to Susan McAuliffe, President.

The financial report was discussed. Reggie St. John asked about the charges for services and if there would be any substantial capital outlays, system improvements or building improvements before the end of FY 13-14.

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the financial report dated May 31, 2014 and prepared on June 9, 2014. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Katie would like to have a work session on the FY 13-14 budget and FY 14-15 budget before the July 15, 2014 board meeting at 6:00 pm. Insurance and workman's comp have gone up quite a bit. Budget amendments for FY 13-14 would need to be done also. Discussion on shop, bleachers at Piburn, etc.

STAFF REPORTS

Susan McAuliffe said that the trash can receptacles in the parks looked good. Steve Porter remarked that the crew put them together on rainy days. Smaller trash can receptacles will be placed closer to the benches.

Work on the Joy Street boardwalk will start up again tomorrow.

The rain has been good this summer but it has been hard trying to play catch up with the mowing.

A wood chip trail from the sidewalk on Isley Street just past the Isley Street bridge to East Valley Park has been put down.

The boards on the Siloam Mountain boardwalk have been power washed.

One of the new signs had been damaged.

Staff is working hard to get jobs and projects finished.

The wall at Kent and Outlook Park had been painted gray. Someone now has painted scenes on the wall and wrote "Bringing color to gray world".

Christy Marker asked about sani-wipes for Get Fit Park. Katie is checking on it with Fry & Associates. Fry & Associates are looking into it.

Cross country runners from the high school have tweeted about using Get Fit Park.

Katie touched on the activities that are going on at this time including Budding Artist Club, softball/baseball, Fishing Derby has been rescheduled for June 22, Waterfest, Youth Art Showcase on July 11 and 12, etc.

The Senior Center is applying for a grant from the Clay County Senior Center funding.

The Senior Center is having a picnic on July 31 at 11:30 and an ice cream social afterwards. Senior volunteers will be recognized.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

OLD BUSINESS

Waterfest is June 27, 28, and 29. The Parks Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Department are having games and an inflatables slide and another inflatable at the circle drive at the west side of the Hall of Waters. Volunteers are needed.

The Community Center committee met June 4, 2014 with SFS and engineers regarding permits, schematic designs, etc.

Katie along with Dave Haugland and Brad Eales toured a few community centers. They also talked with the facility directors/operators about likes, dislikes, what could have been done different, etc.

Surveying and geotech borings are being done.

Construction is scheduled to start in March of 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

July is Parks and Rec Month. The theme is “Out is In”. The City Council designated July as Parks and Rec Month by issuing a proclamation.

There are activities scheduled for each day. Most of the activities are geared to children 3 to 10 years old. Children can pick up their “passport to fun” at the Parks and Rec office. If the child participates in eight starred activities and turns in their passport, they have a chance to win a prize.

Katie is working with other groups and businesses with the activities i.e. Animal Control and the Walk with Fido, etc.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sherry Branson-Hurt thanked all that she nominated for offices for accepting that office.

One Parks and Recreation board member is still needed.

This Saturday, June 21, is Winefest. Friday at 6 p.m. Lover's Lane through East Valley Park will be blocked off for it. Winefest is from noon until 9:00 p.m. There will be 13 wineries present and 13 – 17 vendors. The trail will be open.

There will be a hospitality tent, shuttles from parking areas, food trucks, etc. The KC Mini Cooper Association will have a display of cars.

Dennis Lollar asked if anyone was being charged for the use of the electricity, rental of park, etc. Katie said that as this time there is no one being charged. It is something to think about.

Ideas are needed on how to utilize East Valley Park more since it does have electricity, good road, etc.

Theresa Henson asked about a wheelchair entrance to the Fishing River Linear Trail from the Marietta Street side. It will be looked into but nothing will be done until after the bridge project gets done.

Scott Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherry Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0