

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2013

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held June 18, 2013 was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Sharon Powell.

Roll call was taken with 4 board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Powell, President; Dennis Lollar; Christy Marker; Jody Pasalich; Susan McAuliffe, Secretary, arrived at 7:06 after roll call; Sherri Branson-Hurt arrived at 7:08 after roll call.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

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

Susan McAuliffe arrived at 7:06 p.m. after roll call. There are 5 board members present.

Sharon Powell would like to amend the agenda by adding 7. B. Approval of Expenditures; 8. C. removing Annual Report and adding C. Parks and Rec Month. Sharon asked if there were other changes or additions to the agenda. There were no other changes.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the agenda as amended. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 5 – Christy Marker, Dennis Lollar, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell, Susan McAuliffe Nays – 0

Sharon Powell announced that the minutes would be presented at the July Board meeting for approval since there was not a quorum present that had attended the May meeting.

Sherri Branson-Hurt arrived at 7:08 after roll call. There are now 6 board members present.

Sharon Powell handed control of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting over to Katie Noyd, Parks and Recreation Director. Katie asked for a motion to open the floor for nominations for officers.

Sharon Powell made the motion to open the floor for nominations of officers. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell Nays – 0

Katie Noyd opened the floor for nominations for president. Susan McAuliffe nominated Sharon Powell. Dennis Lollar seconded the nominations. There were no other nominations for president. Katie closed nomination.

Katie Noyd opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Sherri Branson-Hurt nominated Christy Marker. Susan McAuliffe seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for vice president. Katie closed nominations.

Katie Noyd opened the floor for nominations for secretary-treasurer. Sharon Powell nominated Susan McAuliffe. Dennis Lollar seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for secretary-treasurer. Katie closed nominations.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to close nominations, elect the slate of officers by acclamation and for the officers to serve for one year or until a new officer is elected. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell Nays – 0

Katie handed control of the meeting back to President Sharon Powell.

Christy Marker made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2013 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 1. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Sharon Powell Nays – 0
Abstained – 1 – Jody Pasalich (he had not been sworn in and was not in attendance at the May 21, 2013 Parks and Rec board meeting).

Katie Noyd discussed the financial report. The current balance is \$526, 438.

There will be a budget amendment to approve at the July meeting. The monies for the Sunnyside retaining wall did not come out of capital as expected but out of parks-43.25. There are a couple of other line items that need to be adjusted.

Janet is working with Steve Marriott, Director of Administrative Services, on the balance in the line item – computer/office supplies – from the fire. The money was put in buildings purchased – 72.00 and part of it should have been put into computer/office supplies – 60.01.

Katie would like to have a work session in July to discuss park projects leading into budget discussion. She would like to focus on a few select, prioritized projects for next year. Discussion will also include truck and/or quad purchase. Please let Katie know when you will be gone in July or the beginning of August so that she can set up a work session.

At the August meeting, the F/Y 13-14 budget will be voted on.

Sherry Branson-Hurt asked if there were any problems with the t-shirts purchased for the youth teams. Katie replied there were no problems except for the parents ordering the wrong size shirts for their children.

Katie gave Jody Pasalich a quick overview of the financial report.

After discussion, Sherry Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the May 31, 2013 expenditures dated June 17, 2013 as received. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherry Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Sharon asked if there were questions for Steve Porter on his staff report. There were none.

Steve added that park rules and regulation signs were being installed. In the next two weeks, the Parks and Rec crew will be working on and assisting in the cleanup of the City for Waterfest.

The orange barrier fence will stay at Sunnyside Park until the fence is installed along the top of the rock wall and the grass gets a good start.

The mulch trail along Kennedy Street has been finished.

Katie updated the Board about the Senior Center and Parks and Rec month. On the last day of Parks and Rec month, July 31, the Department will be hosting a luncheon and ice cream social for the Seniors. Volunteers are needed from about 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Youth Fishing Derby held on June 8 was well attended. Optimist Club members assisted and Wal-Mart donated prizes. Thank you Reggie St. John for helping. At Powell Lake, discussion was held on how to improve the Fishing Derby for next year.

Exploring Excelsior Springs' Backyard has ten participants and is going good.

Storytime in the Park, youth softball/baseball, and youth tennis lessons are going good.

Katie talked about Parks and Rec month and the activities that the Department are having. There is a passport available at the office and a list of activities for the month. If the youth participants attend five of the designated activities and get their passport signed, then they are entered into a drawing at the end of Parks and Rec month.

Art in the Park and Playtime in the Park has been added as Parks and Rec month activities along with a family walk downtown. The whole idea of the Parks and Rec month is to get the public excited about Excelsior Springs' parks and is through the National Recreation and Parks Association.

Pride in the Park has been changed to July 13 as to not conflict with the Fourth of July weekend. Pride in the Park will meet at Siloam Mountain Park.

Katie commented on the Senior Center. Denise Bedford, Senior Center Administrator, and Katie attended the the Good Samaritan Senior Day program. They passed out information on the Senior Center and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Denise Bedford, won a free trip from the Mid America Regional Council (MARC) to the 10th Annual Show-Me Summit on Aging and Health state meeting on August 21-23.

Katie shared information on the FILE of LIFE. Denise received these Files of Life from the Clay County Senior Services. Seniors can fill out all the information, keep it in the small pouch, and have it readily available if they have an emergency and need the information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

Board members and committees will be reassigned next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Katie updated the Board on the Highway 69 Walk Trail Extension. The railing has been installed and reseeding has been done. The block wall has been installed but it has not been stained.

On July 26, 2013 there will be a semi-final inspection of the Highway 69 walk trail extension. A punch list will be made.

Akins Gordon Cowger Engineers will be working on the plans for the Joy Street connection.

There was a ground breaking ceremony at the Rocky Hollow ball fields on June 6. Clay County has put in new infields and has taken down the old fence.

The Parks and Rec crew will be putting in base pegs on the Rocky Hollow baseball fields in preparation for use. There have been teams already practicing on it but now it will be able to be reserved.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at a date in the future.

Katie needs volunteers for the Parks and Recreation activities for Waterfest which is June 28, 29 and 30. Some of the Park and Rec activities will have a small charge and other activities will be free. Activities to include bounce house, water slide, free fun zone, picnic area, etc. Board members, please wear your Parks and Rec shirt.

Please e-mail Katie your shirt size and when you will be gone in July so that she can set up a work session.

The Parks Foundation members will be there to help at Waterfest and also solicit people to join Friends of the Parks.

Waterfest will have the only commercial fireworks display this summer on Saturday, June 29.

Names for the Highway 69 Walk Trail Extension were discussed. Names were discussed in May. Some of the names mentioned were Tiger Trail, Rainbow Fitness Trail, Rainbow Trail. Highway 69 through Excelsior Springs is also named Rainbow Boulevard.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to name the Highway 69 walk trail from Wornall Road to the west end of the Highway 69 walk trail extension "Rainbow Trail". Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell Nays – 0 Signs will be ordered and installed along the walk trail.

NEW BUSINESS - none

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sharon Powell welcomed Jody Pasalich to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Christy Marker asked about better signage at and for Eddie Raper Park. Katie will check on it.

There have been four-wheelers, mowers, scooters (not the handicapped kind), mopeds, and bicycles on the new trail. Bicycles and handicapped scooters will be allowed and others will not be allowed. Katie will wait and see what signage that MoDot installs and what the state will allow on the trail.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell Nays – 0 Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.