

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 15, 2014

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held July 15, 2014 was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Susan McAuliffe.

Roll call was taken with eight board members present.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

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

VISITORS: None

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. 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 Nays – 0

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John Scott Smith Nays – 0

FY 2013-14 budget amendments and FY 2014-15 budget will be ready to be approved at the August meeting.

Scott Smith suggested that highlights/lowlights be noted on the financial report with an explanation.

The Visa card was used at Wal-Mart more because the Wal-Mart card would not work. The Department now has a new Wal-Mart card.

Christy Marker asked if the concession stand at Piburn was breaking even. Katie replied that more concession money has been taken in versus monies spent on the prepackaged food. The prepackaged food is being paid for but salaries, utilities, etc. are not. The concession stand is more of a service/convenience for the players and spectators than a money maker.

The Senior Center has more monies in the account that ends in 61.30 and when monies are spent out of it and reimbursed from the H.A. Dickey Fund, the monies do not go back into that account.

Theresa Henson made the motion to approve the financial report dated June 30, 2014 and prepared on July 3, 2014. 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

STAFF REPORTS

Steve Porter is on vacation.

Mowing crew is attempting to catch up on mowing the growing grass.

The maintenance crew has been treating the green slime algae on the walk trails. They will also be spraying the weeds in the walk trail cracks.

Grass seed has been sown in the bare areas where the swings were at Kibler Park.

The tree that was blown over in Wildwood Park was cut up and removed. Dead, downed trees in other parks were also cut up.

The Department assisted in the cleanup of the town before Winefest and Waterfest. Highly visible areas and high traffic areas were detailed right before the weekends and not earlier in the week as normal.

Discussion was held on the amount of time, equipment, etc. that was donated to Winefest and Waterfest by the Department.

Katie Noyd was concerned about the effect of Winefest participants on the grass at East Valley Park. The foot traffic did not seem to wear on the grass because most of the participants walked on the street.

Winefest and Waterfest have an economic impact to the businesses in Excelsior Springs. Winefest participants were seen walking and shopping throughout the downtown area.

Katie will check on the Parks and Recreation's Department expenses for those two festivals.

Scott Smith asked about the money that was taken in from the Waterfest activities. The money raised from the inflatables goes to the Parks and Recreation Foundation. The Foundation also received 10% of the intake from the Wonder Bubble and the pony rides.

The Foundation has reimbursed the Parks and Recreation Department for the cost of the inflatables, prizes, etc. The Department initially pays for those items because of the Department's availability to charge.

Dennis Lollar feels that the Department needs to be careful of what is spent on festivals - be a good custodian of the Department's money.

Some people talked to Christy Marker about Waterfest and the inflatables/games. Comments were made that the wristbands were too expensive for the inflatables, that there needed to be more inflatables, and better small games.

More volunteers are always needed for the activities.

Katie reported that the recreation programs are going good. Youth softball and baseball leagues are finished. Adult summer softball games played their last games on July 12.

Art in the Park and Storytime in the Park have had good attendance, along with the Budding Artist Club.

July is National Recreation and Park month. Theme is "Out is In". Katie has developed and planned activities for each day of the month. Please get out and enjoy your parks!!

The Youth Art Showcase was held on July 11, 2014 at the Hall of Waters. There were 24 participants.

A picnic is planned for the Senior Center on Thursday, July 31 with an ice cream social to follow. The theme of the day will be "Western". Senior Center volunteers will be recognized.

Fall sports and activity registration is going on now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

OLD BUSINESS

The Community Center committee continues to meet. The Community Center committee met June 4, 2014 with SFS and engineers regarding permits, schematics, 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.

Brian Garvey of SFS, Dave Haugland, Denise Bedford and Katie Noyd met and discussed the senior center in the new community center.

July 29, 2014 is the next Community Center meeting.

Timeline for the Community Center are to be done with all the planning, bids let and received and accepted over the winter with breaking ground by March of 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Katie Noyd would like to have Linda Pasalich appointed to the Parks and Rec Foundation with her term being from 2014 – 2017.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion that Linda Pasalich be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Foundation. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 7-0-1. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 7 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0 Abstaining – Jody Pasalich, Linda is his wife

There is still one position open on the Foundation Board and one open on the Parks and Rec Board.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Christy Marker asked if there were going to be more trails built in or around King's Addition. There are no plans to build more trails in that area. Craig Nessa is concerned that more vegetation would need to be removed for a new trail or improvements. Valley Manor & Rehab Center would like a sidewalk to the walk trail but that would be at their expense and across their land. Valley Manor has the right to build on or tear down on their property.

Katie Noyd will work on and fine tune the FY 13/14 budget amendments and the 14/15 FY budget. If there are questions, please give her a call.

Theresa Henson said that the old rock grill in Sunnyside Park looks good since it has been redone. Some of the rock park signs need to be touched up.

Reggie St. John made the motion to adjourn the meeting. 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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.