

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 16, 2013

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held July 16, 2013 was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Sharon Powell.

Roll call was taken with 7 board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Powell, President; Christy Marker, Vice President; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Zac Ganzer; Theresa Henson; Dennis Lollar; Jody Pasalich

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan McAuliffe

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

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

Sharon Powell would like to amend the agenda by removing 8. A. Assign Committee Members. Sharon asked if there were other changes or additions to the agenda. There were no other changes.

Christy Marker made the motion to accept the agenda as amended. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 7 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell Nays – 0

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 2. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell Nays – 0 Abstained – 2 – Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson (They were not in attendance at the June 18, 2013 board meeting.)

Katie Noyd discussed the financial report. The current balance is \$493,281. The balance in the line item, computer/office supplies, from the fire has been corrected.

Katie passed out information on the FY 13-14 budget and projects. These will be discussed at the work session on July 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Katie reminded the Board that there is a work session on July 29 at 6:00 p.m. She distributed copies of the updated budget worksheet and projects worksheet. She has talked to the Human Resources Coordinator about the Obama Affordable Care Act on full time and part time employees. HR is still receiving information on it.

At the August board meeting Katie will have the FY 2013/2014 budget and a budget amendment for FY 2012/2013 ready for the board's approval.

After discussion, Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the June 30, 2013 expenditures dated July 5, 2013 as received. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell
Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Sharon asked if there were questions for Steve Porter on his staff report. There were no questions for Steve but he had a few things to add for his report.

At Sunnyside Park, borders have been installed and mulch is being put at the playground area. The swing set area will be mulched tomorrow.

Rainbow Trail (Highway 69 Walk Trail Extension) has been completed with a few exceptions, i.e. for the punch list.

Trees and grass have been trimmed along Rainbow Trail adjacent to Highway 69.

Katie distributed the Senior Center staff report.

July is Parks and Rec Month. There is a July calendar that has activities/events listed for each day.

Youth baseball/softball finished the season on Friday, July 12. Men's softball and coed softball continues play.

The Department is gearing up for the fall sports and activities.

Pride in the Parks on July 13 was at Siloam Mountain Park. Picked up quite a bit of fireworks trash and debris. Katie will talk with sponsors of future fireworks displays about coming back the next day and picking up the fireworks trash.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

OLD BUSINESS

Katie updated the Board on the Rainbow Trail Extension. A few things on the punch list are: adding fill dirt, cleaning up tree debris, etc. Pictures of the walk trail were passed around. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony when the trail is completely finished.

The ball field fence has been installed at Rocky Hollow. At this time there will be no outfield fence installed. Our crew has been installing base plugs for the bases. There will be a concrete pad poured for the bleachers to set on. Katie thinks that we might be able to use it for soccer or flag football practice this fall. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 25 at 6 p.m.

Katie again thanked the board members that volunteered at Waterfest. The help was greatly appreciated. The Parks Foundation is thinking about having inflatables at the airport during The Fly In on the River as a fundraiser.

The Foundation now has \$1,553.90 in their account. They took in \$2,774.90 from the kids games with other expenditures being Friends of the Park t-shirts \$521 and inflatables for the kids \$705. Part of this money will pay for 501 c status and insurance for the board. They are raising money for the tree fund.

The Foundation will focus on the four pillars – education, awareness, conservation and preservation. Education – Tree ID Project – identify and install identification signs for trees throughout the park system; awareness – Pride in the Park cleanup projects; conservation – raise funds for trees for the parks; and preservation – restoration of well sites and historical structures.

The Parks and Recreation Board has been challenged by the Parks and Rec Foundation Board to see which board can sign up the most members for Friends of the Parks. The goal is three Friends per board member by September 30.

NEW BUSINESS

David Simmons of The Country Music Makers requested that they be allowed a full discount on the use the community room downstairs on the first Saturday of the month for a music show. Discussion was held.

Dennis Lollar made the motion to approve the request from David Simmons allowing The Country Music Makers to use the community room downstairs on the first Saturday of each month at no charge for a music show. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion failed, 0 – 7. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 0 Nays – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell

Joe Jones of the Optimist Club requested that they be allowed a full discount on the use of the community room downstairs for a birthday party on July 26, 2013. Discussion was held.

Theresa Henson made the motion to approve the request from Joe Jones allowing the Optimist Club to use the community room downstairs on July 26, 2013 for a 50th birthday party with a full discount. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion failed, 0 – 7. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 0 Nays – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell

OPEN DISCUSSION

Christy Marker asked about the directional signage at and for Eddie Raper Park. Katie talked to the Public Works Department and the Parks and Rec Department will be putting in signs soon.

Katie will talk to Dave Haugland about the directional signs.

Theresa Henson asked about replacing the wood park signs with metal signs.

Christy Marker likes the wood entrance signs.

The Golf Course, Parks and Recreation and Public Works has the same type of wood entrance signs. Might need to keep the consistency throughout the town.

The Board has concerns about Eddie Raper Park. Please make sure all signs have the whole name “Eddie Raper Park.”

Katie reminded all that there would be a work session on Monday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jud Palmer Community Center.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed. Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Sharon Powell Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.