

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2011

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held July 19, 2011 was called to order by President Sharon Powell.

Roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Powell, President; Joyce Green, Vice President; Theresa Henson, Secretary; Susan McAuliffe, Keith Bowen, Zac Ganzer, Dr. John Lacy; Sherri Branson-Hurt

MEMBER ABSENT: Jeff Duncan

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: absent

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Sellers, Director of Parks and Recreation; Katie Noyd, Director of Recreation; Janet Morehead, Administrative Assistant

Sharon Powell asked for the consideration of the agenda. There were no changes. Theresa Henson made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Joyce Green seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0.

Joyce Green made the motion to accept the slate of officers as presented: President – Sharon Powell; Vice President – Theresa Henson; Secretary – Susan McAuliffe; Treasurer – Joyce Green. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion. Motion passed, 8 – 0 with a roll call vote.

Theresa Henson made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2011 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0.

After discussion, John Lacy made the motion to approve the financial report dated June 30, 2011 as presented. Zac Ganzer seconded the motion, motion passed 8 – 0.

STAFF REPORT

Due to Steve Porter's absence, Katie Noyd gave his staff report. The Department has been involved with Waterfest, July 4th Fireworks and will be involved with the BBQ on the River and Fly In. The Department blocks off Siloam Mountain Park all day for the fireworks for all three events; reserves Piburn Ballfield for the balloon rides and assists with cleanup and mowing prior to the activities.

Katie Noyd and Steve Porter attended a planning meeting with Public Works and Codes recently to prepare for the BBQ on the River and Fly In. They met with other city officials to decide a course of action on the city cleanup, special mowing, fireworks, etc.

The fishing dock on Powell Lake at Century Park is finished. The rules and regulations sign has been installed. Three new benches will be installed along the walk to the dock with the intention of eventually placing benches on the west side of the lake.

The drinking fountain at Century Park should be installed this week.

Steve Sellers, Steve Porter and Katie Noyd met with the Lane of Lights Committee consisting of Lisa Malay, Kim McElwee, and Gary Sanson. Trenching will start soon at East Valley Park to lay the underground conduit and wire. The project should be finished in time for this season of the Lane of Lights. Electricity was installed at the Scout cabin to make it easier for the Christmas committee to work on their projects.

Renovation will soon begin on the Raper Park ballfield along with renovation of the infield at Piburn Ballfield. Raper Park will have 60'-65' bases. New sand/clay mixture will be put on the infields.

The retaining wall at the lower shelter west of the restroom at Siloam Mountain will be worked on when other projects are completed.

Katie Noyd reported that the youth baseball/softball season finished last Friday night, July 15. A survey was available through Facebook and sent out via constant contact. Responses have been constructive.

Adult coed softball finished their league on Saturday, July 16. No Glove No Love won the league with a record of 9 – 1. There are two more weeks of the men's softball league.

The Exercise Instructors are brainstorming and planning for the fall classes.

The Young Picasso Club had one student in the June art camp and five attended in July.

There are 72 signed up for the text alert and 286 likes on Facebook. Trivia and photo contests are being held weekly to keep users active. Discussion was held on other ways to attract users.

The possibility of having a weekly Parks and Recreation Department column in the Excelsior Springs Standard is being explored.

The Exceptional Field will be an all turf field. Working in conjunction with the Excelsior Springs School District, the softball field will become the Exceptional Field. The materials from the field will be salvaged to put on a fourth ball field. The Parks and Recreation Board is very interested in expanding the sports fields.

Katie Noyd distributed information on proposed classes. Jak Angelescu would like to offer guitar lessons and Brooke Hollis would like to offer Scottish Country and Beginning Highland Dance. Discussion was held.

Joyce Green made the motion to offer contracts to Jak Angelescu to teach guitar lessons and to Brooke Hollis to teach Scottish Country and Beginning Highland Dance with an 80/20 split as customary. Theresa Henson seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0.

There are 33 participants in the Tennis Classes. There are 28 youth and five adults, with one of the adults being 81 years old. A.W. Michael is the instructor. Sherri Branson-Hurt likes the tennis lessons being offered between softball/baseball and the fall sports.

Katie Noyd will put together the annual report and present it to the City Council in August and bring it back to the Parks and Recreation Board in August also.

Information for the fall adult and youth programs is available through the website, www.esparks.org, Facebook, or the Parks and Recreation Department. Information flyers were mailed out in the City of Excelsior Springs' water bill and also at the information stand at City Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Reorganization Committee met and will discuss their meeting in closed session due to personnel.

OLD BUSINESS

Katie Noyd will be asking for \$200,000.00 from the Capital Improvements Authority to finish the Highway 69 Walktrail. After the animal shelter is finished, Katie Noyd will be working with Chad Birdsong from the Public Works Department on the walk trail. Plans are to have the walk trail operational by June 2012.

Katie Noyd led a discussion regarding the Springtime Umpires Association. Steve Sellers suggested letting Springtime Umpires Association continue to operate as it has been doing and to take action on the situation in December.

Katie Noyd presented the slate of officers and board members of the Springtime Umpires Association. They are President: Theresa McNelly; Vice President: Amy Cohoon; Secretary: Roger Siegel; Treasurer: Bill Tuck; Boardmember: Doug Alberti.

John Lacy made the motion to accept the slate of officers and board members as presented. Zac Ganzer seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

The current committees were discussed. Katie Noyd would like to consolidate committees because of overlapping responsibilities and projects. Discussion included a project committee and a budget committee.

Committees and members are: **Recreation** – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Joyce Green, Jeff Duncan, Zac Ganzer; **Parks** – Theresa Henson, Susan McAuliffe, Keith Bowen; **Revenue** – Sharon Powell, Zac Ganzer, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Keith Bowen.

Registration and reservation software was discussed. Katie Noyd shared with the Board information on three companies. Katie Noyd has worked with ActiveNet and feels that that would be the best one for our Department.

John Lacy asked Katie for her recommendation and she recommends ActiveNet.

Joyce Green made the motion to purchase the ActiveNet for an initial cost of \$8,800.00 which includes the system and necessary hardware. Theresa Henson seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0.

There will a meeting between representatives of the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department and the Excelsior Springs Baseball/Softball Association. They will be discussing ways to possibly consolidate the leagues and bring players back to the town leagues. A major issue is that there has to be enough facilities to accommodate the recreation and competitive leagues. Once a meeting date is set, the Parks and Recreation Board will be notified so that they can attend the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Theresa Henson commented that parents of ball players were still driving down to the field at Lewis. John Lacy said that there is something in the works to combat this issue.

Theresa Henson commented on the Superior Well that is in East Valley Park. Steve Sellers said that there is an ongoing conversation with Ambrose Buckman, Pat Grass and the Historic Preservation Committee.

The brick of the Community Center hasn't cracked and that the floor doesn't show any signs of new shifting.

It was asked where the new Community Center stands. Sharon Powell replied that the steering committee has submitted the information to the City.

John Lacy made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo (3) personnel. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0.

Sherrí Branson-Hurt made the motion to come out of closed session. Theresa Henson seconded the motion, motion passed 8 – 0.

John Lacy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Zac Ganzer seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. Meeting adjourned.