

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2016

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held July 19, 2016 was called to order at 1901 hours by President Reggie St. John.

Roll call was taken with six members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Secretary – Christy Marker; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Jason Cole; Lynette Manley; Susan McAuliffe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jody Pasalich, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith,

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Brad Eales

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams, Director; Chad Clevenger, Parks Superintendent; Janet Morehead, Administrative Assistant – Office

VISITOR: Kevin Morgan, Photographer

Parks and Recreation Board President Reggie St. John called for the consideration of the agenda.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

The meeting then was paused to take pictures of the board in their super heroes t-shirts for Parks and Rec month. Kevin Morgan took the pictures and then he left.

Board meeting resumed at 1910 hours.

Approval of the June 21, 2016 Parks and Rec Board meeting minutes was postponed until August 2016. There was not a quorum present of the members that attended the June 21, 2016 meeting.

After questions were asked and answered about the financial report, Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the financial report dated June 30, 2016 and prepared July 6, 2016. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote

was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Susan McAuliffe informed Nate that there were some branches down in East Valley Park along Lovers Lane and Christy Marker said that Eddie Raper Park had downed limbs also.

The board brainstormed about activities for Parks and Rec month and how to encourage attendance for those activities that are not well attended, i.e., more incentives, fewer activities per week, etc. Also suggested was a Facebook ad.

Family Fun Night is this Friday, July 22, at Paul Craig Park at 6:30 p.m. The Bike Parade is this Saturday, July 23, at 9:00 a.m. in Siloam Mountain Park. Aquafun is Sunday, July 24 at Eddie Raper Park at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a picnic lunch and an ice cream social for the Seniors on Friday, July 29. This will bring Parks and Rec month to a close. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Revenue Committee will meet next Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. Revenue committee members are: Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, and Scott Smith. Reggie St. John is an ex-officio member of the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Liberty Sports Officials is ready to go with the fall sports. Tad Malone has had informational meetings with officials and interested people. There will be additional meetings to talk with more potential officials.

Parks and Recreation Month was reviewed in the Staff Report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Milwaukee Street sewer engineering spec costs from SKW have come back at approximately \$7,500. SKW and Chad Birdsong have discussed this project and it will be grouped in with the current sewer project. The grouping in was approved by the City attorney.

Future amenities for Century Park were discussed i.e., parking lot, restrooms, etc. Nate will work on costs, plans, and other necessary items.

Nate Williams discussed the fence at Eddie Raper Park. He would like to install a 72", black vinyl coated fence in Eddie Raper Park toward the west of the sports fields to help prevent the balls from going down the hill west of the fields. And install a fence between the fields to delineate the fields.

It would be the same type of black vinyl coated fence that is at the Piburn bleacher area.

Nate gave the Board two fence prices – 500' x 72" galvanized plus two 10' gates = \$4,234.00, delivered and 500' x 72" black vinyl coated plus two 10' gates = \$6,429.00, delivered. Discussion was held. Parks and Rec crew will install the fence.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the \$6,429.00 bid to purchase the black vinyl coated fence with two 10' gates, delivered for Eddie Raper Park. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

The shelters at East Valley are going to be revamped. The roofs will be replaced and will be raised to 10'. The truces will be reused on both the west shelter and the middle shelter. The east shelter will be taken down. Removing this shelter will open up the view of Fishing River and allow for a larger open space. This would be a fall/winter project and will be revisited next month.

For each shelter, it will cost approximately \$3,500 to raise the roof, set new posts in concrete, and reroof it.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Nate Williams update the Board on the park on Curtis Avenue. After the rains, it has been determined what areas need to be leveled out. The gravel area already there will be the foundation for the half-court basketball court. A 20' x 30' concrete will cost between \$1100 and \$1200. Nate has contacted one company about a basketball goal, bench, and a small play structure.

Nate Williams and Chad Clevenger would like to see the basketball court and bench installed this fall – possibly in September. Parks and Rec crew will pour the concrete.

Brad Eales suggested asking for donations of supplies or monies to help fund this project.

THANK YOU to Lynette Manley for the homemade buttermilk brownie and ice cream!!

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the July 19, 2016 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of

hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Lynette Manley,
Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John Nays – 0 Meeting
adjourned at 2045 hours.