

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2015

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held August 18, 2015 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Susan McAuliffe.

Roll call was taken with six board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan McAuliffe, President; Reggie St. John, Vice President; Treasurer; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Jason Cole; Jody Pasalich; Scott Smith

MEMBER ABSENT: Christy Marker

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

Susan McAuliffe called for the consideration of the agenda.

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands votes was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 1. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0 Abstained – 1 – Susan McAuliffe did not attend the July 21, 2015 Board meeting.

After questions were asked and answered, Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the financial reports dated July 31, 2015 – prepared August 3, 2015. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands votes was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Scott Smith made the motion to approve the year end budget amendments for FY 2014-2015. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Jason Cole made the motion to approve the FY 2015-2016 budget with the adjustment to the asset sale from \$5,000 to \$1,000. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Chad Clevenger talked about the safety fence installed at Sunnyside Park around the second gazebo.

An Eagle Scout candidate made and installed five bat houses through-out Eddie Raper Park, Piburn Ballfield, East Valley and on Siloam Mountain Park.

Corey Dennis, an Eagle Scout candidate, continued the identification and posting of signage of trees in Siloam Mountain Park.

Native grass seed and native plant seed has been sown on Siloam Mountain Park and on Linear Park Trail.

After ball season finished, the Budding Artist Club attendance has increased.

Youth registration for soccer, flag football and volleyball is going on.

Touch-a-Truck is scheduled for September 19. A youth soccer clinic, youth flag football clinic and the NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick contest is scheduled for September 12. A youth volleyball clinic is scheduled for September 14.

The Senior Center celebrated the conclusion of Senior Month with a hotdog dinner and ice cream.

Denise Bedford will be attending the Show Me Summit on Aging and Health at the Lodge of the Four Seasons on August 17-19. Denise will write a report for the September Board meeting.

Excelsior Springs was recognized as a designated “Playful City” at the City Council meeting last night. Thank you to all who helped make that possible.

Please stop by Get Fit Park and enjoy the play path trail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

OLD BUSINESS

Katie updated the Board on the Milwaukee Project. In the board packet is a preliminary

budget concept for this project.

The Department does not have to pay for City permits, the Department will have to have the permits but just not pay for them. The money allotted for the permits will be able to go back into this project's restroom account.

The labor costs on the preliminary cost estimate are between having the Parks and Rec employees building it and prevailing wage. Through Playful City there are grants available for play equipment.

FY 15/16 – first phase – sewer and water system – \$23,000 –\$30,000

FY 16/17 – second phase – driveway and parking lot, parking lot lights, and soccer field – \$43,000

FY 17/18 – third phase – restroom and playground

Jason Cole asked Chad Clevenger what the cost would be to maintain /mow this new park. Chad thought the cost would be comparable to what it takes to maintain Eddie Raper Park.

Chad Clevenger went on to say that if Parks and Rec were NOT responsible for mowing the airport land then that should free up enough time to maintain this new park.

Katie Noyd will talk to the interested parties and let them know that the Parks and Recreation Department will finish mowing this season but will not be mowing the airport next year.

Kim and Gary Sanson would like a verbal commitment on the Milwaukee Street park.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to verbally commit to pursue and complete the Milwaukee Street project and develop it into a park. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

NEW BUSINESS – none

OPEN DISCUSSION

Susan McAuliffe has Tables by Design on September 15 and will be unable to attend the Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Jason Cole made the motion to move the September Parks and Rec board meeting to

September 22, 2015. Jason rescinded his motion and Katie will email board members tomorrow with the date change.

Applications for the position of Parks and Recreation Director are due this Friday.

Katie Noyd asked Susan McAuliffe and Reggie St. John to sort through the applications and develop a list for phone interviews.

Katie informed the Board that she does not think the Department needs an Interim Director. If Denise Bedford, Beth Barbee, Janet Morehead and Chad Clevenger continue on in the way they are supposed to, then there should be no problems.

Katie Noyd extended the offer to the Board that if there are questions or concerns, please contact her.

Katie Noyd thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for their support and guidance over the past four years.

Susan McAuliffe stated that she and Reggie would narrow the applicants down to three or four applicants for the Board to interview.

The Parks and Recreation Board thanked Katie Noyd for her service and wished her well in her new endeavors.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands votes was taken. Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John
Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

