

# **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held September 16, 2014 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Reggie St. John.

Roll call was taken with six board members present.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Susan McAuliffe, Theresa Henson

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** absent

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

**VISITORS:** None

Reggie St. John asked for consideration of the agenda.

Christy Marker made the motion to approve the agenda as received. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A voice vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Scott Smith made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

The financial report was discussed. Katie told the Board that the FY 14-15 budget was approved by the City Council last night with no cost of living increases or raises.

Overall the FY13-14 budget is okay. Bigger ticket items are the maintenance on the mowers, ADA mulch and timbers in September. The National Recreation and Parks Association membership dues were paid by VISA.

Dennis Lollar made the motion to approve the financial report dated August 31, 2014 and prepared on September 3, 2014. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 6 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Crew continues to mow.

The mulch trail at Eddie Raper Park is finished. It is .6 miles long. Crew is working on a maintenance road at that park now.

The Regent Park parking lot has new gravel and the fence at Sunnyside has been repaired.

Kansas City Wildlands and Missouri Master Naturalists will be coming to Excelsior Springs on October 2 to remove/spray the winter creeper in Isley Park Woods.

A youth soccer clinic, youth flag football clinic and the Punt, Pass and Kick competition were held.

The Budding Artist Club is going good.

Touch-a-Truck will be held on September 20, 2014 at the PAC parking lot. It is as it implies – where kids can touch, climb on and ask questions about the different vehicles that the City of Excelsior Springs has along with vehicles from the private sector.

Registration is going on for Start Smart Basketball.

Women's volleyball, adult coed softball games are being played and exercise classes and senior exercise classes are being held.

The Department will be participating in the Downtown Excelsior Partnership Trick or Treat on Halloween.

On Saturday, November 1, the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Zombie 5K Walk /Run beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Hall of Waters with registration starting at 8:00 a.m. The race will be downtown on roads and trails.

Saturday, November 1, at noon until 4 p.m. the Department will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Senior Center. People can register for an appointment.

Saturday, November 1, the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Foundation will

partner with the Excelsior Springs Museum and host a Trivia Night at the Montgomery Event Center. Doors open at 6:30 with Trivia starting at 7:00 p.m.

Denise attended the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging – The Show Me Summit.

Clay County Senior Services celebrated ten years of serving older adults in Clay County on September 3 with our Senior Center. A celebratory cake was shared with all attendees. Thank you to those that were able to attend.

Katie reminded all about the 5K, blood drive and Trivia night.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Katie plans to have the Parks Committee meet directly before the October board meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Katie gave an update on the new community center. Discussions on design of the exercise room and exercise equipment were held. Christy Marker asked about ADA equipment. Katie will meet with Christy and discuss some options.

Katie bid out the construction of the Joy Street boardwalk. One bid was returned and it was way over the allotted amount. The boardwalk project will be on hold until the Construction Crew is able to work on it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Parks and Recreation Foundation is funding a tree identification program for targeted trees along Fishing River and at Century Park.

On October 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Foundation members and volunteers will be meeting at Piburn Field parking lot to install these identification signs. Installation will include digging the holes, setting the posts in concrete, and then filling up the hole and smoothing the dirt out.

November 1 is Trivia Night with the Museum at the Montgomery Event Center,

The Parks and Recreation Foundation is selling BobKorn popcorn until November 13 as a moneymaking project. It will be delivered the first week of December.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Sherry Branson-Hurt asked about Halloween. The Department will take part in the DEP

trick or treating on Halloween from 4 – 6 p.m. We will possibly move to Broadway Street to be available to more trick-or-treaters.

Beth Barbee has started working on the 2015 Parks and Rec calendar.

Katie let everyone know that the Christmas Committee needs members and volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for Touch a Truck on September 20 from about 9:30 until 11:30.

Scott Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 6 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.