

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held September 25, 2012 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Sharon Powell.

Roll call was taken with 8 board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Powell, President; Reggie St. John, Vice President; Susan McAuliffe, Secretary; Keith Bowen, Treasure; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Theresa Henson; Dennis Lollar; Christy Marker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zac Ganzer

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

Sharon Powell asked for consideration of the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda.

Christy Marker made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2012 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Keith Bowen, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Sharon Powell, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Katie Noyd reviewed the August 31, 2012 financial report. Ending balance on August 31, 2012 is \$502,545. September 30, 2012 will end fiscal year 2011 – 2012.

Items lost in the fire are being replaced as needed. The invoices are being labeled as fire replacements and the Department will get those monies back.

After questions were asked and answered, Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the expenditures as received in the August 31, 2012 Financial Report. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – 0 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Keith Bowen, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Sharon Powell, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Steve Porter briefed the Board on his staff report. Asphalt has been laid down at Siloam Mountain Park. The edges will be backfilled. Backfilling is still being done along the trails throughout town. The dirt that is being used is on hand.

The Christmas Committee has asked for reflective paint/strips for the street in East Valley Park. The street is difficult to see when the car lights are turned off and there are some ditches along the road.

Katie Noyd informed the Board that youth flag football, youth fall soccer and youth fall volleyball started their games on September 22.

The Parks and Recreation Department is teaming up with Westfall-O'Dell Chevrolet to offer the Chevy Youth Soccer Program. There is a free clinic for soccer players to attend, giveaways, and a cash donation to the Department.

The Parks and Recreation Department is participating in the Michelin Soccer Program sponsored by Beacon Tire. Each soccer player receives a free soccer ball. For every tire that is sold, money will be donated to the Department.

The women's volleyball and the coed softball is going good. Exercise classes are being held at both the Hall of Waters and the Community Center.

The upstairs might be ready to move into by the end of October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee meetings were set.

PARKS – October 3, Wednesday – 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Keith Bowen, Theresa Henson, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe

RECREATION – October 22, Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Sherrri Branson-Hurt, Zac Ganzer, Sharon Powell, Reggie St. John

REVENUE – October 23, Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.

Keith Bowen, Zac Ganzer, Dennis Lollar, Sharon Powell

OLD BUSINESS

Katie Noyd gave updates on the following projects:

The Highway 69 Walk Trail preconstruction meeting will be 9:00 a.m. on Monday October 1, 2012 at Public Works in the conference room.

Katie Noyd wants to survey a park a year. She would like approval from the Board to continue this.

Reggie St. John made the motion to continue with the park surveys with the cost not to exceed \$5,000. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – 0 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Keith Bowen, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Sharon Powell, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Katie Noyd shared pictures of Powell Lake dam at Century Park. There has been erosion of the banks and dam. The maintenance crew has placed riprap in the eroded areas to help control dirt movement. They will continue to place riprap in places as needed. Bentonite has been placed in the soft and weak areas on the dam.

Theresa Henson suggested using plants to help stabilize the soil and to help with erosion. The grass carp has helped in cleaning up the moss in Powell Lake.

NEW BUSINESS

Katie Noyd shared the bids that were received by the Department for the sandblasting and painting of Siloam Mountain Gazebo #1 and Sunnyside Park Gazebo #1.

Christy Marker made the motion to approve the bid of B and D Sandblasting and Painting Industries of \$7750.00 for sandblasting and painting Siloam Mountain Gazebo #1 and Sunnyside Park Gazebo #1. Theresa Henson seconded the motion, motion passed 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – 0 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Keith Bowen, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Sharon Powell, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Katie thanked the Board and said that the Siloam Mountain gazebo would be done first and the Sunnyside Park gazebo would be second because there is a bird control issue.

Katie would like for the Board to think about the possibility in the future of a park ranger. That person would be responsible for opening up gazebos, reservation signs on the weekend, etc.

The playground areas in the parks require more mulch to keep them safe. After the installation of the borders, it is very noticeable that more mulch is needed.

Katie received three bids for ADA mulch: Athco - \$20.74 per cubic yard; Fry & Associates - \$22.06 per cubic yard; Playpower - \$23.35 per cubic yard.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the \$20.74 per cubic yard for ADA mulch from Athco. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – 0 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Keith Bowen, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Sharon Powell, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Katie would like for the Board to think about a solid surface under the swings. The mulch gets kicked out from under the swings when the swingers drag their feet. It is raked back in and then is kicked out again.

OPEN DISCUSSION

When asked how the drain at Paul Craig Park is working, Steve Porter replied that it is working well. He said that drain tubes with socks (a cloth that fits over the tube) were installed and the drain works on the same idea as laterals do. It seems to be doing the job so that there is no standing water after it quits raining.

Susan McAuliffe likes the park benches on Garland.

Theresa Henson mentioned that ground cover – live plants – to control erosion is needed on the south edge of Siloam Mountain Park by Garland Ave.

Theresa also asked when the rock wall Sunnyside would be repaired. This is the old picnic area with the rock wall around it. Katie replied that it would be left up to the Parks Committee to decide when it would be repaired.

There being no further discussion, Susan McAuliffe made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – 0 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Keith Bowen, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Sharon Powell, Reggie St. John Nays – 0