

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2014

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held October 20, 2014 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Susan McAuliffe.

Roll call was taken with eight board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan McAuliffe, President; Reggie St. John, Vice President; Dennis Lollar, Treasurer; Jason Cole; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Theresa Henson; Jody Pasalich; Scott Smith Christy Marker arrived at 7:28 from a meeting.

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

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

VISITORS: None

Thank you to Sherri Branson-Hurt for the fantastic food!

Katie Noyd introduced Jason Cole who was appointed as the new Parks and Recreation board member. Katie took Jason on a tour of the parks system on Friday.

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A voice vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 3. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0 Abstaining: Theresa Henson and Susan McAuliffe did not attend the September meeting and Jason Cole is a new board member

The financial report was discussed. There was nothing out of the ordinary on the

financial report.

Scott Smith made the motion to approve the financial report dated September 30, 2014 and prepared October 6, 2014. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 8 Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

KC Wetland and the Missouri Master Naturalists had to reschedule for the winter creeper removal because of the weather.

Tree identification signs were installed along Fishing River by volunteers and the Job Corp ROTC.

Signs will be installed at Century Park next Wednesday with student volunteers from the High School.

Adult sports continue.

The Budding Artist classes are going well.

November 1 is the Zombie Run, blood drive, and the Parks and Recreation Foundation Trivia Night with the Museum at the Montgomery Event Center. Katie has fliers for the blood drive for board members to take and distribute.

The attendance at the Senior Center is increasing after the Senior events in July, the Active Aging Week and the UMKC Health Fair.

Katie talked about the committees – Recreation, Park and Revenue. Recreation committee members are Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Scott Smith; Parks – Jody Pasalich, Theresa Henson, Christy Marker; Revenue – Dennis Lollar, Reggie St John, Jody Pasalich. Susan McAuliffe will be an ex-officio member to all committees.

The Recreation Committee will meet before the board meeting next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Katie updated the Board on the progress of the Community Center. She distributed a project schedule.

Katie discussed the Joy St. Board Walk project. The funds that are allocated to the board walk project are available for that project. The Capital Improvements Authority allocated

funds to the sewer project and there is no additional funding for the board walk. The bid from Public Works for the Construction Crew to finish that project is \$8,000 more than Katie allowed for the project. Katie would like to reallocate the monies budgeted to replace the windows in the exercise room. The parks fund would cover other expenses such as additional concrete, etc.

Discussion was held.

Theresa Henson made the motion to transfer \$8,000 from the monies budgeted for new windows for the exercise room to the Joy Street Boardwalk project for labor and equipment for Construction Services to complete this project. Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 8 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Christy Marker arrived at 7:28 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The big, old cottonwood tree by Piburn Field along the Fishing River Linear Trail needs to be removed. It continues to lose branches.

Three bids were received: Picture Perfect Tree Care - \$5,000; Kenny's Tree Service - \$5,000; and Walker Tree Services - \$13,865. Discussion was held. The company chosen will contact the utilities, remove the tree and clean up.

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the \$5,000 bid from Picture Perfect Tree to remove the cottonwood tree by Piburn Field along the Fishing River Linear Trail. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A voice vote was taken. Ayes – 9 Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Katie received recommendations from the maintenance crew to replace the 2009 John Deere 1445 mower. It has had numerous maintenance issues.

Katie is requesting the board approve the lease of a Toro Groundsmaster 360 Quad-Steer from Professional Turf Products for three years for \$23,308.44 or a yearly payment not to exceed \$7,769.48.

Discussion was held surrounding the amount of hours allocated for per year for the lease. Katie will find out the hours allowed and let the Board know.

Christy Marker made the motion to lease a Toro Groundsmaster 360 Quad-Steer mower

from Professional Turf Products for three years for a yearly payment not to exceed \$7,769.48 contingent upon the amount of hours that are allotted per year. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 9 Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Sunshine Law information was shared with the board members. If you have questions, please contact Katie with them.

The mulch trail at Eddie Raper begins and ends at the parking lot. A name for the natural mulch trail at Eddie Raper Park was discussed. Signage will be installed with length of trail, map, etc.

Suggested names are: Peaceful Path, Traverse Path, Trackers Trail, Quail Run, Woodland Crossing, Tranquility Trail, Curiosity Course, Wild Woody Trail, Wandering Way, Wandering Trail, Wilderness Trails and Fox Crossing.

A vote was taken between Wandering Path, Fox Crossing, and Quail Run. Wandering Path received 4 votes, Fox Crossing received 5 votes and Quail Run no votes.

The mulch trail at Eddie Raper Park is officially named Fox Crossing.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Theresa Henson would like to set in motion plans to build public restrooms in the larger parks. Katie said that 2015-2016 Capital Improvements plan includes improvements to Century Park. Additional parks (Sunnyside) may follow.

Katie informed the Board that the water line at the middle shelter in East Valley Park will be moved closer to the trail and an ADA drinking water fountain with a pet bowl and spigot will be installed.

Theresa Henson made the motion to close the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo. (2) Real Estate and (3) Personnel and to take a short recess. Dennis Lollar seconded the motion, motion passed. A show of hands vote was taken. Ayes – 9 Jason Cole, Theresa Henson, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned to recess and closed session at 8:18 p.m.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to come out of closed session. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A voice vote was taken. Ayes – 9 Jason Cole, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Reggie St. John made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A voice vote was taken. Ayes – 9 Jason Cole, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Theresa Henson, Dennis Lollar, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John, Scott Smith Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.