

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 28, 2017**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held March 28, 2017 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1800 hours.

Roll call was taken with five members present. Susan McAuliffe and Scott Smith arrived at 1802 hours. There are now seven board members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President – Reggie St. John; Secretary – Christy Marker; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Lynette Manley, Jody Pasalich  
Susan McAuliffe and Scott Smith arrived at 1802 hours

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Cole, Jake Simmons

**VISITORS:** none

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Brad Eales

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

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

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jody Pasalich seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John  
Nays – 0

Christy Marker made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John  
Nays – 0

Reggie St. John asked Nate Williams if there were any concerns with the financial report.

Susan McAuliffe and Scott Smith arrived at 1802 hours.

Nate mentioned that a portion of the East Valley Park's middle shelter renovation expenses are in this report, including some of the lumber, concrete, and hardware. The renovation cost a little more than \$8,000.

Chad Clevenger said that \$3,500 had been budgeted for lumber and materials and \$3,900 was spent for the lumber and materials. When the shelter was being taken down, issues with the asphalt and concrete were found. Asphalt and concrete replacement expenses had not been budgeted but needed to be replaced because the concrete pad for the shelter was lower than the asphalt surrounding the shelter thereby holding water in the base of the shelter. The concrete was poured higher and the asphalt has been tapered away from the concrete base.

Susan McAuliffe said that the shelter looks really good!

After other questions were asked and answered about the financial report, Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the financial report dated February 28, 2017 and prepared March 6 and 7, 2017. Lynette Manley seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John  
Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORTS**

There were no questions on the staff report in the Board packet.

Sherri Branson-Hurt asked how long Sunnyside Park would be closed for renovation. Nate replied that only the playground area is closed. Plans are to have it back open before school lets out for summer.

The Department is still looking for park rangers. May is covered and applicants must be over the age of 18.

The April 25, 2017 Board meeting will have to be over before 7 p.m. or the meeting will have to be held somewhere else. There is an exercise class in the community room and there are classes booked in both party rooms at 7:00 p.m.

Consensus was to have the meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the party room and be done before 7:00p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the Community Center for a movie night series, health initiatives, Egg Hunt along with Talented Tots; partnering with

Downtown Excelsior Partnership (DEP), Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Rotary Club, and other City Departments for Earth Day, Stream Clean Up, and Community Wide Clean Up.

The Senior Center, Mid America Regional Council (MARC) and Community Center are working together to offer a salad bar for the seniors for lunch. Details are being worked out. MARC will have three trial salad bars – Excelsior Springs, Blue Springs, and Harrisonville.

The Community Center is also thinking about purchasing a grill to be used for their programs and the Senior Center also.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Earth Day is April 22. There are plans to have a large community wide event to include earth day, stream cleanup, and community wide cleanup. Working together, Downtown Excelsior Partnership (DEP) and the Parks and Recreation Department will be heading this project. Other groups involved are Rotary, Boy and Girl Scouts, Excelsior Spring School District, Parks and Rec Foundation, individuals, etc. Volunteers are welcome! There will be more information available as plans are finalized.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nate Williams included a “Concerns, Questions and Comments” sheet in this board packet regarding Eddie Raper Park and the proposed dog park. He has also looked at turning the Rainbow Swim Club facility into a dog park. Restrooms, chain link fence, and parking areas are there already. The pool area would need to be filled and seeded. There is a tree line buffer to the north.

Nate Williams updated the Board on the Website proposal from Morgansites!com. Nate met again with Kevin and Sonya Morgan and shared information about the meeting.

After discussion, the general consensus of the Board is to accept the proposal that morgansites!com resubmitted and Nate will have control of the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Let’s Flamingle, the Piccadilly, held March 25, was a success! And it seems that all had a good time. Themes are already being discussed for next year’s Piccadilly! \$8,000 was raised by the Foundation last year for the splash park and the Foundation hopes that the amount raised this year will be substantially higher.

The Foundation added a new competition between the waiters. The waiter that collected the most tips (which would in turn be donated to the Foundation) would win a nice prize.

Competition was fierce. And at the end of the evening \$1700 (total) of tips were turned in and Gary Sanson won a nail gun!

Scott Smith left at 6:58.

The Sunnyside Park renovation project was previously discussed.

Nate included fliers in your board packet for upcoming events, i.e. sports deadlines, Egg Hunt, Art and Storytime in the Park, etc.

**OPEN DISCUSSION** - none

Susan McAuliffe 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, Lynette Manley, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jody Pasalich, Reggie St. John  
Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 1904 hours.