EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 22, 2017

THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held August 22, 2017 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1806 hours.

Roll call was taken with 7 board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Vice President – Scott Smith; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Patrick Halfhill; Don Ledford; Christy Marker; Susan McAuliffe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynette Manley, Jake Simmons

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

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

VISITORS: none

President Reggie St. John called for the consideration of the agenda.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Don Ledford seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes -7 - 3 Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays -0

Approval of the July 25, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board minutes was tabled due to no quorum present that attended the July 25, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

After questions were asked and answered about the Financial Report, Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the Financial Report dated July 31, 2017 and prepared August 7, 2017. Don Ledford seconded the motion, motion passed, 7-0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes -7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

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Discussion was held on the proposed 2017-2018 FY Budget. After questions were asked and answered, Don Ledford made the motion to approve the proposed 2017-2018 FY Budget as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 - 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes -7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

What would you do with a ramp that you stole from the skate park? was the question that was asked at the Board meeting. The theft was recorded but you cannot see the faces of the thieves. Midwest Public Risk has posters that can be posted regarding theft and vandalism.

Crew is still mowing around the rains and thanks to the rains the grass is growing.

Nate distributed three handouts: Touch-a-Truck is Saturday, September 16, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Excelsior Springs High School parking lot; Ultimate Frisbee will be introduced on September 16 at 2:00 pm at the field behind the Community Center; the 2017 Zombie 5K Walk/Run will be October 21 with check in at noon and start time at 1:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Revenue Committee – Patrick Halfhill, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith and Reggie St. John as ex officio member – met on August 15, 2017. Nate Williams and Chad Clevenger were also in attendance. The 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 budgets were discussed. The Revenue Committee worked on the 2017-2018 FY Budget that was presented earlier.

Nate handed out an informational list that included names, addresses, phone numbers and committee.

OLD BUSINESS

AquaFun had the highest attendance of the Parks and Rec Month activities. There were four families that tried to attend all the activities. The activities will be evaluated and other Parks and Rec Department activities will be looked at to see what could be borrowed.

Sherri Branson-Hurt has offered her services to help plan activities for next year's Park and Rec month.

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams updated the Board on the Community Challenge. There are 44 participants between the Community Center and Parks and Recreation, which is one team. Nate Williams and Andrew Morris are breaking the participants into teams and activities. Businesses are already asking to be included for next year's event.

Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation new website is opening September 1, 2017. Nate talked about it and shared a handout on it.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sherri Branson-Hurt felt that the Excelsior Springs community put their best foot forward in the past few days with BBQ on the River and the Total Eclipse events and visitors. Good job Excelsior Springs!

Susan McAuliffe announced that her dad broke his femur while participating in a Senior Olympics Event activity in southern Missouri but Susan had sent him an Excelsior Springs Eclipse t-shirt so that he did not miss out on everything.

Patrick Halfhill asked about the aroma in East Valley Park. Nate is working with the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) division. They are on the second step of forms.

Lyndsey Baxter, Downtown Excelsior Partners (DEP), contacted Nate Williams to tell him that the Parks and Recreation Department is a semi-finalist in two Downtown Revitalization Awards - Best Downtown Beautification Project for Jim E Piburn Field Redevelopment and Premier Partner Award. The awards dinner is September 21.

Thank you to Sherri Branson-Hurt for the delicious food and dessert!!

Reminder: The Parks and Rec board meeting will be held the third Tuesday, September 19, because Nate will be attending the National Recreation and Parks Conference during the fourth Tuesday. This meeting is scheduled to be in a park. The Department will buy the dogs and buns.

Christy Marker made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes -7 - Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John Nays -0

Meeting adjourned at 1925 hours.

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