MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD
Friday, January 13, 2012, at 8:30 a.m.
Park Board Administrative Offices, 1923 N Weller, Springfield, Missouri

I. ROLL CALL

Jerry Clark called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Members Present: Jerry Clark, Chair, Matt Bailey, Paula Glossip, Bob Horton, Sidney Needem, John Price, Tim Shryack

Members Absent: Howard Garrett, Andrea McKinney

Park Board Staff: Bob Belote, Jeff Cumley, Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Karen Herron, Anne-Mary McGrath, Jerry Mitchell, Tom Moore, Miles Park, Susan Provance, Kim Reser, Terry Whaley, Lana Woolsey

Guests: Marisa DeClue, Allan McKelvy, Jennifer Yanders—Developmental Center of the Ozarks

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bob Horton made the motion to approve the minutes below as a group; seconded by Ms. Paula Glossip. Minutes were approved unanimously.

December 9, 2011	Park Board Meeting
December 14, 2011	Fees and Charges Joint Meeting

III. TURKEY TROT PRESENTATION WITH DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER OF THE OZARKS

Ms. Kim Reser, Assistant Director, stated that this year's event had 8,036 registered participants, which is the largest Turkey Trot event to date. Ms. Reser introduced the Park Board Staff and the Developmental Center of the Ozarks (DCO) staff that were instrumental in the success of the event. Ms. Jerry Clark, Park Board Chair, presented a check in the amount of $28,632.15 to DCO, which represents 50 percent of the proceeds from the Turkey Trot event. The remaining 50 percent of the proceeds goes to the Park Board's scholarship fund. Also, 7,734 pounds of food were donated to the Ozarks Food Harvest through the 2012 event.

IV. STRATEGIC PLAN—RECREATION CHAPTER REVISIONS

Ms. Clark stated that she appreciated the Park Board's input and revisions at the Special Workshop held in November. She also stated her appreciation of the City Manager's office and the Strategic Planning Committee allowing our department extra time to complete the document during our transition. The Strategic Plan will be a working document and a map to guide us through our decision making process.

Mr. Belote stated that part of the Strategic Plan will be to revisit the community to gain additional feedback. We will be talking with park patrons at events, programs, and other opportunities to better listen to our constituents. Board members are welcome to assist Staff in this process. Our goal is to incorporate citizen's input on how we plan for future programming and facilities, and then, make updates to our chapter of the Strategic Plan. Ms. Woolsey incorporated the Administration and Park Board member comments both written and verbal into the updated

Strategic Plan. Ms. Paula Glossip made the motion to accept the Strategic Plan as presented with one minor change to remove a duplicate paragraph discussed in the meeting; seconded by Mr. Tim Shryack. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bob Horton suggested that Park Administration continue to have discussions with other groups/departments to make sure that their goals that have implications to Parks remain achievable. Mr. Belote stated that since the Strategic Plan is a working document, Administration will address the importance of each goal and evaluate new projects and the maintenance of the current park system by reviewing what resources are currently and potentially available in the future.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee The Finance, Recreation, and Golf Committees recently held a joint meeting to review fees and charges. The Administration stated that there were no real increases to current fees to keep programs affordable. All proposed changes were new program fees or changes made to existing programs for clarification. The Board was comfortable that the fees and charges are user friendly for the community and will help continue participation. Ms. Clark noted that several fees and charges were first listed in 2001 and show no changes or updates since the fees' inception.

Mr. Belote mentioned that as we bring new programs on board such as the Dan Kinney Family Center and the Doling Aquatics Center, we will begin providing a reportable fee summary sheet that outlines the direct and indirect costs for the program/activity which help us to determine the cost of any program/activity. We hope to begin working on developing this information for our current programs/activities, as well, but it will take some time. Ms. Paula Glossip made a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval to the Park Board to accept the proposed Fees and Charges for FY2012-2013 Park Board Budget as outlined in the document provided; seconded by Mr. Bob Horton. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Belote introduced Ms. Jenny Fillmer Edwards as Parks new Public Information Administrator replacing Bob Nelson. Ms. Edwards will begin her new position on January 23.

Mr. Jeff Cumley, Jordan Valley Park Manager Mr. Cumley stated that they are patiently waiting for the completion of the Jordan Valley Maintenance Building. The dedication of the building is planned for February 10, 2012, at 10:30 am, following the Park Board meeting. The First Night event in Jordan Valley Park had record attendance at all the events. Mr. Belote mentioned that Mr. Cumley recently passed the Certified Park and Recreation Professional exam.

Mr. Tom Moore, Superintendent of Special Facilities With the help of great weather, the Christmas at the Farm event was successful. Mr. Moore provided an update on routine repair and maintenance activities at Lake Springfield, Valley Water Mill Equestrian Center, and Lost Hill.

Ms. Kim Reser, Assistant Director Ms. Reser stated that Lake County Soccer has a record number, 219 registered league teams, for the upcoming soccer season. Ms. Reser reported that in 2011 the Park Board awarded over $32,000 in scholarships for various recreation programs. These scholarship dollars were awarded to 1,068 individuals, which is up over 300 people from last year. Ms. Clark reminded everyone that anyone can make a donation in honor of a birthday or special occasion through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks any time of the year.

Mr. Miles Park, Assistant Director Mr. Park stated that his Staff inspected 40 playgrounds in December as part of their routine maintenance schedule. Crews are preparing the fields for softball practices which begin as early as next week. Mr. Park mentioned that Ms. Fran Giglio recently donated 15 trees to be planted in Phelps Grove Park. We appreciate Ms. Giglio's generosity over the past several years. Mr. Park provided an update on several construction projects. Mr. Park stated that Mr. Harry Mathias, who has worked in Operations for over 38 years, is retiring today. Mr. Mathias worked in nearly every Park as a Caretaker throughout the years. He will be missed in the Operations Division.

Mr. Bob Belote, Interim Director Mr. Belote shared a list of groundbreakings and grand openings tentatively planned for 2012. The budget process continues as Administration is currently reviewing division proposals for staffing and equipment requests. The Board will have a special workshop on Wednesday, February 1 at 4:30 pm to review the proposed FY2012-2013 Park Board Budget document.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Clark stated that the Park Board has several blue ribbons listed in the Community Focus Report. The red ribbons include securing more green space, improving economic conditions, and reducing obesity in the community. The Community Focus Report is used as a tool, similar to the Strategic Planning document, to assist in our decision making process.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Sidney Needem made the motion to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session; seconded by Mr. Tim Shryack. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:35 a.m.