MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD
Friday, November 9, 2018
Park Operations Building on the Administrative Campus, 1923 N. Weller, Springfield, Missouri.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Carol Gerdes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.

Members Present: Scott Bailes, Randy Blackwood, Mike Chiles, Carolyn Gerdes, Dee King, Cynthia Lipscomb, Tammy Mast, Sidney Needem

Members Absent: Michele Risdal-Barnes

Park Board Staff Present: Bob Belote, Jon Carney, Matt Coats, Mike Crocker, Jeff Cumley, Kevin Holle, Anne-Mary McGrath, Karen Mellinger, Miles Park, Kim Reser, Diana Tyndall, Lana Woolsey

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sidney Needem made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2018, Park Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Scott Bailes. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Scott Bailes made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2018, Closed Session meeting; seconded by Ms. Tammy Mast. Motion passed unanimously.

III. TOUR OF PARKS FACILITIES

Mr. Bob Belote, Director of Parks, introduced and welcomed Ms. Cynthia Lipscomb, our new Park Board member. An informational sheet regarding Ms. Lipscomb's professional background was also included in the members' packets. Mr. Belote thanked everyone for joining us for a tour of park facilities in lieu of a typical Park Board Meeting this month. The park sites that were selected to showcase include park locations in need of improvements or to highlight recent completed projects such as the HUD and Neighborhood Works funded park and playground improvements. Visiting some of the park sites where improvements are desired will also help in the process of preparing the 2019-2020 budget proposal.

The Bus Tour included the following park sites and a brief history of the park was discussed:

Silver Springs Park, Smith Park, Cooper Park, Glenwood Park, Valley Water Mill Park and Equestrian Center, Bill and Payne Stewart Golf Course, Tom Watkins Park, Dickerson Park Zoo, Grant Beach Park, Nichols Park, Cruse Dog Park, Ewing Park, Springfield-Greene County Botanical Gardens, Horton Smith Golf Course, Sanford Park, Cowden School-Park, McDaniel Park, Meador Park, Sequiota Park, Dan Kinney Park, Phelps Grove Park, and Fassnight Park.

Due to time constraints, not all proposed park sites were visited, but the Board members agreed that the tour was an educational way to review the park system. Additionally, the Board agreed that another tour should be scheduled for the spring.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair did not have a report.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

VII. CALENDAR

a. Parks Employee Holiday Luncheon: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 11:00 am, at Northview Center.
b. Park Board Meeting: Friday, December 14, 2018, 8:30 am, at the Park Board Administrative Offices.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Randy Blackwood made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Sidney Needem. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.