**MINUTES**
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**
**SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD**
**Friday, November 13, 2020**
**Meeting conducted virtually via WebEx teleconferencing**

## I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sidney Needem, Vice Chair, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

**Members Present:** Scott Bailes, Randy Blackwood, Mike Chiles, Curtis Jared, Tammy Mast, Sidney Needem, Heather Noggle

**Members Absent:** Carolyn Gerdes

**Park Board Staff Present:** Bob Belote, Jon Carney, Tim Carpenter, Matt Coats, Mike Crocker, Jeff Cumley, Jenny Filmer Edwards, Jim Fisher, Anne-Mary McGrath, Karen Mellinger, Jerry Mitchell, Miles Park, Kim Reser, Jeff Smith, Diana Tyndall, Lana Woolsey

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Scott Bailes made a motion to approve the October 9, 2020, Park Board Meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Heather Noggle. Motion was approved unanimously.

## III. SMITH PARK/EVANGEL UNIVERSITY PROPERTY TRANSFER

Mr. Miles Park stated that we were recently contacted by the City's Right of Way Agent, Paul Blees, about a proposed land swap between Evangel University and the City of Springfield. Evangel is seeking to permanently expand its ballfield and is requesting ownership of a small portion of Smith Park. Parks has informally allowed Evangel to utilize this space for ballfield improvements since 2006. The portion of Smith Park property that would be provided to Evangel if approved by the Park Board and City Council is approximately 6,546 square feet just east of the existing fence and part of Evangel's baseball field. Parks will not lose any useable portion of its Smith Park space. In exchange for Park's transfer of this property, Evangel will give the City additional right-of-way needed for completion of the City's roadway improvements along Division Street and at the intersection of Division and Glenstone. The City plans to install a sanitary sewer system, along with widening the intersection. The right-of-way to be granted to the City by Evangel, including the portion of Smith Park property to be provided and the additional ROW, includes a temporary construction easement for completion of the project. Documents highlighting the land swap were included in the Board member's packets for review and discussion.

A formal Park Board Resolution to approve the transfer of a portion of Smith Park to Evangel University was also discussed. Parks staff recommends approval of this land transfer. If approved by the Park Board, the proposal will be taken to the City's Planning and Zoning Committee, and then, to City Council for approval. Ms. Heather Noggle made a motion to approve the resolution, which includes proceeding with the property transfer and authorizes the execution of the QuitClaim deed; seconded by Mr. Mike Chiles. Motion was approved unanimously.

**IV. CAPRA ACCREDITAION RENEWAL – DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES ADOPTION**

Mr. Jim Fisher, Assistant Director, briefly reviewed the CAPRA accreditation process that was discussed with the Board last month. There are two new policies that are required by CAPRA as part of our accreditation renewal. Mr. Fisher briefly provided an overview of both the Concussion Policy and Social Media Policy, which were included in the Board member's packets for review. Mr. Sidney Needem, Vice Chair, requested adoption of the Concucssion Policy, and all Board members were in favor of the new policy. Mr. Sidney Needem, Vice Chair, requested adoption of the Social Media Policy, and all board members were in favor of that new policy, as well.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORT**

**a. Nominating Committee Update** Mr. Belote stated that we recently finished interviewing prospective candidates for the two City representative openings. We were very fortunate with the number of qualified candidates interested in serving on the Park Board. The Nominating Committee has forwarded the names of the two selected candidates to the City Manager for approval. Upon the City Manager's approval, the candidate names will be forwarded to City Council for approval in two readings. Mr. Belote thanked the Nominating Committee members, Carolyn Gerdes, Randy Blackwood, and Tammy Mast, for their dedicated work in reviewing and interviewing the various candidates.

**VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Belote mentioned that we would forgo the Divisional Reports today, but our Management Team's written reports were included in Board member's packets for their review. Mr. Belote shared a few highlights from the reports. Mr. Belote stated that the City's financial position and our overall Parks budget are proving to be better than original predictions when the pandemic began.

Mr. Belote provided the latest program updates and event offerings during the pandemic. Programming opportunities are strictly reviewed to maintain a high level of safety for the participants and our staff. We are hosting the MSHSAA Soccer Championships on November 20-21 at the Greenwood Championship Field in Cooper Park. Gardens Aglow will open for a second season on Thanksgiving weekend in the Mizumoto Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

Anne-Mary McGrath, Superintendent of Recreation, stated that the 26th annual Turkey Trot is being offered virtually. Ozark Mountain Ridge Runners provided links to various race routes throughout the city or a participant can choose their own 5K route. Participants can post their running times from Thanksgiving morning to Sunday via a downloaded app. We encourage everyone to post pictures of their Turkey Trot run and prizes will be awarded for best costumes. The registration deadline is Friday, November 20. Packet pick up will be a drive-thru process at Killian Complex in the parking lot. Proceeds from the event benefit Developmental Center of the Ozarks and the Park Board Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund. We will also collect nonperishable items for Ozarks Food Harvest. Food barrels were also placed in ten different Park Board facilities.

Mr. Belote stated that we are working through some additional mechanical issues on the chiller at Jordan Valley Ice Park. We have one sheet of ice available and are working to get the second sheet up and running. The Dickerson Park Zoo is running a contest to name the three baby cheetahs, with the proceeds of the money raised benefiting the Zoo Hospital.

## VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair did not have a report

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

## X. CALENDAR

The next meeting of the Park Board is Friday, December 11, 2020. Time and location will be determined.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Heather Noggle made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session; seconded by Mr. Scott Bailes. Motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.