

MINUTES
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD
Friday, February 9, 2024
Lake Springfield Boathouse, 2312 Lake Springfield Park Road, Springfield, Missouri, and
Virtually via Microsoft Teams Teleconferencing

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Randy Blackwood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Park Board Members Present: Randy Blackwood, Don Chenevert, Jr., Ann Compton (via Teams), Mark McNay, Dr. Dianna Parker, Royce Reding, Susie Turner

Park Board Members Absent: Leslie Carrier, Curtis Jared

Park Board Staff Present: Jon Carney, Tim Carpenter, Matt Coats, Jenny Edwards, Jim Fisher, Tim McCrea, Anne-Mary McGrath, Karen Mellinger, Jerry Mitchell, Miles Park, Kim Reser, Jeff Smith, Jackson Thompson, Lana Woolsey

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mark McNay, Park Board Secretary, presented the minutes from the January 12, 2024, Park Board Meeting, with a minor editorial suggestion for clarification from Ms. Susie Turner. Dr. Dianna Parker made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from January 12, 2024; seconded by Mr. Don Chenevert, Jr. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. McNay presented and made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2024, Closed Park Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Susie Turner. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

a. **Park Board Chair Report and Comments** Mr. Randy Blackwood, Chair, thanked the Park Board members who attended the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, in which Bob Belote, recently retired Director of Parks, was selected for this year's class of inductees. Mr. Blackwood stated that this recognition for Bob's accomplishments during his 20 years of service is a great honor and reflects well on the Park Board and the staff.

Mr. Blackwood also thanked Mr. Jim Fisher, who was selected for the Interim Director of Parks position, for stepping forward and serving in this position. Mr. Blackwood reported that the Director of Parks search is underway, and the review of the applications has begun within the City Manager's and Human Resources' offices.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Interim Director of Parks Report and Comments** Mr. Jim Fisher, Interim Director of Parks, mentioned that Ben Kellner, Superintendent of Jordan Valley Park and Facilities, was also inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame last week as a member of the Warsaw Football Team Era of 1988-1995. Ms. Jenny Perkins, Recreation

Coordinator at Lake Springfield Boathouse, passed her Certified Professional Recreation Executive exam through our national agency, National Recreation Park Association. Mr. Fisher thanked the Park Board staff for their work in preparing the materials for the upcoming Budget Workshop.

V. CALENDAR

- a. Park Board Budget Workshop: Friday, February 9, 2024, immediately following the Park Board monthly meeting.
- b. Park Board Meeting: Friday, March 8, 2024, at 8:30 am, at Cooper Tennis Complex.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mark McNay made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Royce Reding. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.